



CITY OF SPRING PARK
WORK SESSION AGENDA
JUNE 20, 2023 – 5:30 PM
SPRING PARK CITY HALL

(Work Session discussion times are approximate)

1. 5:30: Shoreline Crosswalk – Representative Andrew Myers
2. 6:00: LMCC Funding – Councilmember Sippel
3. 6:15: Delinquent Utility Bills – Mike Anderson
4. 6:20: Miscellaneous
5. 6:30: Adjourn

From: Minnetonka Drive-In <minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 11:53 AM
To: Deb Bennyhoff
Subject: Fwd: Crosswalk stoplight

Deb Bennyhoff

Begin forwarded message:

From: Peter Bluth <pbluth@hotmail.com>
Date: June 8, 2023 at 7:37:50 AM CDT
To: minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com
Subject: Crosswalk stoplight

Hello, I live in Navarre near the DQ and own a business in Mound, so I am frequently back and forth on County Rd 15 aka Shoreline Dr every day. I have witnessed many near misses with pedestrians in the area around BackChannel Brewing and the Minnetonka Drive In where there is a crosswalk but poor signage. I am in full support of installing a flashing crosswalk sign and anything else that would make crossing that section of the street safer for pedestrians.

Thanks

Pete Bluth
2413 Carman St
Orono, MN 55391
952-380-7496

From: Minnetonka Drive-In <minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 1:42 PM
To: Deb Bennyhoff
Subject: Fwd: Crosswalk stoplight

Deb Bennyhoff

Begin forwarded message:

From: Minnetonka Drive-In <minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com>
Date: June 8, 2023 at 11:53:26 AM CDT
To: Deb Bennyhoff <benny@usfamily.net>
Subject: Fwd: Crosswalk stoplight

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From: Peter Bluth <pbluth@hotmail.com>
Date: June 8, 2023 at 7:37:50 AM CDT
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Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 1:42 PM
To: Deb Bennyhoff
Subject: Fwd: Crosswalk

Deb Bennyhoff

Begin forwarded message:

From: Krysina Grussing <krysina.nicole@gmail.com>
Date: June 7, 2023 at 7:30:15 PM CDT
To: minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com
Subject: Crosswalk

To Whom It May Concern:

I would strongly urge a flashing beacon crosswalk at the crosswalk near the entrance to the Minnetonka Drive In. This is a very dangerous area without one, as there is a lot of activity in the area and a community between the businesses across Shoreline Drive. There are many children and families in this area and I worry for their safety with the current crosswalk.

Thank you,
Krysina Grussing

From: Minnetonka Drive-In <minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 1:42 PM
To: Deb Bennyhoff
Subject: Fwd: flashing lights for crosswalk

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Deb Bennyhoff

Begin forwarded message:

From: Greg Skinner <gskins1616@gmail.com>
Date: June 7, 2023 at 6:28:11 PM CDT
To: minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com
Subject: flashing lights for crosswalk

All mid block pedestrian crossings should have flashing lights. In my experience the county will only install one of it meets the requirements that is spelled in their engineering bible. They really do not take into account pedestrians that are hit, near misses, or any other unsafe circumstances.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Minnetonka Drive-In <minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 1:42 PM
To: Deb Bennyhoff
Subject: Fwd: CrossWalk!

Deb Bennyhoff

Begin forwarded message:

From: Anne Latour <anne@latouragency.com>
Date: June 7, 2023 at 10:17:15 AM CDT
To: minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com
Subject: CrossWalk!

I am in favor of flashing lights at the crosswalk on Shoreline Dr. in Spring Park!
It is a wide road with popular events at the Mtka Drive-In and Back Channel Brewery, as well as the community trying to get to and from the Trail!

Thank you,
Anne & Bill LaTour
Mound

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From: Minnetonka Drive-In <minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 1:43 PM
To: Deb Bennyhoff
Subject: Fwd: Crosswalk near drive in

Deb Bennyhoff

Begin forwarded message:

From: Ron Ruud <springpark@snapfitness.com>
Date: June 7, 2023 at 9:01:13 AM CDT
To: minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com
Subject: Crosswalk near drive in

I own the Snap Fitness and TruFit Cafe across the street from the drive-in and have witnessed countless close calls of pedestrians nearly getting hit from inattentive drivers. I support flashing lights to make drivers more aware!

