

FROM THE DESK OF

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To Council Person Osborne.

In case you missed this article in the Canton Repository on 2/12/03, I wanted to share it with you.

I've lived in Chatham Heights for 17 years, and have often complained about successive red lights on Main St. between Applegrove and Maple Sts.

What Mr. Irwin says ^{is} true, especially about "polluting the atmosphere".

I hope you as a member of Council will see that something is done about this matter.

Thanks,

Dick Dowding

PS - Glad you + Marcia are working on this. Keep up good work!

North Canton should systematically study traffic signals

This is in response to the North Canton mayor's apparent problem with unwarranted traffic signals ("N. Canton argues over vacating street," Jan. 28).

First, obtain traffic counts, accident data and school crossing information for all existing signals. Use this information to analyze each signal to see if it can be warranted. The analysis for each warranted signal should then be kept on file at the engineer's office. The analysis for signals that can't be warranted should be put aside for future use.

Second, a traffic study should now be conducted for interconnecting the war-

ranted signals into a signal system. After the study has been conducted, the signals that did not meet the warrant criteria should be looked at to see if they now meet "progression" warrants.

Third, all signals that do not meet warrants should be removed.

Fourth, federal funding for the traffic study and construction of the interconnected signal system is available and should be researched. Gaps created by this new signal system will now allow traffic from business and side streets to enter the main street safely. People will now stop by ^{using} Main Street by

using residential streets, speeding to "make" the next signal, disregarding the signals, wasting gasoline and polluting the atmosphere because of unnecessary delays from stopping at signals with no cross traffic, and generally, putting the public at risk.

The Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices contains laws and recommendations based on nearly 100 years of federal and state experiences and must be adhered to by state law for the safety of all of us.

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