

<u>Agenda</u>

OLD BUSINESS

 Request of Tom DeMuth, City of Findlay Traffic Signal Supervisor, to review the crosswalk signalization across Lima Avenue at Cooper Tire & Rubber Company leading from their corporate offices to their parking lot due to ailing equipment needing repaired or replaced.

4/16/2018

DeMuth stated that the traffic signal equipment at Cooper Tire was installed in 1993. The hardware is wearing out and it is outdated equipment. In lieu of spending money to update the light, DeMuth suggested that it be converted to a regular crosswalk like West Main Cross Street. Schmelzer stated that an RFB similar to West Main Cross Street is no longer recognized under the Uniform Traffic Code. DeMuth stated that if it is not a federal or state highway, should be able to use the RFB. Not a traffic control device just an enhancement. Option A is to just stripe a sign the crosswalk. Option B is to install a HAWK device or overhead light. Option C is to replace the existing. Schmelzer stated the cost of this type of device is born by the entity that needs it. Cooper Tire needs to pay for a HAWK system or traffic signal or we will put back to a crosswalk. DeMuth stated that they will not be happy with a HAWK system. Schmelzer stated that he will talk with Cooper Tire about cost of traffic signal after DeMuth gets actual costs.

06/18/2018 No new information.

 Request of Michael Chiarelli, Kan Du Group located at 17728 County Road 99, Findlay, for a traffic signal facing north at Speedway Drive to allow motorists to safely be able to turn left (east) from their facility as well as Flashover Sports.

4/16/2018

Chiarelli stated that the Kan Du Group is the former Blanchard Valley Industries and moved to a County Road 99 location. It serves adults with disabilities. There will be 45-50 adults on location at a time. There is a concern of the safety of turning left out of the drive onto CR 99. A traffic signal would allow a safer turn. The entrance to the facility will be moved to line up with the existing traffic signal. Schmelzer stated that usually the organization requesting an additional traffic signal would be responsible for the cost to purchase and install the signal. There may be grants or government funds available to cover the cost. Having a traffic signal there may spark additional development. Cost to install a new signal would be approximately \$15,000 if have to purchase all equipment. Schmelzer stated that if the owner moves the drive the City would pay for the signal. Chiarelli stated that the owner is aware that they would have to move the entrance.

Motion to table request pending further discussion regarding combining the driveways, by Director Schmelzer, second by Councilman Slough. Motion passed 5-0.

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3. Request of Councilman John Harrington to review the traffic pattern around Jefferson School.

5/15/2017

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08/28/2017

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Motion to table item and evaluate traffic patterns throughout the school year, by Director Schmelzer, second by Director Thomas. Motion passed 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Request of Jill Wagner to make the southeast area of the River parking lot free public parking.
- 2. Request of Jeremy Kalb, Engineering Department, to change the first alley east of Main Street from E. Main Cross St. to E. Crawford St. to one way southbound.
- 3. Request of Jeremy Kalb, Engineering Department, to remove the on street parking spaces on the south side of E. Lincoln Street from S. Main St. to Beech Street.
- 4. Request forward from Brian Thomas, Acting City Engineer, to add a stop sign on Fairmont Drive at Beechmont Drive.
- 5. Request of We Serve Coffee to restrict trucks in first alley east of Main Street from E. Sandusky Street to E. Crawford Street.
- 6. Request by phone of Rick Armstrong to add a left turn signal at the traffic light at Sixth Street and South Blanchard Street heading eastbound.

| From: | Tom Demuth |
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| Sent: | Monday, March 26, 2018 3:18 PM |
| То: | Traffic Commission |
| Subject: | Ped Crossing on Lima Ave @ Cooper |

Dear commission members,

We at the Traffic Signal Department are looking into upgrading the pedestrian crossing on Lima Ave at Cooper Tire Co. The signal in question is going to need an overhaul to repair ailing signal hardware and controller hardware. This is the only signalized crosswalk we have in the City. We can leave it as a signalized crosswalk that is a traffic control device and put \$17,000 to \$20,000 in new equipment. We can install a HAWK system similar to the system at Fire Station 1 for a little less \$15,000 to \$17,000. We can remove it all and install just the crosswalk with enhanced features like the one crossing Main Cross St at Broadway. We can remove it all and just put in signs. I will leave it up the committee to decide.

