

## Sleepy Eye Traffic Signal Deactivated on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017

On Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, the traffic signal at Highway 14 and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue in Sleepy Eye was deactivated by the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) to evaluate whether the signal can be permanently removed.

In place of the signal, a through-stop (two-way stop) was installed which will require motorists on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue to stop for traffic on Highway 14.

Flashing signs for the west crosswalk across Highway 14 were installed at 1<sup>st</sup> Ave to aid pedestrians crossing Highway 14. Pedestrians crossing Highway 14 can also use the marked crosswalks at adjacent intersections or the traffic signal at Highway 4 / 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue West.

***As part of this change, we'd ask that parents show children where they should be crossing, and review the safety tips shown below.***

Tips: What should pedestrians do?

Look before you cross

- Make eye contact with drivers and ensure they see you and will stop
- Clearly show your intentions to cross
- Watch for turning and passing vehicles

Make yourself visible to drivers

- Stand clear of parked cars or other obstacles before crossing
- Cross in a well-lit area at night

Avoid dangerous and distracted behaviors

- Cross streets at marked crosswalks or intersections; don't cross mid-block
- Remove headphones and stay off cell phones while crossing

Crosswalk Law

- Drivers must stop for crossing pedestrians at marked crosswalks and at all intersection corners without painted lines, signs or stop lights.
- Pedestrians must obey signs and signals at all intersections that have them.
- Vehicles stopped for pedestrians can proceed once the pedestrian has completely crossed the lane in front of the stopped vehicle.
- Pedestrians must not enter a crosswalk if a vehicle is approaching and it is impossible for the driver to stop. There is no defined distance that a pedestrian must abide by before entering the crosswalk; use caution and common sense.
- When a vehicle is stopped at an intersection to allow pedestrians to cross the roadway, drivers of other vehicles approaching from the rear must not pass the stopped vehicle.
- Failure to obey the crosswalk law is a misdemeanor.



Push button and motion activated, LED-enhanced crossing system in Sleepy Eye, MN (1<sup>st</sup> Ave / HWY 14)



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