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Subject: St. Charles Parish Council resolution 6010 - CSRN 4052

This email is in response to St. Charles Parish resolution 6010 which requests La DOTD to install a traffic signal at the intersection of La 3127 and La 3142. The installation of a traffic control device on our state highway system requires engineering justification that the intersection meets the specified traffic conditions (warrants) based on nationally accepted standards. Research suggests that installing an unwarranted signal may actually decrease the safety and result in an increase in crashes at the location.

This intersection was studied as recently as 2010 and it did not meet the criteria for installation of a caution light or signal, we are not aware of any significant changes in the traffic pattern that would alter that but will take another look at this with the updated data available.

We also have a project in the development stage that will include safety improvements at the intersections of La 3127 and La 3141, La 3142 and La 3160. We have not yet determined what improvements will be included in the project but anticipate bids for this project being accepted in the spring of 2014 with construction beginning next summer.

Thank You!

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