This signal was installed by the City in 1993 by request of Cooper Tire and I believe they put money towards that installation. Back then there were not many options for crosswalks or legalities that go along with them. Today there are more options to enhance just plain old crosswalks.

Thomas DeMuth Findlay Traffic Signal Dept. 419-348-3170



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Paul E. Schmelzer, P.E., P.S. Safety Director City of Findlay 318 Dorney Plaza, Room 310 Findlay, Ohio 45840

Paul,

The Kan Du Group, formally Blanchard Valley Industries, provides day services for adults with disabilities training them for their future in finding meaningful employment in the community. Having recently privatized from the Hancock County Board of DD, we have relocated to 17728 CR99 Findlay, Ohio. Because of the high traffic in the area we are requesting that an additional light facing north be considered at Speedway drive to allow our drivers to safely be able to turn left to head back into the city for pick up and deliveries of our individuals that we serve.

As a general rule, prime time is 7:30a-9:15a and 2:30p-4:00p. We have 11 vans carrying adults and 2 delivery trucks. During prime time, add cars and vans from provider's who drop off and pick up that don't use our transportation services, bringing the total to about 17. Usually 40-50 individuals onsite and 10 staff on any given day at our facility.

Another consideration is the Flashover sports venue in the building in front of Kan Du. I met with the owners and they gave me an estimate of their peak times:

| M-F | 5:00p-9:00p | 60-100 vehicles per day |
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| Sa | 12:00p-10:00p | 100-150 vehicles per day |
| Su | 12:00p-8:00p | 100-125 vehicles per day |

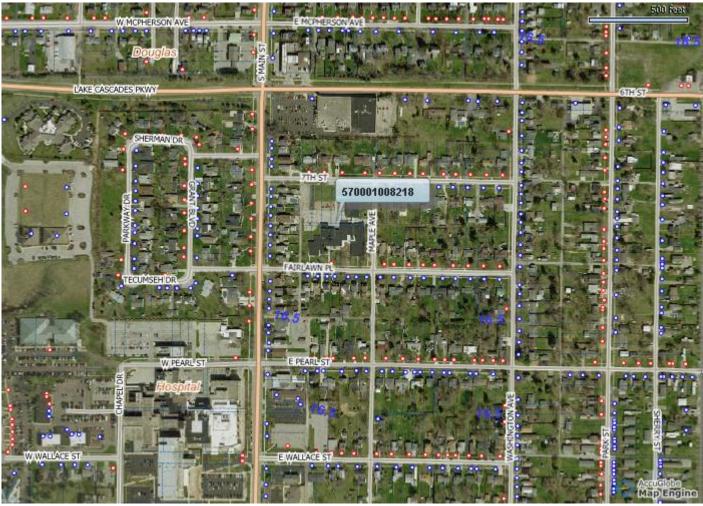
Of course the concern for them is the parents and children in vehicles having to turn left onto 99 to head back into Findlay.

We would like to set up a time to discuss. Our landlord, Wes Russell, can be available to join us if you would like.

