

Kathy Young

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Subject: Please replace sign

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From: Dick Huebner <[dhuebner@comcast.net](mailto:dhuebner@comcast.net)>  
Sent: Thursday, July 7, 2022 10:05 AM  
To: Kathy Young <[KYoung@columbiaheightsmn.gov](mailto:KYoung@columbiaheightsmn.gov)>  
Subject: RE: Please replace sign

Thank you. I am very pleased that flashing lights will be installed on the stop signs. I believe that will definitely help. I still think a 4 way stop is warranted but I will take what improvements I can get. Lowering the speed limit to 25 mph on Arthur would also help. Again the two big issues for this intersection are people rolling through the stop signs on 41st, and people speeding on Arthur (especially southbound). I appreciate your prompt response to my concerns and swift, substantial actions. My experience with the city staff and traffic commission when the big accident happened on my property 15 years ago was not as positive. I'm pleased that you all are taking concerns such as mine more seriously.

Sincerely, Dick Huebner

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From: Kathy Young <[KYoung@columbiaheightsmn.gov](mailto:KYoung@columbiaheightsmn.gov)>  
Date: 7/6/22 5:03 PM (GMT-06:00)  
To: Dick Huebner <[dhuebner@comcast.net](mailto:dhuebner@comcast.net)>  
Subject: RE: Please replace sign

Hello-

The Police Department found 3 reported accidents at this intersection over the last 5 years, 2 in 2019 and 1 in 2020.

To draw attention to the Stop signs, the Street Department will install flashing red lights on the signs.

Your email and the accident information will be shared with the Traffic Commission at the July 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Please let me know by end of day Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend. The Commission meets at 6:00 pm in the City Council Chambers.

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From: Dick Huebner <[dhuebner@comcast.net](mailto:dhuebner@comcast.net)>  
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2022 4:53 PM  
To: Kathy Young <[KYoung@columbiaheightsmn.gov](mailto:KYoung@columbiaheightsmn.gov)>  
Subject: RE: Please replace sign

Thank you VERY much for your prompt action. The sign has been replaced and the police just put a speed monitor in front of my house. I've been at this address since 1982 and the biggest issue I've observed is cars speeding as they approach the intersection from the north on Arthur and those going westbound on 41st not seeing traffic coming from the north. They roll through the stop sign. Or they falsely think it IS a 4-way stop (like 40th and Arthur) so are expecting southbound traffic to slow to a stop so they proceed through the intersection based on that false expectation. Visibility may be an issue in this scenario as well. Visibility of northbound traffic is obscured a bit by the hill while visibility of southbound traffic is better. I hear cars beeping at each other from that intersection every day, often multiple times a day. Usually it seems to be southbound vehicles beeping at westbound vehicles "rolling" through the stop sign. And often those southbound vehicles are really barreling it down the hill. Please share these observations with the traffic commission and the police. Again, thank you very much for your quick response and the action taken.

Richard (Dick) Huebner

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From: Kathy Young <[KYoung@columbiaheightsmn.gov](mailto:KYoung@columbiaheightsmn.gov)>

Date: 6/30/22 9:44 AM (GMT-06:00)

To: Dick Huebner <[dhuebner@comcast.net](mailto:dhuebner@comcast.net)>

Subject: RE: Please replace sign

Hello-

Thank you for the email. The sign you referenced has been ordered. A new one will be installed when available.

The City typically follows the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for installing stop signs. Guidelines from the MMUTCD for Multi-way Stop signs is attached. One of the guidelines is:

Five or more reported crashes in a 12-month period that are susceptible to correction by a multi-way stop installation. Such crashes include right-turn and left-turn collisions as well as right-angle collisions.

The Police Department will review the accident data.

Please contact me with any questions.

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From: Dick Huebner <[dhuebner@comcast.net](mailto:dhuebner@comcast.net)>

Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2022 3:12 PM

To: Kathy Young <[KYoung@columbiaheightsmn.gov](mailto:KYoung@columbiaheightsmn.gov)>

Subject: Please replace sign

I live at the SW corner of 41st and Arthur. I appreciate that you replaced the Cross Traffic Does Not Stop sign on the SW corner. The similar sign on the opposite (NE) corner needs replacing as well. It has faded badly. I am the citizen that petitioned the traffic commission several years ago to get these signs amended to the existing stop signs. My petition (many neighbors signed) called for a 4 way stop at 41st and Arthur, having had multiple accidents at that intersection, one so severe that two vehicles came within inches of crashing into my house. That request was denied by the commission and the Cross Traffic Does Not Stop signs was the compromised action. I believe that the intersection has only gotten worse since then. Motorists are increasingly using 41st as an alternative to 40th. I attribute the substantial increase in population near the St. Anthony Cub to be the main reason for this. I believe a traffic study should be done at that intersection and a 4 way stop should be reconsidered. I plan to again state my case to the traffic commission in the near future. In the meantime, could you please replace the faded sign. Thank you.

Richard (Dick) Huebner

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