



TRANSPORTATION & PARKING COMMISSION

MEETING AGENDA

Date: October 12, 2022
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers – Village Hall
801 Burlington Avenue

- I. Call To Order
 - II. Roll Call
 - III. Approval of June 8, 2022 Meeting Minutes
 - IV. Public Comments – General Topics or Issues NOT on Tonight’s Agenda
 - V. New Business
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1. File # 11-22 Randall St at Washington St and at Lyman Av – Intersection Control

Action Requested: Discussion and Recommendation to Council

Description: Staff is initiating this request, in response to a Traffic Calming Petition received for the intersection of Randall Street at Washington Street and staff analysis for the intersection of Randall Street at Lyman Avenue. A staff report has been prepared and letters were distributed to residents in this neighborhood notifying them of the discussion. Staff is recommending a change in intersection control to an All-Way stop at both locations. A recommendation to the Village Council is requested.

2. File # 12-22 Lincoln St at Washington St, Lincoln St at Highland Av, and Highland Av at Chicago Av – Intersection Control

Action Requested: Discussion and Recommendation to Council

Description: Staff is initiating this request, in response to a Traffic Calming Petition received for the intersection of Lincoln Street at Washington Street and resident inquiries for the intersections of Lincoln Street at Highland Avenue and at Highland Avenue at Chicago Avenue. A staff report has been prepared and letters were distributed to residents in this neighborhood notifying them of the discussion. Staff is recommending a change in intersection control to an All-Way stop at all three locations. A recommendation to the Village Council is requested.

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- VI. Old Business
 - VII. Communications
 - VIII. Adjourn
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This is a tentative regular meeting agenda that is subject to change.

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TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMISSION
Minutes – June 8, 2022
Council Chambers – Village Hall
801 Burlington Avenue, Downers Grove

Commissioner Novak called the June 8, 2022 meeting of the Transportation and Parking Commission to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Novak, Lincoln, O’Malley, Shiliga

Absent: Chairman Carter, Commissioners Heverin, McDonough

Staff: Public Works Director Andy Sikich, Transportation Manager Mike Tuman, and CSO Supervisor Jim Hartleb

Visitor Roster: Bob Miciunas, Donna Miciunas, Kristine Lehocki, Shaun Leehocki, Robert Sipek Jr., Nick roth, Dan Palace, William Sanders, Chris White,, Fran Kubes, Shelia Beine, Jenny Hynek, Morgan Watts, Danielle Rios

A quorum was established.

Commissioner Novak reviewed the procedures to be followed for the meeting, explaining that the Commission will forward a recommendation to the Village Council for approval.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 13, 2022 MINUTES

COMMISSIONER LINCOLN MOVED TO ACCEPT MEETING MINUTES WITH CORRECTION TO TWO SPELLING ERRORS. COMMISSIONER SHILIGA SECONDED THE MOTION.

ALL IN FAVOR. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE 4:0.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No public comment on non-agenda items.

File #8-22 Franklin Street at Elm Street and at Washington Street - Intersection Control

Public Works Transportation Manager Mike Tuman presented information regarding this item. Both intersections are two-way stop controlled. Residents have petitioned and inquired about changing to All-Way stops at both intersections due to park activity, increased pedestrian traffic, right-of-way confusion, and sight distance concerns.

Staff reviewed current operations, traffic data, and crash reports for this area. Since the time of neighborhood traffic study #4 in 2014, there appears to have been an increase in pedestrian

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activity. The entrance to Washington Park is located in the northwest quadrant of the Franklin Street at Elm Street intersection and there is a school crosswalk installed on the north leg of the intersection of Franklin Street and Washington Street.

Six resident responses received by staff based upon notification letters and/or posting of the agenda were all in favor of staff recommended changes.

Staff Recommendation

- Change to an All-Way stop at the intersections of Franklin Street at Elm Street, and Franklin Street at Washington Street.
- The Commission is asked to provide a recommendation to the Village Council.

COMMISSIONER NOVAK OPENED UP THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

PUBLIC COMMENT ON FILE #8-22

Angela Hasten of the corner of Franklin and Washington:

- In favor of proposed change. Concerned about confusion of right-of-way and pedestrians.

Dan Palace of 819 Franklin:

- In favor of proposed change. Requested refreshment of pavement markings.