Ron and Sabrina Ruud

Sent from my iPhone

From: Minnetonka Drive-In <minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 1:43 PM
To: Deb Bennyhoff
Subject: Fwd: crosswalk beacon

Deb Bennyhoff

Begin forwarded message:

From: B L Bloomquist <blbloomquist@gmail.com>
Date: June 7, 2023 at 8:59:14 AM CDT
To: minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com
Subject: crosswalk beacon

As property owners on West Arm Road directly behind the Minnetonka Drive In we know it would be extremely beneficial for pedestrians to have a flashing warning light at the crosswalk on County Road 15.

Bruce and Linda Bloomquist

From: Minnetonka Drive-In <minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 1:43 PM
To: Deb Bennyhoff
Subject: Fwd: Desperate need of Cross Walk Signs installed - Minnetonka Drive In

Deb Bennyhoff

Begin forwarded message:

From: Pat Dean <deanpat474@yahoo.com>
Date: June 7, 2023 at 7:22:04 AM CDT
To: minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com
Subject: Desperate need of Cross Walk Signs installed - Minnetonka Drive In

This email is in reference to request a cross walk sign with flashing lights when in use near the entrance of Minnetonka Drive In at Cty Road 15 in Spring Park MN.

I have seen many near accidents there especially when an event is taking place and people are parking across the drive in and walking to it. Cty Rd 15 is very busy and people tend to speed.

Please hear our pleas to make this place of business more safe.

Thank you,
Patty Martinson

Sent from my iPhone

From: Minnetonka Drive-In <minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 1:43 PM
To: Deb Bennyhoff
Subject: Fwd: Crosswalk on HWY 15

Deb Bennyhoff

Begin forwarded message:

From: Josie Valek <josiecvalek@gmail.com>
Date: June 7, 2023 at 7:15:19 AM CDT
To: minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com
Subject: **Crosswalk on HWY 15**

Hello!

We are in favor of adding a flashing sign at the crosswalk near your entrance. We have cross this many times and it is very dangerous! This would be a great benefit to the area since many frequent the trail and the businesses across the street, and overall safety.

- Randy, Susie & Josie Valek


Josie C Valek

From: Minnetonka Drive-In <minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 1:43 PM
To: Deb Bennyhoff
Subject: Fwd: Crosswalk

Deb Bennyhoff

Begin forwarded message:

From: webert@frontiernet.net
Date: June 7, 2023 at 7:06:20 AM CDT
To: minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com
Subject: Crosswalk

I am writing this email to request that measures be taken to improve and make safe the crossing at the Minnetonka Drive In. I live in Spring Park and have crossed in this area numerous times. Cars just don't stop. In addition, they are driving at a high rate of speed. Due to street repairs on West Arm, barrels and cones make this area even more dangerous.

Let's remedy this before someone is seriously hurt or worse. Sadly, our neighbor's dog was killed on this busy section of road. Any loss of life here is unacceptable.

Thanks,
Terry Weber
Cell #612-987-3560

From: Minnetonka Drive-In <minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 1:43 PM
To: Deb Bennyhoff
Subject: Fwd: crosswalk

Deb Bennyhoff

Begin forwarded message:

From: GARY WEDL <garywedl@comcast.net>
Date: June 7, 2023 at 5:35:54 AM CDT
To: minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com
Subject: crosswalk

I am totally in favor of improving the crosswalk as I was almost hit there last year. It is very dangerous and needs to be improved.

From: Minnetonka Drive-In <minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 1:44 PM
To: Deb Bennyhoff
Subject: Fwd: Crosswalk.....

Deb Bennyhoff

Begin forwarded message:

From: Karen Onny <yogaonny1@gmail.com>
Date: June 7, 2023 at 4:56:22 AM CDT
To: minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com
Subject: Crosswalk.....

I am a daily walker that has to cross Shoreline drive, and go thru the drive in to get to trail... almost every time I am in crosswalk cars do not stop, or I have had a car stop and the car behind them passes them and I am in cross walk. I also can stand in crosswalk and take a good 5 minutes before anyone stops at all. My husband has actually called Hennepin County last year inquiring about the blinking yellow lights. So glad we/the Drive in is taking action!!! Thank you for listening..... Karen Onny...resident of the apts. across from diner.... Lets do this before someone gets really hurt!!!

