

## INTRO/EXPLANATION

As directed by the Street Committee, a public opinion poll was prepared through an online service called Survey Monkey to get the public's opinion on the stop light at 5th & Chestnut in Wahoo. This service allows users to create a limited poll/survey, solicit responses via web links or social media links, and provides limited analysis of the results and the ability to download data.

The survey was created, tested in the office by staff, and then a link was posted on the City of Wahoo Facebook Page for completion. The social media post was made on Thursday, October 19. The post was boosted to solicit responses, using a budget of \$120.00, and targeting Facebook users listing Wahoo as their home +25 miles, men and women ages 18-65+. On Thursday morning, October 26, when the poll was closed, 7,524 people were reached, resulting in 840 clicks on the link to the poll on Survey Monkey.

In addition to Facebook, a link to the poll was distributed by the Chamber Office to members of the Chamber, Greater Wahoo Economic Development, and those involved in downtown business. Also, the link to the poll was posted on the City's website on the front page for easy access.

In the Wahoo Newspaper editorial from October 12, mention was made of the need for public input on the stop light. The editorial suggested individuals should either contact their Council representative, share their thoughts at City Hall, or attend the Council meeting where this was being considered.

The results to the first four questions on the poll shown on the following pages are reflective of 940 responses. There are some responders who did not finish the poll, thus the "skipped" reporting for each question. Survey Monkey limits multiple responses from an IP address, so in theory respondents should have only been able to answer questions once, unless they responded from multiple devices. The comments in the final pages of this report include comments received via email, those delivered to City Hall, those made on Facebook, as well as those made as a response to Question 5 of the poll.

This poll is not and was not intended to be scientific. It is possible, due to the platform used for distribution, that not all demographic groups of Wahoo were equally represented in the responses. In addition, there was no control for who accessed the link; there could be those who are not Wahoo residents who responded to the survey. They may have been individuals who drive through Wahoo on a frequent basis, lived here previously, have family here, etc. Again, the poll results do have limitations but they do reveal, particularly in the comments section, where we need to provide additional information to the public and hopefully give the Council some ideas on what to do at 5th & Chestnut.

The following is the intro page to the poll that was done via Survey Monkey. Respondents were asked to read this information before beginning the poll. The poll was 5 questions and took an average of just over 3 minutes for respondents to complete.

## **INTRODUCTION TO SURVEY**

As part of the Chestnut Street Improvement Project the City of Wahoo is currently designing, the question of whether there should be a stop light at 5th & Chestnut has come up. Our plans for 5th & Chestnut include widening the intersection to provide for left hand turning lanes for north and south bound traffic. Because of the widened intersection and because our current stop light is so old, a new stop light would be needed if a stop light was to remain at this intersection. This would include a new stop light, updated arm, pole, and controller.

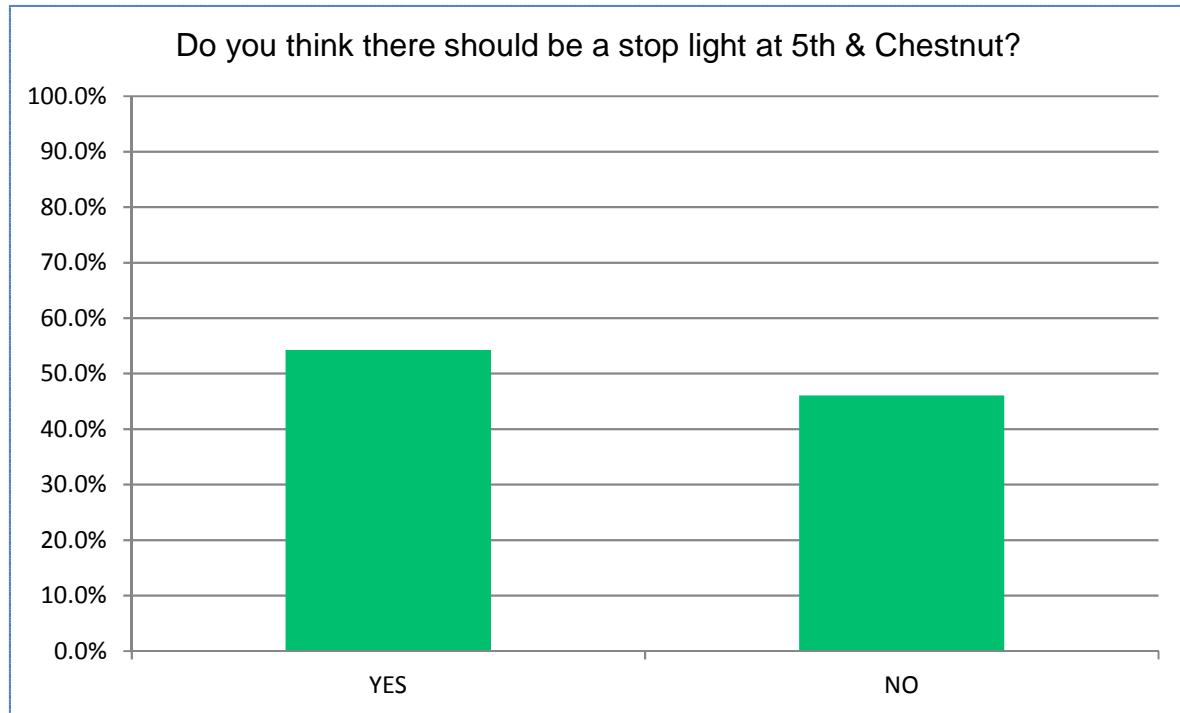
The City of Wahoo had a traffic study done of this intersection that indicated we did not have enough traffic go through the intersection to keep (replace) the stop light (meaning it is unwarranted). We can replace it now with this project (meaning it is grandfathered), but if we do not replace it now, we will have to wait until traffic counts warrant installation of a new light.

The City of Wahoo is looking for your thoughts. We'd like to know if you feel there is value to having a stop light at 5th & Chestnut, and if so, why, and what price are you willing to pay? Should we replace the grandfathered stop light? Or should we remove it permanently? The following survey asks 5 questions and will only take a couple minutes to complete. We'd love to hear your opinion!

