

Responses to Village Council Questions

August 5, 2025

Manager's Report [REP 2025-10873](#) A. Report: Discussion of the Evaluation and Potential Improvements at the Washington Street and BNSF Railroad Intersection

- 1. Would the installation of a flashing beacon be a feasible option for alerting drivers to the presence of pedestrians during non-peak hours?*

Staff and the consultant reviewed and discussed the installation of a flashing beacon and concluded that this option is not recommended. Further, this is not a recommended treatment per the Federal Highway Administration's Manual of Traffic Control Devices. Staff is concerned about confusion and compliance, particularly in avoiding conflicting messages. When signals offer conflicting information, there tends to be an increase in violations by both motorists and pedestrians. Additionally, integration of a flashing beacon with the existing railroad signals and gates requires interconnection work that is uncommon.