Sent from my iPad Karen Onny, 612-202-0337

From: Minnetonka Drive-In <minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 1:44 PM
To: Deb Bennyhoff
Subject: Fwd: Crosswalk safety issue at Minnetonka Drive Inn

Deb Bennyhoff

Begin forwarded message:

From: Curt Wynkoop <curtandlauraw@gmail.com>
Date: June 6, 2023 at 10:39:23 PM CDT
To: minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com
Subject: Crosswalk safety issue at Minnetonka Drive Inn

We support the installation of a crosswalk beacon at the Minnetonka Drive Inn.
It is of utmost importance to the safety of individuals that a beacon be installed

Curt and Laura Wynkoop
1785 Wildhurst Ln, Mound, MN 55364
Mound , Minnesota

From: Minnetonka Drive-In <minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 1:44 PM
To: Deb Bennyhoff
Subject: Fwd: Flashing Light

Deb Bennyhoff

Begin forwarded message:

From: Mauri Elskamp <mauri.elskamp@outlook.com>
Date: June 6, 2023 at 10:12:16 PM CDT
To: minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com
Subject: Flashing Light

PLEASE make the crosswalk in front of the drive in safe!! We just had an accident out front of Surf Side Restaurant last week where a pedestrian was hit by a car! Please help out and keep our town safe!

Thanks for your consideration,

The Elskamp's

Mauri Elskamp
952-836-7461

From: Minnetonka Drive-In <minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 1:44 PM
To: Deb Bennyhoff
Subject: Fwd: Crosswalk

Deb Bennyhoff

Begin forwarded message:

From: Vicki Bradley <jimvicbradley@yahoo.com>
Date: June 6, 2023 at 9:22:06 PM CDT
To: minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com
Subject: Crosswalk

To whom it may concern:

I fully support adding a flashing beacon or a crosswalk signal at the east end of the Minnetonka Drive In that crosses CR 15 (Shoreline Drive). I attend the car show every Thursday night and have seen MANY near misses at this crosswalk. The present construction at the bridge has added even more of a challenge to cross this county road. I hope it does not cost someone their life before a light is added at this location. Most of the time a police officer is parked at the business next door to the drive In to help people cross or write a ticket when needed. This crosswalk is not at a street corner and many people do not always expect to see a person crossing at this location. Please add a light.

Thank you for your time to read this.

James Bradley
5545 Ridgewood Cove
Mound, MN 55364

From: Minnetonka Drive-In <minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 1:44 PM
To: Deb Bennyhoff
Subject: Fwd: Flashing beacon at crosswalk

Deb Bennyhoff

Begin forwarded message:

From: Connie Dean <srdeanfamily@msn.com>
Date: June 6, 2023 at 8:57:31 PM CDT
To: Minnetonka Drive-In <minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com>
Subject: Flashing beacon at crosswalk

I am writing as a frequent patron of the Minnetonka Drive In. It has become a real hazard crossing the street right in front of the drive in. I know there is a cross walk, but cars do not stop for people in it.

Please put in a flashing light at this cross walk. I have witnessed and have been involved myself in near accidents trying to cross.

Connie and Steve Dean

benny@usfamily.net

From: Minnetonka Drive-In <minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 1:45 PM
To: Deb Bennyhoff
Subject: Fwd: Crosswalk

Deb Bennyhoff

Begin forwarded message:

From: Rick Palm <rickpalm@palmtradingco.com>
Date: June 6, 2023 at 8:55:59 PM CDT
To: minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com
Subject: Crosswalk

I am in favor of installing cross walk lights like the have in Navarre and marinas on Browns Bay. Rick Palm

Sent from my iPhone

From: Minnetonka Drive-In <minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 1:45 PM
To: Deb Bennyhoff
Subject: Fwd: Crosswalk

Deb Bennyhoff

Begin forwarded message:

From: Andy Berg <bergandy1@gmail.com>
Date: June 6, 2023 at 7:58:58 PM CDT
To: minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com
Subject: Crosswalk

We support improvements on the safety of the crosswalk. We come with two young kids (4 & 7) to hot tod night quite often and crossing that street can be treacherous. I don't want to see someone get hurt, or my kids, when there clearly needs to be flashing lights for that busy crosswalk.