## QUESTION 1

Do you think there should be a stop light at 5th & Chestnut?

	Responses	
YES	54.3%	509
NO	46.1%	432
<b>Answered</b>		<b>938</b>
<b>Skipped</b>		<b>2</b>

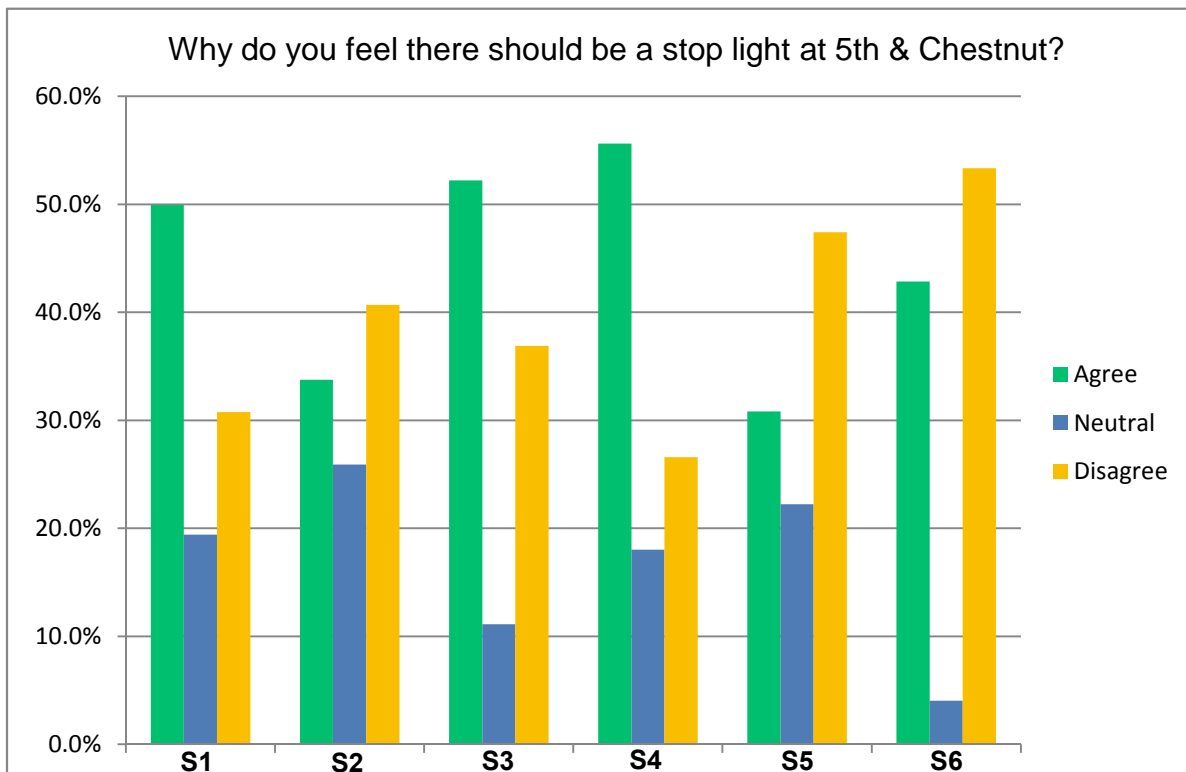


## QUESTION 2

Why do you feel there should be a stop light at 5th & Chestnut? Please click on your response to each reason (agree, neutral, or disagree).

		Agree		Neutral		Disagree		Total
S1	It's an important location in Wahoo - I reference it when giving directions (i.e. "turn left one block north of the stop light")	49.9%	427	19.4%	166	30.8%	263	855
S2	It's an important location in Wahoo - Our downtown relies on the stop light for bringing traffic to the downtown area	33.8%	288	25.9%	221	40.7%	347	853
S3	Without a stop light I will have difficulty crossing Chestnut St. in my vehicle; there needs to be a break in traffic that a stop light will provide.	52.2%	446	11.1%	95	36.9%	315	854
S4	The stop light is needed to allow for a safe pedestrian crossing of Chestnut St. at this location.	55.6%	475	18.0%	154	26.6%	227	854
S5	I am concerned about pedestrian traffic at this location but think a safe crossing could be provided by using a crossing flasher instead of a stop light.	30.8%	262	22.2%	189	47.4%	403	850
S6	I do not think we need a stop light at 5th & Chestnut.	42.9%	372	4.0%	35	53.3%	463	868

