

Just wanted to take a moment to state how horrified I am that there's any consideration of removing the stoplight on Highway 1 in Oakes, ND.

The intersection being considered is right in the heart of our town of well over 2600 people (the 35th largest city by zip code) in ND and always extremely busy.

It's also right by our Elementary school and one of the playground entries. I cannot even count the times I've almost been hit at this intersection - more times on foot than I care to remember. And that's with the stop and pedestrian crossing lights.

In my opinion, it isn't even reasonable to remove the lights at all. We have many semi trucks that already go way too fast in this town and this will make it exponentially worse.

In closing, I will state If anyone we're to get killed (which it really is in my opinion a matter of when not if) at this intersection, this will be on the entities that decided to remove the stop lights.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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