Thank you,
Andy and Julia Berg

From: Minnetonka Drive-In <minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 1:45 PM
To: Deb Bennyhoff
Subject: Fwd: Crosswalk signals

Deb Bennyhoff

Begin forwarded message:

From: pet@mchsi.com
Date: June 6, 2023 at 7:14:01 PM CDT
To: minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com
Subject: Crosswalk signals

I was going to post this on your post, but thought about it being to long.
So here it is:

Long winded but worth a read IMHO, so don't get bent out of shape, if some or all of it may offend your personal entitlement attitude. If pedestrians don't push the button(s) to activate the lights and then wait for traffic to stop, just as they seldom do at the crosswalk in Tonka Bay, lives will still be in jeopardy. Bicyclists are the worst and many times just speed across without looking, stopping and pressing the button(s) or caring it seems. Stepping off the curb to show intention to cross, is what vehicle drivers need to be on alert for coming up on a crosswalk. Perhaps what is also needed is a different kind of marking, not just the white squares and also those white squares need to be painted often and with some kind of reflective compounds, better visibility at night and in inclement weather. Also people who use the trail crossings, need to also obey the little stop signs and wait for traffic to clear, it is NOT a crosswalk and vehicles are not supposed to stop for pedestrians. Another avenue for education and the prevention of collisions with people or vehicles. We all need to slow down, but the police also need to enforce the speed limits within 5mph over. No need for people to be doing 45, 50 or faster in a 35mph. I don't remember having so many distractions in the cockpit of vehicles, but it seems to get worse every year. I still see far too many people using cell phones at their ears, holding them in front of their faces and at stop signs and signal lights, especially in vehicles that are fully capable of pressing a button on the steering wheel or by voice commands, distracting and dangerous.

From: Minnetonka Drive-In <minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 1:45 PM
To: Deb Bennyhoff
Subject: Fwd: Please install flashing light!

Deb Bennyhoff

Begin forwarded message:

From: Michelle Ravenwood <michelle.loma92@gmail.com>
Date: June 6, 2023 at 7:08:14 PM CDT
To: minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com
Subject: Please install flashing light!

Hello,

I'm reaching out today to let you know I'd love a flashing pedestrian light or stoplight - any sort of light up signal at the crosswalk outside your establishment to ensure pedestrians are safe at night.

I grew up in the area and have many fond memories of the Drive In and going with my friends and would like to see future generations continue to be able to visit the Drive In safely.

Thank you!

Michelle R

From: Minnetonka Drive-In <minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 1:45 PM
To: Deb Bennyhoff
Subject: Fwd: Crosswalk.

Deb Bennyhoff

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jeron Armenta <jeron.armenta@hotmail.com>
Date: June 6, 2023 at 7:03:24 PM CDT
To: minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com
Subject: Crosswalk.

People crossing over to the bike trails. Even more of a safety issue..Presbyterian homes have many people also crossing there for the closest restaurant they can walk to.

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy A53 5G, an AT&T 5G smartphone
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From: Minnetonka Drive-In <minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 1:46 PM
To: Deb Bennyhoff
Subject: Fwd: Crosswalk

Deb Bennyhoff

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jason Godfrey <jasontgodfrey@gmail.com>
Date: June 6, 2023 at 6:11:41 PM CDT
To: minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com
Subject: Crosswalk

There should be a flashing sign at the crosswalk that provides access to the Minnetonka Drive In. I have seen many cars not seeing pedestrians crossing, or they honk as they fly through without stopping.

Thanks,
Jason

From: Minnetonka Drive-In <minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 1:46 PM
To: Deb Bennyhoff
Subject: Fwd: crosswalk

Deb Bennyhoff

Begin forwarded message:

From: Kristin Burgess <kristinburgess65@yahoo.com>
Date: June 6, 2023 at 5:55:37 PM CDT
To: minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com
Subject: crosswalk
Reply-To: Kristin Burgess <kristinburgess65@yahoo.com>

Hi there I am emailing in regards to your request.

My name is Kristin Burgess and I grew up in the mound/minnetrista area for 16 years and I have gone to Minnetonka drive In many times during the summer, and have traveled to the strip mall across the street back when there was a movie rental store.

There has always been an issue with people trying to cross the street there; teenagers and most adults hot rod or cruise that strip even when I was a teenager it was dangerous. People don't stop any more for pedestrians.

This beacon will help people feel more safe crossing the street and also hold drivers more accountable for their actions and help keep them more aware. There will be less accidents.

The area has gotten a lot busier over the years and I remember how busy hot rod nights or even Friday nights would get , it's definitely increased in the last 20 years, customers have to park across the street and they have a difficult time crossing.

This could also be utilized for students going to and from their bus stop.

I moved to fargo, ND and in residential area and right by the schools they have a designated stop/crossing beacon for students, which forces drivers to stop and allows the students to cross without fear. Please consider this change and help the community feel more safe. Minnetonka Drive In is a great service for the community and has continued to be since before I was born, they want to help keep their community and customers safe while crossing the street.

