Intersection gets signal and turn ban

Traffic signals will be installed at the intersection of Ten Mile and Grand River in Farmington Hills, according to the Oakland County Road Commission.

At the same time, signs will be placed to ban left turns onto Grand River from eastbound Ten Mile.

"Traffic volume has simply overtaken the capacity of this intersection and signalization cannot be delayed any longer," says Road Commissioner Richard Vogt.

"About 25 accidents a year occur at this intersection, many of them usually-severe collisions involving left-turning vehicles," he said.

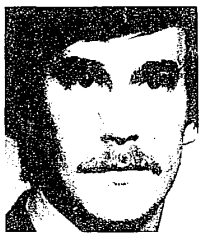
Since 1976, the county has planned to widen the intersection, improve its design and add signals, but shortfalls of federal and state funding have caused indefinite delays, according to Vogt.

"The signals we will be putting up in July will be temporary, until a proper reconstruction project can be undertaken," he said.

The light will cost $9,781, funded through the gas and weight tax.

The signals will allow westbound traffic on Grand River to proceed constantly, which is the reason for banning left turns onto Grand River at this location. Impeding westbound through traffic would only worsen an already-difficult capacity problem, he said.

The signals will regulate all other movements through the intersection: left turns onto Ten Mile from Grand River, right turns from Ten Mile onto Grand River and eastbound through traffic on Grand River.



RANDY NAROWITZ

Hospital names accountant

Randy Narowitz has been named manager of general accounting at Sinai Hospital in Detroit.

The Farmington resident joined the Sinai staff two years ago as an accountant, a position he had until being promoted to supervisor of financial reporting in 1979.

Narowitz earned his bachelor of arts degree in accounting, graduating from Michigan State University in 1977.

He is a member of the Hospital Financial Management Association.

Student performers tackle summer shows

You'll see them at Livonia Mall, the Farmington Founders Festival and elsewhere throughout the summer.

They're high school students from the surrounding area who'll be bringing their particular brand of theater to various events, under the direction of Bob Gregory.

"This year should be one of the best yet," said Edward Ivanac, returning for his third year with the troupe.

"We have a good turnout, and all of these people are full of talent. All of the students give preparation time after class to ready themselves for a coming performance.

"It takes a creative mind and much concentration to turn an ordinary record into an entertaining record pantomime."

Theater games, where an actor may become part of a machine, a statue or a mirrored image, also will be used when the students perform a special talent show at the Founders' festival in late July.

Street theater will be featured July 12 at Livonia Mall, and other exhibitions will be scheduled until the start of school.

The students rehearse in Clarenceville High School. Returning for their third summer are Ivanac and Dan Morrison.

Back for their second summer are Ed Bastien, Denise Crossley and Melody Hoyer. First-year students are Jim Keith, Kathy Trestain, Karen McColloch, Chaz Paris, Scott DeAngelo, Ray Stewert, Cindy Tragge, Dave Brandon, Tom Smith, Lisa Akey, Jeff Vadnais and Cherie Stangis.

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