Thank you,

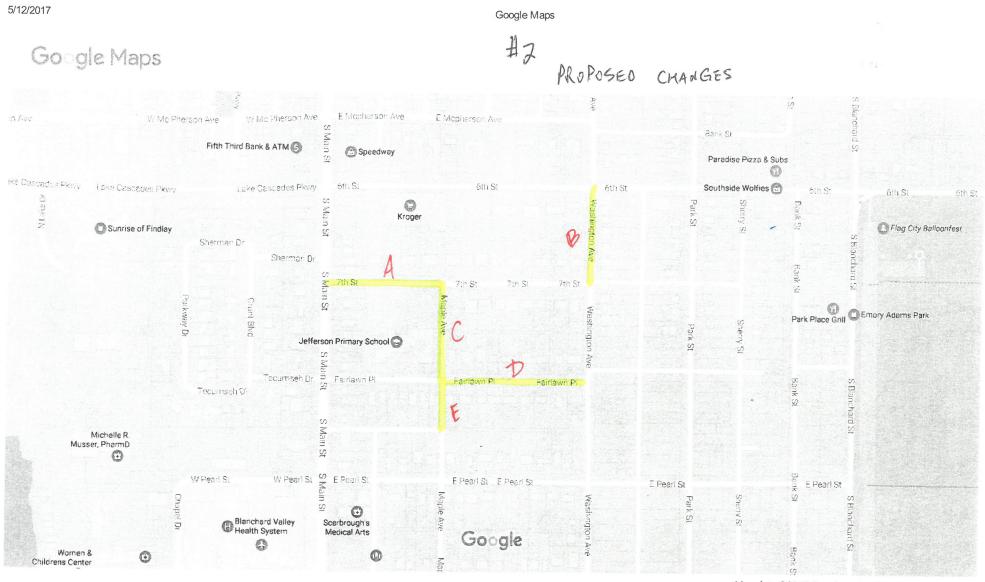
Michael Chiarelli C.E.O.





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Request to review traffic pattern around Jefferson School.



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| From: | Jill Wagner <jillwasbrowagner@gmail.com></jillwasbrowagner@gmail.com> |
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| Sent: | Tuesday, August 07, 2018 3:38 PM |
| То: | Kathy Launder |
| Subject: | Parking Sign Removal along river |

<u>Security Checkpoint:</u> External Email! Do not click on links or open attachments unless you trust the source and know the content is safe.

I am writing to petition for a parking sign removal along the river. I was told that my request could be presented at the meeting on August 20. The sign is along the southeast side of the river. It is close to the pedestrian bridge. There is an area of reserved parking from Streicher's Quick Print to a concrete structure. After the structure is public parking. Currently, the officer who writes parking tickets does not patrol that public parking area. Cars rarely park in that area. I thought it was free public parking at all hours, but I was recently told that there is a sign at the far east end saying it is 2-hour parking. Please consider removing that sign. A sign with free public parking for all hours could go along there instead. With downtown parking at a premium, it would be nice to have that available for free.

Thanks,

Jill Wagner Wasbro Rental Property, LLC and The Sherman House Manager 419-348-0404 jillwasbrowagner@gmail.com







From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Brian Thomas Wednesday, August 08, 2018 4:29 PM Kathy Launder Paul Schmelzer FW: August Traffic Commission

Kathy:

I had someone ask about adding at stop sign on Fairmont Drive at Beechmont Drive. Jeremy also had the two requests below.

Thank you,

Brian A. Thomas, PE, PS, CPESC, CFM

Director of Public Service/Acting City Engineer City of Findlay 318 Dorney Plaza, Room 304 Findlay, Ohio 45840 Phone: 419-424-7121

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To: Brian Thomas <bthomas@findlayohio.com>
Subject: August Traffic Commission

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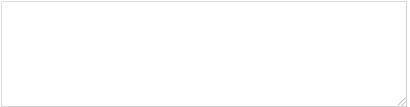


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TRAFFIC COMMISSION

City of Findlay August 28, 2017

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>: Safety Director Paul Schmelzer, Service Director/City Engineer Brian Thomas, Police Chief John Dunbar, Fire Chief Josh Eberle. STAFF PRESENT: Matt Stoffel, Public Works Superintendent; Tom DeMuth, Traffic Lights Supervisor;

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OLD BUSINESS

1. Request of Grant Russel to review possibility of eliminating one traffic lane and adding parking on Beech Street between East Main Cross Street and East Sandusky Street.

02/21/2017

Director Schmelzer stated that almost every time he turns onto Beech Street there is a delivery truck parked in one of the lanes. Councilman Monday asked how many parking spaces we would gain by eliminating a lane of traffic on Beech Street. Director Schmelzer stated approximately 15 parking spaces could potentially be created. Chief Eberle suggested a loading zone in each block if we move forward with the request to accommodate the delivery trucks.