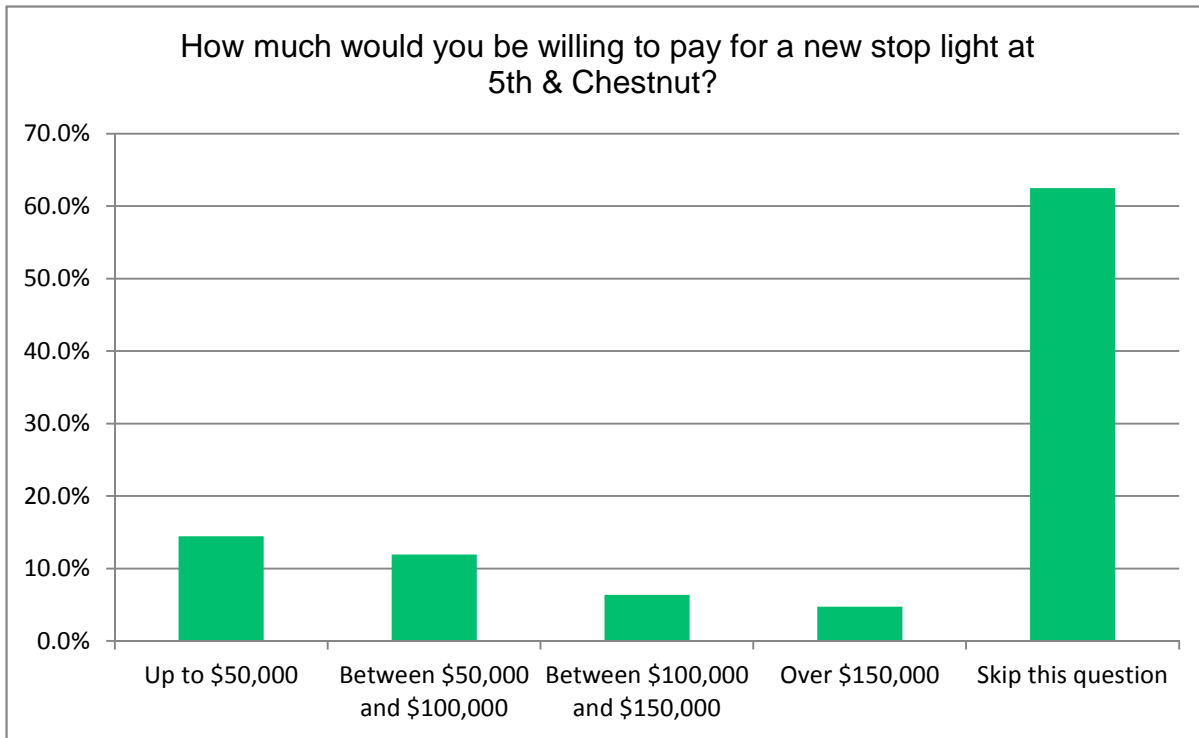
Answered **878**  
Skipped **62**



### QUESTION 3

How much would you be willing to pay for a new stop light at 5th & Chestnut? This would include the stop light, the arm the light would hang from, the pole and the electronic control box. If you answered "NO" to question 1, please click "skip this question."

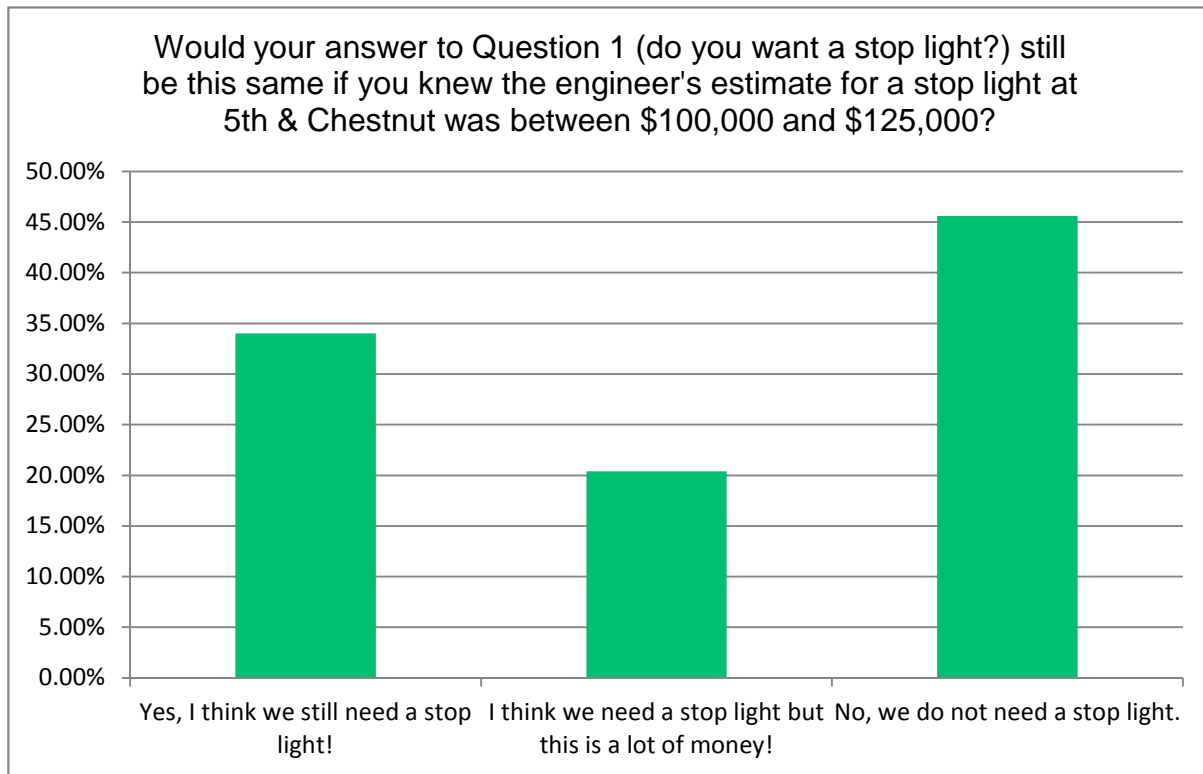
	Responses		
Up to \$50,000	14.4%	122	} These total 317
Between \$50,000 and \$100,000	12.0%	101	
Between \$100,000 and \$150,000	6.4%	54	
Over \$150,000	4.7%	40	
Skip this question	62.5%	528	
<b>Answered</b>		<b>845</b>	
<b>Skipped</b>		<b>95</b>	



## QUESTION 4

Would your answer to Question 1 (do you want a stop light?) still be this same if you knew the engineer's estimate for a stop light at 5th & Chestnut was between \$100,000 and \$125,000?

	Responses	
Yes, I think we still need a stop light!	34.00%	290
I think we need a stop light but this is a lot of money!	20.40%	174
No, we do not need a stop light.	45.60%	389
	<b>Answered</b>	<b>853</b>
	<b>Skipped</b>	<b>87</b>