This doesn't only benefit the Minnetonka drive In, it benefits all, including students going to and from their bus stops.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: Minnetonka Drive-In <minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 1:46 PM
To: Deb Bennyhoff
Subject: Fwd: Flashing Beacon

Deb Bennyhoff

Begin forwarded message:

From: Michael Kropinak <michaelkropinak@aol.com>
Date: June 6, 2023 at 5:46:40 PM CDT
To: minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com
Subject: Flashing Beacon
Reply-To: Michael Kropinak <michaelkropinak@aol.com>

Hi,

I am so in favor of a flashing beacon at your location. I usually park across the street when it's busy and very rarely can I get across without almost getting hit, it's as if people are not paying attention. A flashing light would be awesome! When they installed one down by Lunds it made it so much safer to cross and so much easier as a driver to see when someone was trying to cross.

Thanks,
Michael Kropinak
612 290-9378

From: Minnetonka Drive-In <minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 1:46 PM
To: Deb Bennyhoff
Subject: Fwd: Crosswalk by your entrance


Deb Bennyhoff

Begin forwarded message:

From: Diane Holtz <dmv1413@gmail.com>
Date: June 6, 2023 at 5:26:23 PM CDT
To: minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com
Cc: Diane Holtz <dmv1413@gmail.com>
Subject: Crosswalk by your entrance

Hello,

We love your drive in and your support for the community. You have been such a blessing to us. We would really love to see a new crosswalk installed with flashing yellow lights when in use. It's such a busy road and I know classic car nights it get very, very busy there. It would feel safer to cross the street there.

My daughter actually totalled our truck there several years ago. The cars in front of her stopped. She didn't. She was gawking at the old cars. Other than that, many fond memories .

Thanks for your consideration.

From: Minnetonka Drive-In <minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 1:46 PM
To: Deb Bennyhoff
Subject: Fwd: Flashing beacon

Deb Bennyhoff

Begin forwarded message:

From: GAIL NAFUS <gailgm@aol.com>
Date: June 6, 2023 at 5:02:48 PM CDT
To: minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com
Subject: Flashing beacon

I am in favor of installing a flashing beacon at the crosswalk that is right near the Mtka drive in entrance. It is a busy crosswalk and needs to be addressed to prevent accidents. This issue has been going on way too long it is a simple fix.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Minnetonka Drive-In <minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 1:46 PM
To: Deb Bennyhoff
Subject: Fwd: Flashing beacon at crossing at Minnetonka Drive in.

Deb Bennyhoff

Begin forwarded message:

From: Bob MCANINCH <mrobpmac@msn.com>
Date: June 6, 2023 at 5:19:10 PM CDT
To: minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com
Subject: Flashing beacon at crossing at Minnetonka Drive in.

I have lived in Spring Park my entire life. I have seen too many close calls, in regards to the pedestrian crossing in front of the Minnetonka Drive in. On more than one occasion I have seen ambulances on scene at that crossing for accidents. I am very much in favor of a pedestrian activated crossing signal installed there.

Robert McAninch
3837 Togo Road
Spring Park
Minnesota 55384

From: Minnetonka Drive-In <minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 1:47 PM
To: Deb Bennyhoff
Subject: Fwd: Crosswalk!

Deb Bennyhoff

Begin forwarded message:

From: David Bongard <dwbongard@hotmail.com>
Date: June 6, 2023 at 5:02:20 PM CDT
To: minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com
Subject: Re: Crosswalk!

Dakota trail over by drive in.

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From: David Bongard
Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 4:59:32 PM
To: minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com <minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com>
Subject: Crosswalk!

Busy area needs a crosswalk.

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From: Minnetonka Drive-In <minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 1:47 PM
To: Deb Bennyhoff
Subject: Fwd: Safety

Deb Bennyhoff

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jon Dressen <jon.dressen@yahoo.com>
Date: June 6, 2023 at 4:54:16 PM CDT
To: minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com
Subject: Safety
Reply-To: Jon Dressen <jon.dressen@yahoo.com>

To whom it concerns,

I have been attending the Thursday night classic car event at the Minnetonka Drive In for years. In fact my 59 Rambler is on their 50th Anniversary poster. Traffic has been always heavy there and seems to getting even worse. Please put a a flashing light warning at the crosswalk there. I think it would also slow down traffic enough to make it safer for cars to get in and out of the Drive In.

