

January 15, 2019

To: Mayor Tom Ryan and Blaine City Council Members Wes Hovland, Dick Swanson, Jess Robertson, Julie Jeppson, Andrew Garvais and Richard Paul:

Please consider adding and upgrading more street lights on Lexington Avenue between Fleet and Farm (North Road) and Edgewood Street (going south from Fleet and Farm). As a home owner that lives in Blaine and on Lexington Avenue, I see many people walking all hours of the day and night on Lexington Avenue including youth walking to and from school in the dark, employees walking from three of the 24 hour businesses in the area, daily runners/walkers and dog owners walking their dog. Lexington Avenue is a dangerous four lane street with the number of people who walk/bike/run in the area with small and large trucks, semis and many speeding cars along the street.

If you are preceding south on Lexington Avenue from Fleet and Farm, there are large street lights on every street EXCEPT Austin and 99th Street. There is no street light on Austin and 99th Street has a very small light on just the west side. There are no street lights for two blocks on the east side of a two lane busy street. There is also a wall for two blocks on the east side of Lexington Avenue from the church until 97th Lane. The fence makes the street extra dark.

1. Please start with upgrading the street light on 99th and Lexington to the standard light that is at the other corners of Lexington. The small light is hidden by trees and fences.
2. Second, please add the standard size light on the east side of Lexington Avenue and 99th Street otherwise there are two blocks with no street lights on the busy four lane Lexington Avenue.

I would encourage the Mayor and council members to drive Lexington Avenue south of Fleet and Farm at 8 p.m. to see how dark the four lane highway can be.

Thank you for considering this request from one of the many concerned Blaine citizens.



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