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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 3, 2015

TO: Brian M. Kischnick, City Manager

FROM: Gary G. Mayer, Chief of Police *GGM*
Kurt Bovensiep, Public Works Manager
William Huotari, Deputy City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

RE: School Crossing Crash; Northfield Parkway & Perrin

As you are aware, on Friday, October 30, 2015 a vehicle vs. bicycle crash occurred on Northfield Parkway in front of Troy High School. The Troy community is proud of our schools and safety record. Whenever a youth is injured, it is important to promptly review the matter.

The crash occurred at 7:10 am, before Daylight Savings Time was in effect so it was dark in the area with no direct street light illumination of the crosswalk at Perrin. The traffic to drop off high schoolers on the east side of Troy High was stacked in the left turn lane. The bicyclist travelling at approximately 10 MPH went between stopped vehicles in the left turn lane and struck the left front fender of a southbound vehicle that had just dropped off another student. The vehicle driver fled the scene failing to stop and render aid. The vehicle and driver were later located thanks to the coordinated efforts of the Troy School District Administration, security staff, and Troy PD. The bicyclist was transported to Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital.

The crosswalk area at Perrin was reviewed at a City Manager's Meeting. Noting that there is no nearby electrical service, staff has ordered solar and battery-powered school zone signs that will have bright LED lights blinking when students are likely to use the crosswalk.

The pavement markings for the crosswalk were due to be redone in the spring, but that project has been expedited and the markings were applied on Tuesday, November 3, 2015.



Temporary portable illuminated signage warning drivers "Slow Down, Student Crossing" was placed on both sides of Northfield Parkway. Extra police patrol has been implemented in the area during the start and end of school days.

The bicyclist has been released from the hospital and fortunately is expected to recover.

