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entrances, with cars dashing through red lights in order to make their long-awaited turns.

Many in the audience gasped while watching one car skid on a wet road while speeding through the turn just ahead of on-coming traffic.

"When they do have a chance to turn, only one or two cars can get through and at least one goes through the red light," Motry said.

The worst tie-ups occur just before school starts, between 7:20 a.m. and 7:30 a.m., the students observed. While that may

not seem like a long time, for those 10 minutes, the area becomes very high risk.

That's when Daniel Lee was killed. His younger sister and older brother were seriously injured in the crash, which occurred right around 7:30 a.m. The driver, 23-year-old David Lee, misjudged the speed of on-coming traffic. His car was broadsided while making that left-hand turn.

Students felt a three-pronged approach would improve safety: a dedicated left-turn signal, no right turns on red at the stop

light and creating a left-turn lane. Calling a halt to right turns, they said, would increase the gaps in traffic and allow more cars to move through the area.

"Now, with the stacking...it hinders the flow of west-bound traffic and makes 12 Mile a one-lane road," Kales pointed out. "If nothing's done, this will be even more of a disaster area."

The students acknowledged the presence of younger drivers increased the dangers at the intersection because they aren't as experienced and are likely to

take more risks.

However, Kales pointed out, "This is a school and we should feel safe. We don't."

The county has jurisdiction over 12 Mile Road, and Road Commission Director of Traffic Safety Dave Allen said the left-turn signal, the most easily accomplished, would be implemented in preparation for a new signalization system tentatively approved by the Federal Highway Administration.

His announcement that the light would be installed prior to the start of school this fall drew a rousing round of applause. The

road expansion, Allen said, would be more problematic. The county would pursue funding, but he didn't know whether the location would meet requirements for federal safety zones.

The elimination of right-hand turns on red would rest on an agreement between the city and school district, he said. City Manager Steve Brock agreed to contact Farmington Schools Superintendent Dr. Bob Maxwell to work out the details.

County Commissioner David Moffitt, R-Farmington Hills, complimented the students on their presentation, which includ-

ed a detailed map of the area.

"We've been presented very competent information, very efficiently," he said.

"They're going to get an A on this assignment," Sever added. "Barto couldn't be more proud or more surprised."

"I wanted them to see, no matter how small, they could do something to affect their community," she said after the meeting. "This was supposed to be something on a small scale. Obviously, they didn't understand the words 'small scale,' and I'm glad they didn't."

Hills police officers give fair warning about seat belt use

Farmington Hills drivers, here's fair warning.

Beginning May 22, Hills police officers will be watching even more closely to make sure adults are properly buckling up their young passengers.

During a special enforcement program, part of a traffic enforcement grant through the Office of Highway Safety Planning, officers will be watching to make sure all children are protected by child safety seats or seat belts.

Despite widespread attention

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—Hills police

paid to child passenger safety, drivers continue to put their

children at risk by failing to buckle them in, said Lt. Gary Hawald.

"Traffic crashes remain the leading cause of death for American children. Six out of 10 children who die in crashes are unbuckled," he commented.

"Today, we are calling on our entire community to adopt 'zero tolerance' for unbuckled children," Hawald added. "No one should look the other way when they see a child at risk. Every citizen must make sure their relatives, neighbors and friends know that letting a child ride

unbuckled, no matter how short the ride, is always life-threatening and never worth the risk."

The Drive Michigan Safely Grant allows officers from Farmington Hills and other police

departments state-wide to focus overtime patrols on child passenger safety.

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