

Mr. Daniel Buchholtz
1301 81st Avenue NE
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Dear Mr. Buchholtz,

You don't want people standing in the median for more than two cycles. Then MINDOT need to change the length of the Green cycle. Most of the time only 1 vehicle is legally going through those intersections because the light cycles so fast. It doesn't matter if you are turning on the green arrow, or going straight through the intersections on the green light. Many times when I turned from Osborn RD, or 81st on to either Hwy 65 or Hwy 47, the signal is turning red before I can complete my turn. It is the same by Cub turning to go West on County RD 10. If you are crossing either highway, and semi is turning, even vehicles trying to cross on the green light won't make it because the light has turned red, by the time the semi completes its turn.

If people walk up to the light and it just turned green, they cross the intersection. Just before they get to the median, the light turns red. Even if someone on crutches, or in a wheel chair pushes the button for the walk signal, they can't cross the intersection in the time allot-ed for the green light. Also, if they are in the median, and the light turns green, there are cars turning that impedes their progress, and they have to wait for the next light cycle.

I personally have complained to MINDOT about this situation. I was told that the lights at those intersection are setup to move the traffic on Hwy 47, Hwy 65 and County RD 10. I asked MINDOT why they don't have the time lit for that light cycle, and was told it was to complicated to use all the time. I personally have set through two or three light cycles jut to turn left on to Hwy 47, when I was the eights or ninth vehicle in the turn lane. People get flustered sitting through more than one light cycle. When you add distracted driving, distracted walking into the mix, and people basically, because of the short light cycle, running red lights, you get accidents.

Sincerely,



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