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MEMORANDUM

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To: Site Plan and Traffic Advisory Committee

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Subject: Resolution for Directing Traffic Control Signage
Balcerzak Drive and Pohl Road Intersection

Engineering staff recommend installing supplemental left side STOP (R1-1) signs on the 40 mph approaches of Balcerzak Drive at the intersection of Pohl Road. The signs will be mounted on an additional support to ensure proper placement and visibility.



R1-1

This recommendation responds to a citizen concern about intersection and pedestrian safety. A review of crash history indicates an ongoing concentration of right-angle crashes associated with the higher speed, stop-controlled movements on Balcerzak Drive's multilane approach. A supplemental left-side STOP sign will improve visibility of the STOP control condition across all approach lanes and reinforce driver expectancy, consistent with MUTCD and FHWA guidance for enhanced signing at stop-controlled intersections.

These supplemental stop signs are being paired with enhanced "zebra style" crosswalks to further enhance visibility and safety in the summer of 2026. In the long term, the Balcerzak Drive Corridor Study recommends significant changes to the intersection that includes a single approach lane and reconfiguration of the existing intersection to a roundabout to improve safety and operations.