

Falls City Council Hears Proposal on Highway 73 Traffic Signals

(KLZA) -- Representatives with the Nebraska Department of Roads presented results of traffic signal studies conducted in February and July, on Harlan Street which is Highway 73 through Falls City during Monday nights Council meeting.

In addition to traffic, pedestrian counts were also conducted.

The report recommends removing the traffic signal at 12th and Harlan which would be at no cost to the city.

The signal at the intersection of Highways 159 and 73 is in need of updating at an estimated cost of \$20,500 of which the City would be responsible for half the cost.

The recommendation calls for removal of either the traffic signal at 16th or 17th and Harlan Streets. Both signals fail to meet any of the 8 signal warrants for needing a traffic signal. The Department of Roads will remove one of the signals at no cost to the city. The cost to rebuild the signal that remains is estimated at \$79,500 with \$39,750 being the city portion.

The traffic signal at 21st and Harlan which is the intersection of Highways 8 and 73 will require updating at an estimated cost of \$20,500, again with half the cost to the city.

The estimated cost of upgrading the two signals at 14th and 21st Streets plus rebuilding one signal at either 16th or 17th Street is estimated at \$120,500. The cost to the city would be \$60,250. The estimates do not include the cost to upgrade the ramps to current ADA standards or any necessary right of way or replacement of existing underground conduit.

At the conclusion of the report, the decision was to conduct a 90 day study of traffic when the lights at 12th, 16th and 17th and Harlan were set to flashing, and then revisit which signal would be removed at 16th or 17th.

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