Thanks
Jon Dressen
Chaska

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From: Minnetonka Drive-In <minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 1:47 PM
To: Deb Bennyhoff
Subject: Fwd: Crosswalk Light Needed by Minnetonka Drive-In

Deb Bennyhoff

Begin forwarded message:

From: Missy Graner <mlgraner73@gmail.com>
Date: June 6, 2023 at 4:39:21 PM CDT
To: minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com
Subject: Crosswalk Light Needed by Minnetonka Drive-In

To whom it may concern:

As a resident of Minnetrista and frequent driver on County Road 15, the city of Spring Park has a major safety issue. The Minnetonka Drive-In is a local gem that draws LARGE crowds in the summer and frequently has guests needing to cross the busy CR 15. I have seen way too many close calls of pedestrians almost being hit crossing the road by the drive-in.

Please consider adding a flashing safety light to this crosswalk. There are many children and families who enjoy the drive-in and the current walkway is simply unsafe. Too many drivers are distracted these days and going way too fast - this light will make a huge difference in keeping our community safe.

Thank you for considering.

Missy Graner
2500 Highland Road
Minnetrista MN 55359
612-910-1695

From: Minnetonka Drive-In <minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 1:47 PM
To: Deb Bennyhoff
Subject: Fwd: Crosswalk

Deb Bennyhoff

Begin forwarded message:

From: Cheryl Bechel <cherylbechel@comcast.net>
Date: June 6, 2023 at 4:27:15 PM CDT
To: minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com
Subject: Crosswalk

PLEASE install a crosswalk flashing light to cross the road from the shopping center parking lot. I am disabled and slow. Most people are good but it would help me feel safer. Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

From: Minnetonka Drive-In <minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 1:47 PM
To: Deb Bennyhoff
Subject: Fwd: Traffic RRFB

Deb Bennyhoff

Begin forwarded message:

From: Britt Berner <brittberner@gmail.com>
Date: June 6, 2023 at 4:26:08 PM CDT
To: minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com
Subject: Traffic RRFB

As an urban Planner and traffic engineer, I know the benefits that RRFB can have when installed correctly. I am also a resident of the area, so I would like to see this studied to increase safety if possible. My company is more than willing to do the study if this moves forward. Stonebrooke Engineering.

Thanks for coordinating this,

Britt

From: Minnetonka Drive-In <minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 1:47 PM
To: Deb Bennyhoff
Subject: Fwd: Note about installing beacon for walkway

Deb Bennyhoff

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jennifer Rock <jenniferrock88@gmail.com>
Date: June 6, 2023 at 4:25:08 PM CDT
To: minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com
Subject: Note about installing beacon for walkway

To whom it may concern,

As a resident who lives on West Arm Road and frequently crosses Shoreline Drive by the Minnetonka Drive-In, please understand how important this busy crossing is for our community, area businesses, residents, and bike path users -- and how dangerous it has become. Cars rarely slow down for turning cars, much less walkers, strollers or bikes. We've already lost a neighbor's dog to the unstoping traffic in front of the Drive-in ... every time I hear tires squeal on the road, I'm afraid it will be an elderly person or a child the next time. Please help us keep our neighborhood fun, vibrant and safe with a better walkway.

Jennifer Beers
4756 W. Arm Road
Spring Park

From: Minnetonka Drive-In <minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 1:48 PM
To: Deb Bennyhoff
Subject: Fwd: Crosswalk light

Deb Bennyhoff

Begin forwarded message:

From: Maria Merbler <greek4020@comcast.net>
Date: June 6, 2023 at 4:21:18 PM CDT
To: minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com
Subject: Crosswalk light

I love taking our weekly drive out to the drive in Minnetonka and hang out in the area as a consumer. Maybe it would be possible to ask the city/county to consider something to make it safer to cross the street there walking as well as bikers.

Thanks Maria Merbler

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From: ruth slivken <ruthslivken@gmail.com>
Date: June 6, 2023 at 4:14:33 PM CDT
To: minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com
Subject: crosswalk

To whom it may concern:

Mtka Drive In serves up more than great sloppy joes and onion rings, they are a beloved institution for all the communities around it. And beyond!! People of every age, every gender, every walk of life go there to enjoy the great American pastimes of eating at a "real" drive-in featuring good food and gathering with all kinds of wonderful and interesting people.

A tragedy is waiting to happen as people try to cross the street to get there against the fast moving traffic in that area. I am older now and do not play dodgeball anymore; especially with cars! And I should not have to do so especially when I am with my two young grandsons who are enraptured by the cars and trucks and music and food of this real treasure!

