

I am writing to explain the importance of Oakes keeping the stoplight on Hwy 1. This stoplight is right next to an elementary school and is located at a very busy intersection of town. There are many kids who cross the highway during several different times of the day. Lots of kids cross the highway to go to Tornado Stop, Sweets & Stories and the cafe for lunch. Also, many kids from the daycare and preschool cross the highway on a daily basis. Even with the stoplight in place, we still have lots of truck traffic, as well as regular traffic, who fail to slow down through this area. If we remove the one thing that is stopping them or at least slowing them down, I fear someone will end up getting injured or killed. We have a crosswalk located 1 block south of this stoplight and on multiple occasions I have seen near-miss accidents. I have stopped to let someone walk across on the crosswalk, but traffic from the other direction doesn't stop. It's a scary situation and I don't think it will be safe to just have cross walks in the location where the stoplight is located now.

I can't imagine the expense of keeping this light is so great that it is worth risking the life of a child. We ask that you allow this stoplight to remain intact.

Sincerely,  
Janell Mayer  
City Council Member  
Hospital Foundation Board Member  
Mom  
Teacher  
And long-time member of the Oakes Community