

# Some drivers concerned over new Holyoke traffic light

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HOLYOKE, MA (WGGB/WSHM) - Social media posts that indicated people are concerned about the new traffic light up and running on Route 202 in Holyoke recently caught our attention.

“So far, so good. We drove through there this past weekend and it was functioning and it was kind of a pain to take a left out of there previously. Traffic was hard to see,” said Brendon O’Leary of Easthampton.

Both O’Leary and Donald Snyder of Westfield believe the new traffic light on Apremont Highway, near Holyoke Water Works, is an excellent addition, especially for those coming from the Rock Valley area of the Paper City.

“You can actually wait for the light, instead of having to try and pull out and see people go fast in that road,” O’Leary added.

“I often have to try to pull in there and pull out and, certainly for the people that are living there, it’s a necessity,” Snyder said.

However, Western Mass News saw some concerns from people who posted on social media that asked drivers to use caution when approaching the light since many may not be expecting to stop there.

“I hope they keep signs up showing that you’re approaching the light because when you’re coming up hill, you’re almost on it before you see it,” Snyder added.

Snyder told us it’s possible drivers may fly right through the new light since there is a lot of speeding on the road. However, once drivers get used to the new stop light, he thinks it will make the area much safer for drivers.

“Beside the road, you see different symbols that people have put up where there have been not only accidents, but fatalities and I think that will help it,” Snyder noted.

Western Mass News did reach out to the City of Holyoke and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation for comment, but we have not yet heard back.