Motion to table request until Engineering Department can develop a parking plan for Beech Street from East Main Cross Street to East Sandusky Street including one loading zone on the north side of the intersection of Beech Street and East Crawford Street, by Director Schmelzer, second by Chief Eberle. Motion passed 4-0.

03/20/2017

Motion to lift from table, by Director Schmelzer, second by Thomas. Motion passed 5-0.

Talked about putting parking on Beech. Thomas put together exhibit for additional parking on Beech. Can add a total of 15 parking spaces from Main Cross to Sandusky Street on Beech Street. Discussion ensued regarding flow of traffic on Beech Street. Schmelzer asked Thomas to take map and take same parking configuration but move it over to east and west and show the alleys up to Main Street and create pdf and put arrows on it as to which way motorists have to travel as posted now, then email out to commission members for review at next meeting.

Motion to table so that Thomas has a chance to put exhibit together so that if we are going to add parking to beech that we do so after looking at the full traffic pattern in the area, by Director Schmelzer, second by Councilman Monday. Motion passed 5-0.

Give copy of revised exhibit to larger property owners that abut Beech Street and have them attend the next Traffic Commission meeting.

04/17/2017

Motion to lift item from table, by Thomas, second by Councilman Monday. Motion passed 4-0. Need to wait to make a decision until large property owners have been notified and invited to the meeting. Motion to table request, by Councilman Monday, second by Lt. Dunbar. Motion passed 4-0.

06/19/2017 No action taken.

07/24/2017

Motion to lift item from table, by Councilman Monday, second by Director Thomas. Motion passed 4-0. Kalb met with the property owners on Beech Street to gauge their opinion on changing Beech Street to one lane and adding parking. They were not in favor of it. Many of these businesses have deliveries made on Beech Street that tie up a lane of traffic for a period of time while unloading. These property owners would rather see Beech Street be reversed to one way going northbound and the first alley east of Main Street be reversed to one way going southbound. This allows for traffic coming from the parking garage to exit onto East Main Cross Street off of Beech Street rather than East Sandusky Street off of Beech which backs up due to vehicles exiting the Marathon Petroleum parking garage. Councilman Monday stated that he is not necessarily in favor of changing the one way directions. It would be easier for a semi hauling vehicles delivering at LaRiche to turn off of East Main Cross Street onto Beech Street rather than East Crawford Street onto Beech Street. We need to get the opinion of the businesses that are along the alley of changing it to one way. Councilman Monday stated that before we take action on request for Beech Street parking, we need to have Councilman Russel attend a meeting to discuss why he requested the change.

Motion to table request, by Councilman Monday, second by Director Thomas. Motion passed 4-0.

8/28/2017

Motion to lift item from table by Director Thomas, second by Director Schmelzer. Motion passed 4-0.

A recap of last meeting was a suggestion to change direction of one way for Beech Street and the alley to the opposite direction. Businesses in the area and in attendance are not in favor of this. Motion to deny request to eliminate a lane of traffic on Beech Street and add parking, by Chief Eberle, second by Chief Dunbar. Motion passed 4-0.

Director Schmelzer stated that regarding discussion of changing traffic patterns, he will take comments back to committee for consideration when discussing closing streets for events.

2. Request of Aaron Baxter to make Sherry Street from Pearl Street to Sixth Street one way northbound.

04/17/2017

Mr. Baxter stated that Sherry Street is narrow, two cars cannot pass at the same time without going off the road into the yards. It is causing erosion on both sides of the street. Mr. Baxter inquired if the postal route needs to be considered when determining the direction of a one way. Councilman Monday stated that we need to be assured that the residents on the street are in favor of changing Sherry Street to one way. Mr. Baxter is responsible to obtain signatures of residents in favor of the one way.