Please use your common sense and make sure that the crossing is safe for one and all. I cannot imagine anyone not understanding the need for it.

Ruth Slivken (aka sloppy joe, onion rings and a homemade rootbeer float)

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Begin forwarded message:

From: audrey rehm <audreyrehm@yahoo.com>
Date: June 6, 2023 at 4:12:32 PM CDT
To: minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com
Subject: Crosswalk

I am totally in favor of the flashing lights in the crosswalk as 2 years ago I was crossing the street during the car show, with my son and dog when a girl was literally inches from hitting us. I had to grab my son and pull him out of the way otherwise he would have been hit. You could hear the whole crowd gasp as most people saw it happen. The crowd then burst into cheers as the Orono Police were thankfully sitting there and saw the whole thing happen!! She was promptly pulled over.

Audrey Rehm
612-272-3244

From: Minnetonka Drive-In <minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 1:48 PM
To: Deb Bennyhoff
Subject: Fwd: Flashing Beacon @ Crosswalk

Deb Bennyhoff

Begin forwarded message:

From: Paige Warren <pnicwarren@gmail.com>
Date: June 6, 2023 at 4:10:04 PM CDT
To: minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com
Subject: Flashing Beacon @ Crosswalk

Hello!

I am writing this email in *strong* favor of putting in a flashing beacon at the cross walk in front of the Minnetonka Drive In. The Drive in is a hot commodity, there are people walking there from apartments across the street, after getting drinks at Back Channel, people heading to the trail, and etc. The road the cross walk crosses is extremely busy, though there are pedestrian cross walk signs and stripes, but I'd say the majority of cars do not stop for the pedestrians crossing. This is/has been very dangerous and a flashing beacon at this crosswalk would be beneficial to more easily alert cards of people crossing to avoid any injury to pedestrians.

Thank you for your consideration on this very important matter!!

Paige Warren

benny@usfamily.net

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From: bettylk@frontiernet.net
Date: June 6, 2023 at 4:07:25 PM CDT
To: minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com
Subject: Crosswalk
Reply-To: "bettylk@frontiernet.net" <bettylk@frontiernet.net>

I agree with the need for a flashing light at the crosswalk next to the Minnetonka Drive In.

Betty Kelly
Mound

[Sent from Frontier Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: Minnetonka Drive-In <minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 1:48 PM
To: Deb Bennyhoff
Subject: Fwd: Flashing yellow traffic light

Deb Bennyhoff

Begin forwarded message:

From: Terrence Sisk <uncleTS@hotmail.com>
Date: June 6, 2023 at 3:58:09 PM CDT
To: minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com
Subject: Flashing yellow traffic light

We are definitely in favor of a flashing yellow light in the hopes of saving at least one life.....

Thank you.....

Terrence Sisk

From: Minnetonka Drive-In <minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 1:49 PM
To: Deb Bennyhoff
Subject: Fwd: Crosswalk stoplight

Deb Bennyhoff

Begin forwarded message:

From: Minnetonka Drive-In <minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com>
Date: June 8, 2023 at 11:53:26 AM CDT
To: Deb Bennyhoff <benny@usfamily.net>
Subject: Fwd: Crosswalk stoplight

Deb Bennyhoff

Begin forwarded message:

From: Peter Bluth <pbluth@hotmail.com>
Date: June 8, 2023 at 7:37:50 AM CDT
To: minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com
Subject: Crosswalk stoplight

Hello, I live in Navarre near the DQ and own a business in Mound, so I am frequently back and forth on County Rd 15 aka Shoreline Dr every day. I have witnessed many near misses with pedestrians in the area around BackChannel Brewing and the Minnetonka Drive In where there is a crosswalk but poor signage. I am in full support of installing a flashing crosswalk sign and anything else that would make crossing that section of the street safer for pedestrians.

Thanks

Pete Bluth
2413 Carman St
Orono, MN 55391
952-380-7496

minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com

From: Peter Bluth <pbluth@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 7:38 AM
To: minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com
Subject: Crosswalk stoplight

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minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com

From: ROB <wheelerrob@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 3:47 PM
To: minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com
Subject: Crossing safety

Hi there. A flashing beacon at the crosswalk by Minnetonka Drive In is a great idea! We always cross that street when we visit Minnetonka Drive In.

Please consider for the safety of all!

Thank you.
Rob & Julie

From: Sarah Weber Makarem <sarahelizabethweber@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 5:59 PM
To: minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com
Cc: Andrew@voteandrewmyers.com; cityofspringpark@mchsi.com
Subject: Crosswalk signal

Hello,

Please pass along my complete agreement and in favor plea of installing a flashing light beacon at the crosswalk to the city council and respective Andrew Myer on June 20th.

