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To: dstachewicz@mqtcty.org

Wed, Feb 24, 2016 at 8:16 AM

RE: Traffic Options for new hospital.

Dennis,

My name is Manny Vigil and I live in Little Lake near KI Sawyer. I used to work at NMU until my retirement in Oct 2014. I drove to NMU via 553 an onto McClellan past Washington street and the same way back after work. I foresee a major problem at the intersection of McClellan and Baraga street once the new hospital is built. McClellan street has only one lane to cross US 41 in either direction, the other lane is a right turn lane only. There will me many cars wanting to make a left turn onto Baraga from McClellan to get to the hospital.

In my 19 years of driving home after work, headed south on McClellan, there would be a car or two making a left turn onto Baraga. The majority of traffic on this street is headed south, thus is on the left/middle lane and therefore must stop to wait for the car to complete the left turn. Meanwhile the other cars on the right/outer lane continue on, for they are making a right turn onto US 41 or, they opt to go around the left turning car to make it past US 41 before the light turns red. I have seen numerous times when cars that go around in order to get onto the through lane, have near misses with cars on the right lane. This is a dangerous situation that could be easily corrected. I would appreciate it if the committee would consider the following suggestions for this intersection.

1. Designate McClellan's 2 lanes through streets past US 41, and perhaps adding a right merge lane from McClellan, thus alleviating this problem. I have seen in many cities such as Milwaukee, right turn merge lanes with a yield sign only which permits cars making right turns to continue on without having to stop at light, thus reducing cars idling at intersections adding to congestion or wasting gas.

Or

2. Prevent vehicles headed north on McClellan to make left turns onto Baraga street.

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Correction

Manuel Vigil Wed, Feb 24, 2016 at 8:22 AM
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In my recent email on suggestion (2. Prevent vehicles headed north on McClellan to make left turns onto Baraga street.)

Should read:

2. 2. Prevent vehicles headed south on McClellan to make left turns onto Baraga street.