Motion to table request until Mr. Baxter obtains signatures of residents in favor of changing Sherry Street to one way, and invite a representative of the US Post Office to address issue of postal route to the next meeting, by Councilman Monday, second by Chief Eberle. Motion passed 4-0.

08/28/2017

Motion to lift item from table, by Director Schmelzer, second by Director Thomas. Motion passed 4-0. Mr. Baxter in an email stated that he would not be able to secure the necessary signatures of residents on Sherry Street for his request.

Motion to deny request, by Director Schmelzer, second by Director Thomas. Motion passed 4-0.

3. Request of Councilman Ron Monday to review the left turn signalization from Fostoria Avenue onto Tiffin Avenue.

05/15/2017

Councilman Monday stated that a constituent had expressed to him that the directional signage on Fostoria Avenue at Tiffin Avenue is confusing. Discussion ensued regarding the left turn signal activation of the traffic signal. Schmelzer inquired why the hashes on pavement along the island along the eastbound lane are in place? Can it be changed to a lane of traffic to open up the intersection to allow for a dedicated left turn lane?

Motion to table to research history of hashes on pavement, by Director Schmelzer, second by Chief Eberle. Motion passed 5-0.

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NEW BUSINESS

1. Request of Police Officer Brooks Deidrick to designate the north side of the 200 block of Lime Street as "No Parking Any Time."

Motion to approve request to designate the north side of the 200 block of Lime Street as "No Parking Any Time," by Chief Eberle, second by Director Schmelzer. Motion passed 4-0.

 Request of Dean McNash, 2640 Foxfire Lane, to review the intersections of County Road 236 and Foxtail Drive/Lakeview Parkway and County Road 236 and Heatherwood to see if anything can be done to make it easier for pedestrians to cross over County Road 236.

In a survey of about 80-90 respondents from the area, most believed there was a safety hazard for those wanting to cross County Road 236 either by bicycle or by foot. The main concern is the speed of traffic of motorists on County Road 236. A suggestion from the residents to help with speed was to post a sign that shows the speed that the motorist is currently travelling. Further suggestions were adding a traffic signal or a roundabout. Director Schmelzer stated that a roundabout would not fit in the current right-of-way, but will check out. Adding traffic signals would be based on traffic counts. Director Schmelzer stated that County Road 236 was planned for heavy use. Improvements will be made to the road over the next several years including resurfacing and adding a continuous turn lane and a multipurpose path. Director Schmelzer stated that the Police Department can do some targeted enforcement on County Road 236 to maintain appropriate speed of motorists traveling the road.

3. Request of Service Director/Acting City Engineer Brian Thomas to review parking designations on Queenswood Drive between Londonderry Drive and Sutton Place.

Director Thomas stated that the south side of Queenswood Drive between Londonderry Drive and Sutton Place is designated as "No Parking Fire Lane." It appears that the designation is incorrect due to the fire hydrants being located on the north side of Queenswood Drive in this area. Director Schmelzer stated that before this designation change will be considered, we need to have buy in from the residents on the street.

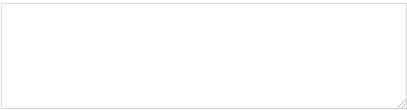
With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting of the City of Findlay Traffic Commission will be held on September 18, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the Municipal Building.