## Comments from those who answered YES to Question 1.

The stoplight is an important landmark for Wahoo. Moreover, I feel it is truly necessary to assist with traffic, despite what we were told about the amount of traffic.
1,Who did the Estimate for cost 2, What's wrong with the existing stoplight
A stop light at intersection by John Deere on the bypass is needed as well.
A stop light should have sensors for traffic moving east and west. This way if there's no east west traffic the north south traffic won't have to stop until a car pulls up to the light from the east or west. Or a pedestrian presses a crosswalk button. Also I am disappointed that a center turn lane is not included in the plans. Was told at open house that this is not possible due to right of way constraints. This was a state highway at one time and should have plenty of right of way from state standards. A center turn lane would keep traffic flowing and provide for safer travel. Thanks
A stoplight is needed, what is wrong with the existing one? The courthouse traffic can be heavy & the stoplight helps the elderly that are coming to Wahoo for business cross Chestnut
Any way we can find new equipment on clearance??? ;)
Busy area and corner of courthouses drive thru bank and downtown. Its our only stop light in town to give directions and for kids to safely cross on bikes or walking especially summer time to go to aquatic center to swim and civic center. My kids are only allowed to cross at stop light to go to pool popular park (smith) and burger king and cookies n cream to hang out with friends. Its perfect at location its in but definitely needs turn lanes. Traffic gets really backed up at times especially morning afternoon and evening rush hour. 100% for stop light to be updated and turn lanes!
Don't be stupid! Of course you need a light there!
Drivers start driving too fast if there isn't something to slow them down. Also I tend to go to light to cross or turn onto Chestnut even if it is a few blocks out of the way.
Efforts to make that corner a showcase for the City will be hampered without a stoplight.
Find a cheaper engineer, JEO hammers the city on every project!
How much r u charging the city for this project chestnut what the hell is \$125000 going to hurt
I am trying to figure out why there are plans for rebuilding Chestnut since the highway went around. More attention needs to be made to make it a destination area, downtown historic buildings and Victorian homes. Sidewalk cafes, fine dining and family dining, It looks like a ghost town late night,
I believe there is still enough traffic in this area to warrant a stop light. I'm also unsure why we would need to enlarge this intersection. If we need to replace the light because of age that should do, but doing all this work seems an over kill.
I can see the pros and cons for both options. I like a stop light at the major intersection and Street to down town.
I definitely believe we need the stoplight at that intersection. We will need it even more once the Chestnut expansion is complete.
I have a hard time believing a new traffic pole would cost that much unless the added turning lanes are included. Maybe Valmont should be contacted to check pricing.
I know during high traffic times. It can be impossible to get out onto chestnut from other intersections and I often got to the light to aid in that venture.
I recommend getting a different estimate. I'm tired of these companies taking advantage of the public via local government.
I see nothing wrong with our current stop light. Although turning lanes would be great.
I still think it's needed to cross from east to west and vice versa. Sometimes at other corners that's hard to do. This is a safe way.
I think having a stop light is important at this location. We spend money on unnecessary things here in our town and this is something that should not be pushed aside.

## Comments from those who answered YES to Question 1.

I think that is the major intersection in Wahoo but for that cost we can live with out it. A 4 way stop would probably be just as fast

I think that the stoplight is needed but I think after 10 o clock the stoplight should turn to flashing because I have had to stop there at night and there wasn't anyone at the stoplight except me and so I stopped for no reason.

I think the stop light is also good practice for young drivers and passing their driving tests. Gives them something slow pace so they learn how to react to a stop light before getting to Lincoln or omaha and getting scared while driving.

I think the stop light is definitely needed. I don't think left turning lanes are necessary. Just replace the light and save the money.

I think the stop light should stay mainly for morning and evening rush hour traffic. I have spent more than 10 minutes on other intersections trying to cross with a large vehicle.

I think traffic volume will increase in the future. In the future it will be even more expensive / inconvenient to add the light as all construction costs seem to increase exponentially with time.

I think we need a turning lane and light for traffic turning east and west much more than north and south. The whole premise of turning lanes going toward north and south is a complete waste of money.

I trust the "powers to be" to make the best decision for the city of Wahoo. But do appreciate the opportunity to give feedback. Good luck!

I would like to see a left hand turn arrow. It just makes sense for the pedestrians and the turning traffic.

I'm afraid if there is not a stoplight there, people are going to speed terribly up and down Chestnut! At least now they prepare for a stop at the light and slow down. I can see vehicles flying from south to north with that longer stretch of highway from Burger King to Subway.

I'm all for saving the money, but I also live near the intersection. Traffic can still be quite heavy. We like to walk downtown and rely on the light to cross safely. Furthermore, I have seen time and time again where local news reports of the removal of a traffic light because it is "unnecessary" according to the "experts." However, people rely on these safety measures for safe travel. I also believe the light gives an opportunity for visitors to notice downtown and the Veterans memorial. They might not normally notice these things, thereby missing the opportunity to see what Wahoo offers (and ultimately spend money here).

If a new stoplight is installed, could we consider an 'attractive' style of light and cross arm system?...perhaps brown or black?

If a stop light is agreed upon, would love to see it look nice as well as it would be a focal point (gateway to downtown, near courthouse, etc.) Glendale, AZ, Dallas, TX, etc. have black and/or brown poles and lights that look much better than the standard galvanized metal. We get one chance to do this right, let's not skimp.

If it ain't broke, don't fix it.

If the city can spend a million for a run down building they can afford the light.

If the estimate is that high, it's like most things the firm does for the city of Wahoo; way over priced!!! It has been proven that such work can be done at a cheaper rate. But we are a one stop light town and think we should stay that way.

If they are going to improve the stop light I think they should also improve the sidewalk in all four directions leading into the stop light.

If this stop light is removed traffic would speed through this intersection just like they already do all over town. People are used to stopping there when the light is yellow or red. How many accidents has this light prevented? If it's not broken why fix it? Also I don't understand the need to spend money on a new light. What is wrong with the one that's already there?

If Wahoo was so concerned about spending money, maybe we shouldn't have spent over 1 Million \$\$ on real estate! Think the stoplight provides far more benefit to the general public at less than 10% of the cost of buildings to house equipment!



