I.P. PUBLIC COMMENT FORM

763 (Rangeline) and Smiley Lane Intersection APS Project

Comment #1

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I am strongly in favor of this project as a number of visually impaired/blind persons live in this area and find it necessary to cross 763 to bank or dine out or visit neighborhood schools and houses of worship. For visually impaired persons crossing is difficult normally but hazardous when the sun is low in the sky as it totally obstructs the traffic signals making it impossible to see. For totally blind persons the surrounding noises from the nearby drive-throughs and gun range make it extra difficult to pick up on traffic patterns to know when it is safe to cross. This is also an issue at other intersections throughout the city.

Comment #2

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As a blind person who lives on Tropical Lane, I strongly support this project. Normally I am able to determine traffic patterns by listening to parallel and perpendicular traffic, but as intersections become more complicated with right turn on red, special allowances for turning left, AND SOMETIMES LETTING SOME LANES GO WHILE halting OTHERS, it becomes ever more important to know that you are crossing in accordance with the instructions.

I would have filled out this form, but it is not very accessible using screen reader software for the blind. If there is some piece of information that is on the form that you need from me, please let me know either through responding to this email or by calling me at 573-874-1774.

Again, I strongly support this project, and I am glad that I live in a city that cares.