

The Rumor Mill Vol. 11

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What is the Rumor Mill?

In an effort to enhance communication between the City of Elgin and our citizens, from time to time, we will update with topics that will hopefully clarify and address some of the more well-known rumors that may be out in our community.



Rumor of the Day: Traffic lights at the corner of Walmart

Why doesn't anyone do anything about the (traffic) lights at the corner of Walmart? The lines are ridiculous, and the timing is terrible.

The traffic lights as described are under the exclusive jurisdiction and control of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). In fact, all nine traffic signals that currently exist in the City of Elgin are owned, operated, maintained, and under the legal jurisdiction of TxDOT.

As such, the City of Elgin has no control over the operation, timing, or construction of any traffic signals at this time.

Plans are currently being developed for two additional traffic signals to be added to the HWY290 corridor (at the intersections of Swenson Blvd. and Roy Rivers Blvd.). Those signals will also be owned and operated by TxDOT.

As to the placement, timing, and operation of all traffic signals, TxDOT is compelled to conform to the requirements of the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, which requires

traffic engineers to carefully evaluate the number of vehicles and pedestrians that use the intersection. They also consider the layout of the intersection, development in the area, delays experienced by motorists during peak hours, average vehicle speeds, future road construction plans, and the number and types of traffic crashes recorded.

The City's local TxDOT district offices (in both Bastrop and Travis counties) have conducted the necessary engineering and traffic studies of each signal location; and operate/maintain them as required under the law.

Have you heard a rumor you would like the city to address? If so, contact City Secretary Jennifer Stubbs at jstubbs@ci.elgin.tx.us.

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