

I am writing you to use your influence to persuade the ND Department of Transportation to reverse its decision to take the stoplight out of Oakes, ND. I am sure the Department counted traffic at the intersection of Highway 1 and Main Street and made its decision based on that. There are more elements that make the light necessary. Our school is on one corner and a large convenience/gas store is on the opposite corner. Many kids from the school visit the store both at the noon hour and after school every day. Taking the light out would definitely put those kids at risk. Two larger day care centers are also near the light and parents or caretakers stop at those centers at various hours daily to pick up and drop off the children. Many large semi truck/trailers go on Highway 1 through the light daily, particularly during harvest. I am sure the light will be replaced with a four-way stop, but that solution does not offer the same element of control and safety. Thank you for your consideration.

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