## Comments from those who answered YES to Question 1.

<p>If we didn't have a Stop light there, I assume it would be a 4 way stop. There already is a 4 way stop south of there and 75% of drivers don't obey traffic laws there and honk or flip off the law abiding citizens. I think this would turn into the same mess that the other 4 way has.</p>
<p>I'll be at the Council Meeting when this issue is discussed.</p>
<p>Is there any way to find a used stoplight or a grant or replace it at a lesser cost.</p>
<p>It is kind of unique to our town and a landmark to use when giving directions to someone from out of town.</p>
<p>It is still dangerous at times WITH a stop light. I feel you would have ALOT of traffic accidents without it. Thank you.</p>
<p>It's the only safe place for kids and older adults to cross... a flashing light isn't enough unless it stops traffic</p>
<p>It's important to keep it. Its tough for traffic to see at times and it allows people to slow down rather than racing through town without ever having to stop.</p>
<p>Keep the stop light</p>
<p>My main concern is I think we need a safe way for kids to cross that street, so they don't have to guess how far and fast cars are going before crossing</p>
<p>My wife and I think the traffic light is important for safety reasons. The cost is ok by us. With the project cost of 6 million, the light cost is a small part of a large project.</p>
<p>No roundabout; take that completely off table. "Progressives" look at them as innovative--they're simply a pain in the a** for inexperienced drivers. Don't half-way this; this corridor project is imperative as our highway presentation throughout is visually unappealing. Do the grandfathered light at the current cost. Also, if JEO is your engineer, please get 2 additional opinions--they suck at the public school's/city's teets way too frequently. Thank you</p>
<p>Please consider more research and plans for the intersection at 15th/Chestnut. Very frustrating.</p>
<p>Please start the chestnut street renovation with the intersection by Casey's gas station and corner market.</p>
<p>Please, please, please DO NOT get rid of our stop light!!!</p>
<p>prevent car accidents from happening</p>
<p>Safety and keeping our down town alive</p>
<p>Safety, please!</p>
<p>Several traffic studies have been conducted by the State Dept of Roads at the intersection of Co. Rd J &amp; Hwy 77 (by Saunders Med. Ctr.). Even though there has been a fatality at this intersection, and it is often difficult to cross the highway safely, the DOR continues to state there isn't sufficient traffic to warrant any lights or even a reduction in speed through the area. I live in town and</p>
<p>Stoplight is needed for safety. Both pedestrian and vechicle traffic.</p>
<p>that is the busiest corner of all and there needs to be a stop light, or you will be having more accidents and pedestrians getting injured and people won't stop and wait for anybody they will turn and cause a accident or hit a pedestrian if there is no stop light, and the stop signs on 1st and chestnut going north and south should be taken down nobody stops at them anyway there have been so many accidents on that corner since the stop signs were put in,</p>
<p>That traffic is very hard to cross during high volume business hours. When I'm walking kids across I feel very paranoid</p>
<p>The only way I let my kids go across town (think the pool, library) is to cross at the light with the signals to help them. While traffic is better with the bypass, there is still lots of traffic and needed for safety especially for kids and anyone in scooters/electric wheelchairs to safely cross the town. It is also helpful for cars to get across town and I use it frequently for that reason. Obviously I live on the west side of town and often going east. Please keep the stoplight!</p>

## Comments from those who answered YES to Question 1.

The stop light is a need because of safety as well as it brings recognition to the city of Wahoo. The Veterans Memorial will just get driven past unnoticed as well as the downtown business areas that rely on drive up traffic as well as local traffic. We are for the most part a bedroom community and by taking this out it will cut down on possible traffic to the downtown businesses that are locally owned that rely on customers for everywhere to thrive.

The stop light is a true asset as a safety feature for our community! It's utilized by children & adults as a safe route to & from the downtown area...stores, the park, the swimming pool, St Wenceslaus Church/School, and Neumann. I don't feel the 4 way stop at the south end of Chestnut is a safe intersection...people run the stop signs & multiple vehicles proceed from the same line of traffic, instead of waiting their turn, all time!! I'd hate to see this same issue at 5th & Chestnut. No life is worth saving a little money by eliminating this much needed safety device!!!!

The stop light is crucial to wahoo, because we do still have alot of game traffic and in the mornings when school is starting and when it is ending, chestnut street is impossible to cross without sitting for awhile.

The stop light needs to stay. The city would be stupid to take it out. Yes the bypass takes a lot of traffic out of town, but it still gets busy on husker game day. It is the easiest way to cross the highway.

The volume of elderly folks that go from west side to east side of town that use the intersection of 5th and Chestnut as their main route is probably most of the traffic that was studied. I feel it is important to have that light also because children use that intersection all summer long going to and from the pool/park area. The courthouse traffic relies on Chestnut traffic being stopped so that turning onto and crossing Chestnut is safe. ALSO..... the number of cars zooming into the Wahoo State Bank drive thru off of Chestnut NEEDS to slow down. (not slow the amount of business to Wahoo State, but rather take their time safely getting to the drive thru)

There may be less traffic through Wahoo because of the bypass but it would not be safer without the light. The light at the highway intersection is dangerous enough because there are people who do not stop even with the blinking light warning and an actual red light! Same thing happens at the stoplight at 5th & chestnut. Something is better than nothing!! I vote for an upgraded light!

There needs to be a light at least for pedestrian crossing! All the kids in the summer I see walking to the pool use this light, and the owners of the Chinese restaurant also walk to work using this light. We already have an obseen amount of carless/distracted drivers. Saftey first!!!

There needs to be sonething so people know there is NOT a turn lane heading in the West direction turning North! Or add lines making it a turn lane.

There was no other options given, such as a 4 way stop

They should also being back the Wahoo arrow at the light.

This is the only place where children & others can safely access the downtown area parks, swimming pool and Wahoo Civic Center! If this is grandfathered in it should be replaced now and should maintain the safe passage that it is for all especially children in the summertime!

This light is essential to my explanation of my hometown when I converse with the 'big city' folk. If you take the light away, I will have to ammend my explanation to "well, it used to have one stop light, but then the citizens decided to get rid of it because of results from a Survey Monkey", so please keep the light there, Wahoo!

This stop light helps slow people down coming through town, cuz the police sure don't pull them over. If the lights expense helps pedestrians cross 5th & Chestnut without an incident, that's money well spent! I'd like to see who voted not to put a light up when the first pedestrian fatality would unfortunately happen. Is it ever too much to save a life for just crossing a street?

Wahoo REALLY needs to consider a stop light for the new highway by wanahoo intersection. That area seems to be even more concerning than the chestnut light.