As a patron of the Drive In, employee of Back Channel and 36 year Mound resident this is desperately needed.

I have witnessed countless families, children, elderly and mobility limited individuals try and cross the street safely without any car acknowledging their existence nor slowing to abide by crosswalk regulations.

Unfortunately, last week my neighbor lost his dog to an inattentive and speeding driver, who was using the straightaway as their own personal race track, who hit (and run!) and killed his dog instantly. It was a traumatic scene for all who witnessed.

I fear the day this happens to a young child as that will become the reality should no measures be taken or issues addressed.

Thank you,

Sarah Weber

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Sarah Weber Makarem
612.205.6512

- sent from mobile device, please excuse any errors -

minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com

From: Longmire, Louis <llongmire@teamAET.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 6:43 PM
To: minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com
Cc: Karen Onny
Subject: Safety Light at crosswalk

To whom it may concern,

Hennepin County Road 15, (Shoreline Drive), is a busy suburban roadway as it passes in front of the Minnetonka Drive In. My wife and I live in the area and use that crosswalk nearly daily ALL YEAR. The roadway coming down the hill from the east allows cars to pick up speed. Frequently these cars are exceeding the speed limit by 5 or 10 MPH. Additionally, cars coming from the west have the same opportunity to gain speed by the time they reach that crosswalk. This crosswalk needs a lighting system as occurs elsewhere on Co. Rd. 15. The North Shore Marina and at the Lund's are the two locations with the warning lights and signs. The crosswalk at the drive in is surely as busy if not more so with the Drive In, the Back Channel Brewery, the bus stop and the Presbyterian Homes Apartments right across the street.

Please do the right thing and install the lighted safety signals at the crosswalk in Spring Park.



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From: Mary <pmtonthelake@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 11:44 PM
To: minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com
Subject: Crosswalk Safety.

I am writing a short note in favor of installing a flashing beacon at the crosswalk that is right near the Minnetonka Drive In entrance. It is a busy crosswalk that is on a very busy road. For anyone who uses the trail, the bus stop or has to park across the street on a hot rod night, it is very dangerous.

I totally agree with you regarding all the issues above mentioned. Plus now with construction even more need of blinking lights plus a construction zone speed limit would be appreciated Also more people are trying to cross a road with several busy businesses on that part of the street, 1 where people are alcohol driven, plus a construction zone.

The crosswalk sign going east on 15 is partially blocked by tree branches also.

We have witnessed many accidents and the City is addressing the issue to the county and our state rep Andrew Myer during the June 20th council meeting.

Protect the people please. [Sent from the all new AOL app for iOS](#)

minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com

From: Tanya Berg <tberg@riotgames.com>
Sent: Friday, June 9, 2023 10:50 PM
To: minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com
Subject: Dangerous road crossing

Hello,

This is a letter in support of a flashing beacon on Shoreline Drive in front of the Minnetonka Drive-In.

My family lives in Mound and we're active pedestrians in and around this stretch of Shoreline Dr.

Both of my kids, 15 and 18, work at the Minnetonka Drive-In. We belong to Snap Fitness across the street. We often walk to many of the establishments in this area.

As the crosswalk is now, cars absolutely do not stop for pedestrians. I believe it is not obvious enough to drivers that they should stop to allow pedestrians cross Shoreline Drive.

This can be a very busy area for pedestrians and I'm deeply concerned that it is just a matter of time before a pedestrian is hit by a car, resulting in serious injury or worse. This would be a tragic situation and I hope we can get decision makers to take this seriously.

Thank you,
Tanya Berg
Mound resident

minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com

From: Allison Marcus <allisonmarcus11@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 10, 2023 11:13 AM
To: minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com
Subject: Crosswalk

Good morning!

I am wondering if the city has ever considered putting a flashing crosswalk sign near your entrance? Our son rides his bike and crosses there to go to the gym and he has had many instances where he has almost gotten hit.

Thank you for your help!

Allison

From: Minnetonka Drive-In <minnetonkadrivein@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 8:52 AM
To: Deb Bennyhoff
Subject: Crosswalk

I am in favor of a flashing beacon at the crosswalk between the drive in and the back channel brewery. It is SO busy some nights...it could prevent a serious accident. Sincerely, Missy Miller (I live at Seton Village)

Deb Bennyhoff=