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Subject: Orleans Upgrades at Two Main Street Intersections

Dear Sir,

Orleans has a great opportunity to implement what I consider a fantastic safety measure at any traffic light controlled intersection. I reviewed this with Sergeant Kevin Higgins (now promoted to lieutenant) and he agreed with the concept. This sort of thing has already been used in California and elsewhere.

In redoing three intersections: Main St. and 6A; Main St. and Rt. 28; and Rt. 6A and Rt. 28, a huge safety measure can be incorporated in the traffic lights where pedestrian crossing signals are also included.

Drivers pay attention to their red/yellow/green signal lights, but many times do not even notice a pedestrian crossing lights are activated. Making right turn on red after stopping and clear to the left, for instance, a driver might just hit the gas, make the turn and hit a pedestrian or a biker walking across the road. This can be alleviated rather simply.

On activation of the pedestrian crossing signals, the traffic lights should automatically flash both red and yellow lights in all directions to warn drivers to not move! There is something going on, and they should not enter the intersection. This should be a quite simple wiring in the traffic light controls.

In addition, emergency vehicles could be equipped with a button to activate these red/yellow lights to make passage through the intersection simpler and safer.

Orleans has a great opportunity to be the first in Massachusetts to do this!

Sincerely,

C. Edward Trump