## Comments from those who answered YES to Question 1.

Wahoo still has lots of traffic in our community. 5th & Chestnut needs to have a traffic light at that corner for safety and to send people to our downtown area.
We need at least one more on the intersection going to Colon Mead Fremont etc....I'm surprise there isn't more accidents four way stop signs just doesn't cut it
We not only need a stoplight on 5th and Chestnut we also need one by 1st and Chestnut instead of a 4 way stoplight.
We should grandfather it into the renovation.
Where are you going to cut off to make the 2 left turning lanes on Chestnut street? Also, where will the new pavement (improvements) start and where will it end? How far east on 12th street will the improvement go? Thanks
Wouldn't say stop light is needed but without the light I feel it would confuse drivers that are not mindful. I do suggest a light over by the armory 4 way section.. even though it isn't a four way, it needs to be! People think it is already, ive had countless times with drivers waiting on me to go when it's not a four way!!! So annoying!!!
You need a 4-way stop at the corner by Chip's & the Armory
I think the stop light is definitely needed. I don't think left turning lanes are necessary. Just replace the light and save the money.
The stop light is a need because of safety as well as it brings recognition to the city of Wahoo. The Veterans Memorial will just get driven past unnoticed as well as the downtown business areas that rely on drive up traffic as well as local traffic. We are for the most part a bedroom community and by taking this out it will cut down on possible traffic to the downtown businesses that are locally owned that rely on customers for everywhere to thrive.
If it ain't broke, don't fix it
I think that is the major intersection in Wahoo but for that cost we can live with out it. A 4 way stop would probably be just as fast
Thanks for solicing our input.
If it is not broken then why fix it
Since the amount of traffic is increasing in this area and street improvements are being made, I feel it is important for traffic regulation.
Safety is one of the reasons we pay taxes. Just saying.
It's an accident waiting to happen if it's removed. People are used to it. (Not just locals) Plenty of drivers do not pay attention and with a change like that, there is going to be trouble.
I think this should've been in the paper at 2 weeks before the meeting so that people had more time to do the survey. I know people who didn't even know about this. How are they suppose to answer the survey. Sounds like how everything is done in town and the county,just what the council wants.
Traffic would be backed up for blocks during harvest with trucks trying to access. And much safer for students going to school.

## Comments from those who answered NO to Question 1.

<p>A 4-way stop would be much more cost effective and get the same affect with a safe crossing for pedestrians. I would say the 4 way stop at the intersection of Chestnut and 1st street has worked well. Also, please don't put a round-a-bout in!</p>
<p>A round-about is not a solution as it's hard for semi's with long flat beds to get around. Perhaps stop signs on 5th street and flashing lights with pedestrian crosswalks on chestnut. Also, turning lanes on chestnut would be helpful for traffic control so one isn't waiting so long.</p>
<p>A stop light at the zesto intersection would make more sense than where it's currently located. I feel we do not need to replace the current light.</p>
<p>A stop light would be more useful by Chip's and/or Zesto.</p>
<p>A stoplight is no longer needed at this intersection. Now that highway traffic has been rerouted on the bypass the traffic volume has been greatly reduced and it seems it's much easier to make turns at the intersection without the need for a traffic light and the traffic study seems to suggest the same. I have some concern about the safety of pedestrians crossing Chestnut if there is no longer a light but I would think there are alternatives to a traffic light that could be explored that would provide the necessary safety measures for pedestrians without the need for a traffic light, e.g. flashing caution light, clearly marked crossway and signs, etc.</p>
<p>As working right by the stop light, at most times of day there is always a break in traffic for people to cross the road or intersection. I don't feel like we need a new traffic light at that intersection because the traffic flow has slowed down tremendously.</p>
<p>Before the bypass, this light was absolutely needed just to get a break in game-day traffic. Now, a pedestrian-operated red light is enough. Not with an extending arm going only half-way, but mounted on two cables crossing the entire street. Like used at school crosswalks.</p>
<p>Build a roundabout and skip the light</p>
<p>Chestnut going north/south should be no stopping, east/west have a stop sign. Left turn lane also necessary. Also 1st &amp; Chestnut same thing...</p>
<p>Complete waste of money since the four-lane went round town</p>
<p>Current design w/the turn lanes or a roundabout would serve just fine to handle the traffic. If pedestrian safety is a concern, make it a 4 way stop w/turn lanes. The 125k could be better used elsewhere in our city.</p>
<p>Did anyone think of a 4 way stop instead of a stop light</p>
<p>For one fourth the cheapest projected cost of replacing a light we could hire a full time crossing guard all year. If pedeatrian traffic is a concern the money would be better used pouring sidewalks along hackberry from the elementary school. This city does not represent the best interests of the people.</p>
<p>Get rid of that damned stop light</p>
<p>Have they done a traffic survey, does it warrant having a stop light? I think the corner of chestnut and 1st (I think it is 1st street) needs a stop more, too many people don't understand 4 way stops.</p>
<p>How about a roundabout?</p>
<p>I avoid that intersection as much as possible; turning one block north or south of the light in order to avoid having to waste my time sitting at it.</p>
<p>I believe that if the intersection is constructed appropriately enough to have a good flow of traffic, that a light is not necessary. If a turn lane and a device to make it safe for pedestrians are installed, I think that would suffice. We do not have the traffic coming through that we use to and I do not see many people backed up at the light anymore. There are many students that cross there during school months, so the safe pedestrian crossing is vital. If it is not possible to make it a safe intersection, like some of the others in town, then I believe we should have a light there.</p>

## Comments from those who answered NO to Question 1.

I don't believe we need a stop light there. With the bypass in place the traffic thru town does not warrant the need for one. The tax dollars could be used for something way more important and needed.

I don't feel we need a stop light but it's not due to cost. I believe the cost is reasonable.

I feel having to stop on chestnut street due to the light is more of an inconvenience than anything. I sit at that light often with no traffic coming from either direction on 5th Street. Our city needs a thoroughfare through town that does not require a stop. I've never gone to 5th Street just to cross chestnut due to the light and increased congestion. That kind of traffic flow hindering the ability to cross hardly exists. I often use 6th Street and 10th Street to cross without difficulty. The light is not needed.

I feel it has it's benefits but is not needed people can turn 1 block before I feel there is not enough traffic going east and west to have one I also think you need to do something about the 4 way stop that is a dangerous intersection cause everyone does not stop or they sit there forever not knowing when it's their to go.

I have always thought this stop light was useless. Please remove it it and save the money.

I have sat at this intersection watching paint dry- as there is not that much traffic anymore. Love the idea of turning lanes, should've had those for the last 20 yrs.

