

I am writing to ask for your support on HB 1246, regarding the traffic light in Oakes.

As a citizen of Oakes, parent of an elementary student, school board member and owner of property along Highway 1 in Oakes, I am very familiar with the traffic on Highway 1, specifically at the intersection where the traffic signal is located. Like many, I drive through this intersection on a daily basis, and see firsthand the amount of traffic and pedestrians all trying cross safely at the light. Children are seen mornings and afternoon crossing, some even during lunch hour or traveling mid-day to the vocational center for class. The light is at the corner of a busy convenience store, and a block away from two day care facilities. People use the traffic light throughout the year - kids coming and going to the pool, parks, waking dogs, riding bikes, etc. Elevator traffic and the return of Bobcat employees all contribute to additional traffic at the traffic signal on any given day.

Living south of the light, it is scary to see how fast the traffic enters Oakes from the south. The traffic signal is a great reminder of the need to slow down - it can easily be seen from some distance, reminding trucks and anyone driving to slow down upon approaching the center of town.

Please vote in support of keeping our traffic signal - in doing so, you will also be voting to keep our children and citizens safe. Thank you.

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