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Comments in writing: As it now reads, this request should be considered the model for how traffic engineering requests are made. Staff should write a policy that requires this process for future requests.

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Comments in writing: City hall runs on rules and guidelines. There should be a guideline to assist politicians and engineers to make decisions objectively. There are such rules for 4 way stop signs. Please ask PW and staff to develop a similar guide for adding lanes and signal functions intended to reduce occasional congestion. If enough person-hours of time can be saved per month, a capital expenditure of $X can be justified. When initial designs do not handle high traffic flows, there will be pressure to add lanes or signal functions. This pressure should result in an objective response, not an emotional one.
If not for the 4-way stop guideline, we might have thousands more of these impediments to travel. Every plea to a Councilor would result in another 4-way.

An example: WB Sandusky, at Waverley. One lane, so if a car is WB or SB, the NB traffic stream must wait for a long light. A second lane was not needed a decade ago, but is now.
When hundreds of folks sit waiting every day, those folks will apply pressure to their local politician, who will call for changes to the related infrastructure. A good guide can help make everyone look good. A hundred cars waiting even for 2 minutes has a cost. An 8 minute trip that stretches to 22 minutes because of congestion has costs for the traveler, but also in terms of fuel wasted, which need not be.