I originally thought it would be nice to have a stop light at 5th & Chestnut simply to help maintain a safe intersection but then it occurred to me how incredibly unsafe and difficult to manage the new 4 lane intersections are and it hit me that if we are supposed to be able to handle those high speed intersections safely then it's probably ok to live without a light on 5th & Chestnut.

I purposely avoid 5th and Chestnut because it seems I have to wait longer for the stop light than crossing Chestnut at other intersections.

I spend too much time sitting at this stoplight waiting for nonexistent traffic now. Since the highway has been routed around town we do not need this light.

I think a 4 way stop would accomplish the same goals I have seen on the Facebook post. Slow traffic along with making safe for pedestrians.

I think a more important intersection to see a stop light would be 1st and Chestnut. It always seems hectic there and people aren't certain how a 4 way stop works. If not a stop light just a better method of traffic control than what is in place now.

I think if we have north and south turning lanes that would be sufficient

I think stop signs at East and West would be fine with caution blinking light for pedestrians.

I think that there should be one on 15th and chestnut by chips restaurant.

I think the bypass has reduced the traffic thru town enough that adding turning lanes to the intersection would solve traffic flow issues at that intersection making a stoplight unnecessary.

I think we need the stop light at lake Wanahoo & Hey 92! It's very hard to cross there!

I will send an email c.f.

I'd rather the money go towards widening the highway heading north out of town from Omaha steel to the flashing lights.

If no stoplight is installed then there needs to be a 4 way stop or something to slow/control traffic. Semis roar down 5th, people would just blow through north and south. Also, I would suggest 4 way stops downtown. Backing out and getting into traffic is difficult with the speeds people travel through downtown - complicated by high profile vehicles so you cannot see when backing out. Skip the light and expense but exercise some control to enhance safety.

If the City decides to keep the stop light it needs a traffic eye to turn it green, Red as you sit to long going east and west with no north south traffic coming.

## Comments from those who answered NO to Question 1.

If the highway experts hired by the city say a traffic light isn't needed, and if the reconfiguration of the new roadway includes turn lanes that make the process safer, I say do without the lights. The added costs of putting in a traffic light -- and I hear figures reaching \$100,000 -- seem to make it unnecessary and unfeasible. Also, the cost and upkeep will be borne by us alone, as Chestnut is no longer a federal artery. Too many laymen just assume that putting in traffic lights automatically equals safety, but that's not always true. All us taxpayers would cry murder, as we should, if the city wastes money on a boondoggle. But this may be a case where the city wants to safely save money, and instead, taxpayers may be rashly demanding that money be wasted.

It doesn't sound like traffic study necessitates the stoplight, so I'd vote not to replace it as part of the downtown project, but I don't have strong feelings about the project, and if others want one bad enough, then I'm not going to be bent out of shape about it. Thanks for conducting this survey as a way of taking the pulse of the community and making it accessible and visible. I appreciate that outreach. I do hope, however, that the advice of those who conducted the traffic study will weigh foremost in the minds of those making the decision. Thanks again.

It has to be one of the strangest stop lights in NE

John Anderson is the greatest thing to ever roll through Wahoo.

Left turn lanes are more important than a stop light at that intersection.

Like your survey indicated I don't think you have enough traffic to warrant a light there

Make east and west stop with North and south thru traffic

MAKE WAHOO GREAT AGAIN. Also wahoo needs a taco stand.

Money spent on an unnecessary stoplight is money that will not be spent on other improvements. It is no longer needed so please do not replace it.

No light needed anymore. Traffic is way less and none of the others have lights. I sure hope they don't make it a 4 way stop!

No stop light. Traffic isn't bad. Cmon

Not enough traffic

Nothing to do with the stop light but a community fountain would be provide a nice accent to the redesign!

Paying this much for a light is a ridiculous use of taxpayer money. Use the courthouse as a landmark for travelers. As for pedestrian safety, more people cross safely at Sunmart and the trail than 5th St.

Personally I would rather see a stop light instead of the 4-way stop on Chestnut south of the light.

Please share pro and anti stop light comments when available.

Please, do not consider a roundabout!

Plenty of places to cross the street besides that one spot. No need for the cost. Spend money on youth programs rather than a light

Put new stop lights by the lake those intersections are dangerous

Save the money.

scrap the stoplight, put the money to better use by fixing the city and residential streets which are in disrepair.

That light used to be necessary when the highway was through there. There isn't enough traffic to require it now. Money better spent at 15th and Chestnut perhaps for school traffic

That stop light is more of a safety problem and needs to be removed. I can't believe that the city council would even consider keeping this!

The cost isn't an issue for me. I just think that the light is not necessary and I find it more annoying than useful.

## Comments from those who answered NO to Question 1.

The estimate seems like a lot of money for a stop light. But I also agree that it is kind of an icon in the community. As far as the pedestrian traffic goes, I am not sure there is enough at that intersection to justify the light. Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this survey!

The highway no longer runs through town, there is no longer a need for a stop light at this intersection.

The only need I see to that light would be for foot traffic, and many times, people on foot would get across the street faster if they were not waiting on the light.

The stoplight seems unnecessary! Get rid of it! Thanks :)

There isn't that much traffic to need a stop light. If you are worried about traffic a 4 way stop would be better than a light.

This light should have been removed as soon as the bypass was completed.

This stop light is pointless. I'm a delivery driver at the local Pizza Hut and I know from a lot of experience that the light stops traffic when there is no need. I have been stuck at the light that just turned red for no traffic at all coming down 5th street. The traffic coming too and from fifth street does not warrant a new light and truthfully speaking the only reason I turn on fifth street is to avoid waiting at the red light. Many others do this as well. All in all why put in a new light when people are only going to turn to avoid it anyways.

Two stop signs on the west & east entrances will be enough for this corner. Also, I suggest a roundabout for the 1st & Chestnut corner. The 4-way stop signs are not working well.

Very heavily tilted survey towards spending yet more money on a useless stoplight. Don't trust the results of your so-called survey. It might be worth consulting someone independent of your good ole boy system in Wahoo.

