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**To:** David Woosley  
**Subject:** RE: 15th Street & Engel

David, thanks for your phone call advising of the postponement of the 15<sup>th</sup> and Engle issue until the March meeting. Following are some of my concerns regarding this matter.

I am basically questioning the validity and rationale for a "school zone" beacon at 15<sup>th</sup> and Engle. It is important to point out that there is no school near this intersection and I have never seen school aged children using this crossing since it was first installed several years ago(unless you consider university students to be "children"). Also, the beacon flashes from morning to night, while all other school zones in the city flash only during specified hours of the day when they would actually be used by children.

I had previously visited with KU police about this intersection and I was told that the school zone was requested by the Chancellor. However, they advised that they could not write a "school zone" ticket for violators, but could only issue a regular speeding ticket for persons speeding through the designated zone. Thus, even the KU police do not consider this to be a real school zone.

I believe the city is wrong in placing school zones in an area where there are no schools and school aged children. It diminishes the importance of those school zones that are truly needed and serving a useful purpose.

I hope by now that someone has had time to check into this matter more thoroughly and was able to find either the minutes of the meeting or the so-called agreement that was reached between the city and the university that led to this signage problem.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information. I hope this matter can be easily resolved at your March meeting. I can most easily be reached on my cell phone at 917-1193.

