

Response to Grand Jury Report

Report Title: **Crosswalks, Are You as Safe as You Think?**

Report Date: **August 27, 2014**

Response by: **Ukiah City Council and City Manager**

Findings

I (we) agree with the findings numbered: **F1 and F3.**

I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: **F2, F4, F5, F6, and F7.**

Attach a statement specifying the findings or portions of the findings that are disputed, and include an explanation of the reasons therefor.

Recommendations

Recommendations numbered **R5** have been implemented.

Attach a statement describing the implement actions.

Recommendations numbered **xxx** have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.

Attach a statement with the schedule for implementation(s).

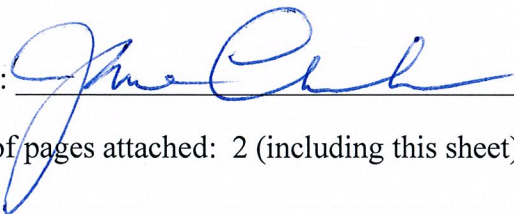
Recommendations numbered **xxx** require further analysis.

Attach an explanation, and the scope and parameters of the analyses or studies, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or head of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the grand jury report.

Recommendations numbered **R1, R2, R3, R4, and R7** will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.

Attach an explanation.

Signature: _____



Date: _____

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Number of pages attached: 2 (including this sheet)

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Findings explanation:

I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: **F2**. I (we) are not aware of data to support this finding.

I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: **F4**. I (we) are not aware of data to support this finding.

I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: **F5**. I (we) are not aware of data to support this finding.

I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: **F6**. I (we) are only aware of data on pedestrian traffic signal timing data in the City of Ukiah. In the City of Ukiah the signals are timed per Caltrans standards and reviewed periodically.

I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: **F7**. I (we) are not aware of data to support this finding.

:Recommendations explanation:

Recommendation number **R1** will not be implemented. Crosswalks have different looks based on the characteristics of the street to be crossed. Some crosswalks require more attention than others. Examples of this would be a crossed hatched crosswalk on an arterial at a T intersection versus the standard striping at a four way stop on a residential street. The effort, time and cost, to properly maintain crosswalks vary greatly on their pattern. So it is crucial to concentrate efforts on crosswalks in heavy traffic areas of pedestrians, automobiles or both.

Recommendation number **R2** is vague and the intention/meaning of this recommendation is unclear so I (we) will not implement this recommendation.

Recommendation number **R3** will not be implemented. As a City that has these signs located in several locations we have encountered many issues with the signs. They are an effective tool however are extremely costly and take a considerable amount of staff time to maintain and replace. The argument for crosswalk maintenance is the same argument as with regard to this recommendation.

Recommendation number **R4** will not be implemented (see R3)

Recommendation number **R5** has been implemented. The City of Ukiah's maintenance contractor checks and adjusts pedestrian signal timing upon request as a result of staff observation and/or a citizen inquiry.

Recommendation number **R7** will not be implemented. Each crosswalk requires a unique evaluation of what is possible, effective and practical. The City of Ukiah does this by relying on the Professional Engineers on staff, a Traffic Engineering Committee, and Professional Engineer consultants.