Wahoo doesn't have the same traffic that it once did especially on Husker game days because of the bypass. If left turn lanes and crosswalks are constructed that should be all that is needed.

We do not need a stop light at 5th and Chestnut and it is very questionable if we need turn lanes. The turn lanes would allow better traffic flow but: They are not worth the cost They will be disruptive to pedestrian crossings They will increase vehicle speed on Chestnut

We navigate the same intersection at 4th & 6th Street, wa already manage the exact same traffic without a light. Spend the money on a giant Wahoo / arrow sign or just put in a round about

We need a stoplight by the bypass crossing (near the school) it is so dangerous crossing

Why not put in a 4-way stop if there is a concern about safety.

With the planned additions to widening Chestnut St at this location for turning traffic, it eliminates the need for a stop light. The bypass outside of town has cut down a lot of the extra traffic. I drive these roads a lot of the time during varying hours and I see little foot traffic actually crossing these roads. For safety reasons I would still recommend putting up a flashing light for pedestrians in crossing areas.

Without seeing traffic numbers and directional travel numbers, I would suggest stop traffic on 5th and leave Chestnut open or a four way stop.

A 4-way stop would be much more cost effective and get the same affect with a safe crossing for pedestrians. I would say the 4 way stop at the intersection of Chestnut and 1st street has worked well. Also, please don't put a round-a-bout in!

Chestnut going north/south should be no stopping, east/west have a stop sign. Left turn lane also necessary. Also 1st & Chestnut same thing...

I spend too much time sitting at this stoplight waiting for nonexistent traffic now. Since the highway has been routed around town we do not need this light

No stoplight please!

I don't think we need a stop light. We do need something in place to keep pedestrians safe when crossing.

## Comments from those who answered NO to Question 1.

As long as we widen the street and have a turning lane I do not believe a stop light is needed. If we do not have a turning lane I believe we need a stop light.

As someone who lives outside of Wahoo, I am far less likely to choose to drive through town and shop at local businesses if I have to stop at unnecessary stoplights. Street names and other landmarks can be used for giving directions.

Need some kind of control for occasional heavy traffic days and safe pedestrian crossing. It appears we still get a lot of traffic and the light gives the break for safe crossing all along chestnut



## Other Comments - Facebook, in person, via email

<b>In person</b>
Please keep the stop light in place at 5th & Chestnut. I depend on it when I do business at the Court House, or have to cross Chestnut Street on foot to vote. (generated by editorial in newspaper)
<b>On Facebook</b>
I drive in this intersection quite often at varying times of day. With the opening of the bypass, there has been much less traffic flowing through this area. (as anyone should've expected). Taking a left heading north/south at the stop light can cause serious backups at peak times. With the plan to widen this area to allow for center turning lanes, we enable people to flow right through without being majorly held up. If people are worried about pedestrian traffic, a flashing signal with CLEARLY painted white lines should be enough to allow for safe crossing. I personally do not see a ton of foot traffic crossing this portion of Chestnut St.... Everything I said here is personal opinion, so if you want actual traffic data you're going to have to contact the city. :) Edit** I did complete the actual survey for survey statistics, etc.
I live near the light. I'm all for saving money, but this area can be dangerous for pedestrians. We utilize the light to cross quite often. Without a light, this straight away could cause drivers to speed through the area at higher than posting speeds. A flashing light will likely not slow people down. Also, the light gives drivers pause to see our downtown and vet memorial. Without stopping, money could simply drive right by.
A roundabout with a pedestrian crossing light (additional conversations about the feasibility of roundabouts in small towns, rural America, and just in general.)
Put in 4 way stop signs (additional conversations about the effectiveness and use of 4-way stops)
Lived here my whole life. Never seen a problem. And as long as you use common driving logic and know-how, it will probably continue to be problem-free. The only people I see with problems at that intersection are teenagers and impatient people
Street shoulda been 4 lane for the last 60 plus years. . Now a race to do something. . Since they are gonna have to move sewers, etc. plan for next 50 years not 5. . Move things wide now. . Go light was definitely needed back on football Saturdays, now optional.
Could use a left turn signal. Not everyone uses turn signals so you never are sure if someone is going straight or turning.
It's no longer needed with the bypass, it's just become a pain. I say no light.
Flashing yellow East north to south and red East to west would probably suffice.
pedestrian operated red light for crossing the street like they have by school zones.
I like forcing drivers to slow down and stop. People can get a little gas peddle pushing crazy!
We need a pedestrian only lights. I had brought this up at one of the Chestnut Street committee meetings that I was a part of. I believe we need a pedestrian operated signal to stop traffic for pedestrians to cross Chestnut at 5th street. This is a major intersection with the Courthouse, Veterans Memorial and gateway to downtown. With the plan of adding turning lanes I would eliminate the vehicle traffic light. We need to keep safety in forefront at this busy intersection.
People have been crossing Chestnut all over town with no light and no problems for years. I don't see anyone going from other parts of town and crossing at the light to get down town.
Leave the light alone . more people will pay attention and may visit the war memorial.
Nooooo!! You can't get rid of the only stop light in Saunders County!!!
Keep the LIGHT!!! This is the only safe crossing for kids to cross on the way to the park, pool and downtown stores.

## Other Comments - Facebook, in person, via email

Five blocks to the south there is a four way stop that seems to work just fine. I would imagine traffic flow is just as heavy if not heavier at the four way with it being an entrance to town and one of the two schools in town being close. Seems like the city could save a lot of money that way and still keep safety a priority.

Keep the light. Its dangerous for pedestrians to cross there and without the light it would be hazardous for everyone.

Once a business moves to the highway a few will follow. That traffic light will be obsolete in a few years.

Keep the light for the safety of the elderly doing business at the courthouse & the kids that cross, there are MANY mostly in the summer-also it is good for out of town traffic to slow down & possibly support some of our businesses

Leave it alone

There are more reasons to keep it than get rid of it. The 4 way south of town is an accident waiting to happen . Traffic turning to head west never stops. I think we need more lights. One on the bypass heading to Cedar would be wonderful

Leave the way it is

### **Via email**

I am in favor of removing the traffic light and not replacing it. Traffic counts don't warrant a light and if left turn lanes are utilized it will remove any congestion.