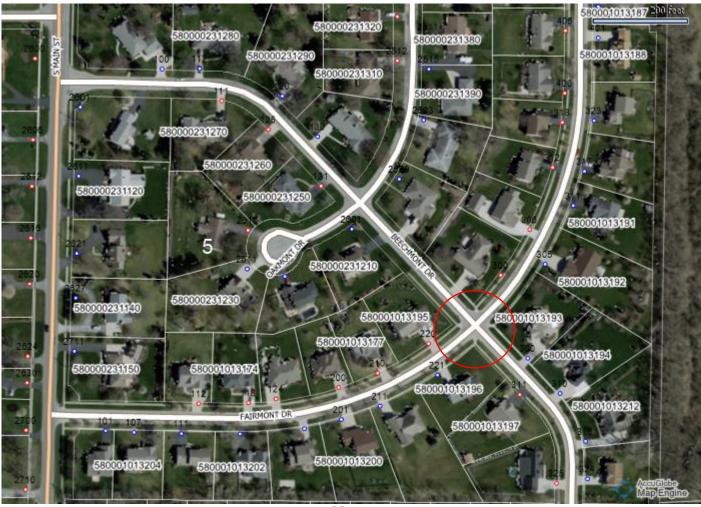
Respectfully submitted,

Kathy K. Launder City Clerk



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From:Paul SchmelzerSent:Thursday, August 09, 2018 9:56 AMTo:Brian ThomasCc:Kathy LaunderSubject:RE: August Traffic Commission

I also had a request from the owner of We Serve Coffee to look at the same alley north of Sandusky to restrict trucks because of buildings being hit.

Paul E. Schmelzer, P.E., P.S.

Safety Director City of Findlay 318 Dorney Plaza, Room 310 Findlay, Ohio 45840

Phone: 419.424.7137

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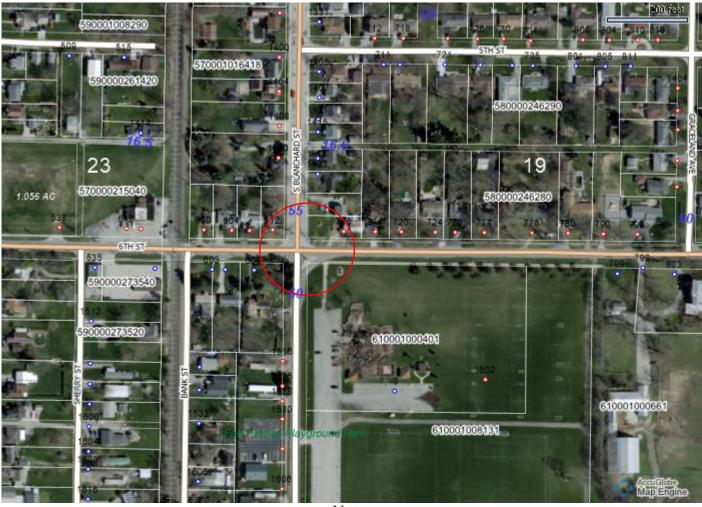


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| From: | Tom Demuth |
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| Sent: | Wednesday, July 18, 2018 10:18 AM |
| То: | Traffic Commission |
| Subject: | Main & Clinton |

Dear Commission Members,

The time for an upgrade to Main & Clinton is approaching. The cost of upgrading an intersection is around the 100,000 dollar range. I would like the Traffic Commission to take a look at this intersection and make a decision on whether to spend the money on an upgrade or remove the signals and install stop signs. This signals does not have the pedestrian traffic or vehicle traffic it used to have. It also does not have any sight issues since there are no buildings left.

Thomas DeMuth Findlay Traffic Signal Dept. 419-348-3170



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| From: | Tom Demuth |
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| Sent: | Wednesday, July 18, 2018 10:12 AM |
| То: | Traffic Commission |
| Subject: | Tiffin & Croy Crosswalk |
| Attachments: | IMG_1341.JPG; IMG_1342.JPG; IMG_1343.JPG |

Dear Commission Members,

It was brought to my attention and discussed with engineering and street department officials about the East side crosswalk crossing Tiffin Avenue at Croy Dr. In 2014 ODOT had a project on Tiffin Avenue that included reworking the signal at Tiffin & Croy. Within that project ODOT had reengineered the wheel chair ramps at that intersection and deemed it unable to come up with a solution for the East crossing for Tiffin Ave. The East crossing was eliminated and small signs were erected to inform pedestrians not to use the crossing. When the paint crew came through the crosswalks were painted for the East crossing. This has proven to be a conflict of signage and markings.

There are 2 solutions I can come up with.

- 1. Install pedestrian signals and push buttons for crossing Tiffin Ave on the East side.
- 2. Remove the thermo-coated crosswalk markings.

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