

To: Town of the Blue Mountains Transportation Committee: Councillor Jim Uram, Councillor Rob Sampson, John Ardiel, Andrew Siegart, John White

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Request:

That a traffic light be installed at the corner of Arthur Street West (Highway 26) and Victoria Street in the village of Thornbury

Problem Requiring this Solution:

- no controlled pedestrian crossing for over 400 metres
- high volume of traffic moving along Highway 26 during much of the day
- high number of vehicles making turns onto or off of Highway 26 in the area, from and to businesses such as Foodland, LCBO, Ultramar and Tim Hortons

Further Considerations:

- the existing left-turn lane makes Highway 26 a wide, complex crossing for pedestrians
- eastbound vehicles have just entered the village and are often travelling in excess of 50 kmh
- continued development of properties in this area will exacerbate the problem in the future

Benefits of this Solution:

- pedestrians will be able to cross a busy portion of Highway 26 with less risk from vehicles (TBM O.P. D2.5a - “promote a connected, safe and well designed active transportation network...for pedestrians and cyclists”)
- vehicles entering Highway 26 from Victoria Street will be able to make left-hand turns with greater safety (TBM O.P. D2.1 - “facilitate the safe and effective movement of people and goods”)
- people will be more inclined to walk to nearby businesses, reducing vehicle use (TBM O.P. D2.1 - “promote public transit, cycling and walking as energy efficient, affordable and accessible forms of travel”)
- provide accessible options for people with mobility challenges (TBM O.P. D2.5i - “support an accessible network that allows for use of all members of the community”)

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