Robert Sipek Jr of 4831 Elm St:

- In favor of proposed change. Concerned about pedestrian safety and sight distance.

COMMISSIONER NOVAK CLOSED THE PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMISSIONER NOVAK OPENED DISCUSSION AMONGST THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Lincoln: Asked about the distance to the nearest school, which is three blocks.

Commissioner O'Malley: In support of proposed change due to pedestrian visibility concerns.

Commissioner Shiliga: Asked about the re-striping program. Staff confirmed there is an annual program to complete this activity by snow plow route.

Mr. Novak called for a motion.

WITH RESPECT TO FILE #8-22, MR. SHILIGA MOVED TO MAKE A MOTION TO FOLLOW STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO CHANGE TO AN ALL-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF FRANKLIN STREET AT ELM STREET, AND FRANKLIN STREET AT WASHINGTON STREET. SECONDED BY MR. LINCOLN.

IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS: NOVAK, LINCOLN, O'MALLEY, SHILIGA

NOT IN FAVOR:

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THE MOTION PASSED 4:0.

File #9-22 Lyman Avenue at Kenyon Street - Intersection Control

Public Works Transportation Manager Mike Tuman presented information regarding this item. Lyman Avenue and Kenyon Street is currently an uncontrolled intersection. Neighborhood traffic patterns have changed as a result of recent construction on 55th St.

Staff reviewed the current operations of the intersection and noted the inconsistency in neighborhood traffic control for the intersections along Kenyon Street at Webster Street, Washington Street and Lyman Avenue.

No resident responses were received by staff based upon notification letters and/or posting of the agenda.

Staff Recommendation

- Change to an All-Way stop at the intersection of Lyman Avenue at Kenyon Street.
- The Commission is asked to provide a recommendation to the Village Council.

COMMISSIONER NOVAK OPENED UP THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

PUBLIC COMMENT ON FILE #9-22

Shelia Beine of 5549 Lyman

- In favor of the proposed change for safety of children and sight concerns due to hills.

Fran Kubes of 5538 Lyman

- In favor of the proposed change for neighborhood safety of children.

COMMISSIONER NOVAK CLOSED THE PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMISSIONER NOVAK OPENED DISCUSSION AMONGST THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Shiliga: Asked if staff could review warning signs for hills. Staff agreed to review sight distance.

Commissioner Lincoln: No comment

Commissioner O'Malley: Asked for advance warning signs for new stop signs once installed. Staff confirmed it is usual practice to do so.

Commissioner Novak: Asked for confirmation that warning signs for hills do not need TaP action. Staff confirmed that they do not require TaP action.

Mr. Novak called for a motion.

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WITH RESPECT TO FILE #9-22, MR. SHILIGA MOVED TO MAKE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND TO FOLLOW STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO CHANGE TO AN ALL-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF LYMAN AVENUE AT KENYON STREET. SECONDED BY MS. O'MALLEY.

IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS: NOVAK, LINCOLN, O'MALLEY, SHILIGA.

NOT IN FAVOR:

THE MOTION PASSED 4:0.

File #10-22 Grant Street at Douglas Road - Intersection Control

Public Works Transportation Manager Mike Tuman presented information regarding this item. Grant Street traffic is currently uncontrolled at the intersection of Douglas Road. Douglas Road does have stop signs to control the north-south traffic. Residents have requested that this location be converted to an All-Way stop.

Staff reviewed the current operations of the intersection and noted issues related to confusion regarding right-of-way, increased pedestrian and bike activity, and a designated bike route utilizing this intersection.

Thirty-five resident responses were received by staff based upon notification letters and/or posting of the agenda. Thirty-four were in favor of the proposed change and one was opposed.

Staff Recommendation

- Change to an All-Way stop at the intersection of Grant and Douglas Road.
- The Commission is asked to provide a recommendation to the Village Council.

COMMISSIONER NOVAK OPENED UP THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

PUBLIC COMMENT ON FILE #10-22

Danielle Rios of 630 Grant:

- In favor of change for pedestrian safety.

Jenny Hynek of 502 Grant:

- In favor of the proposed change due to confusion about right-of-way and safety of children.

Morgan Watts of 538 Grant:

- In favor of the proposed change for pedestrian safety and school children crossing.

Bob Miciunas of 409 Grant:

Opposed to proposed change. Understands safety concerns for children, but believes driver responsibility and enforcement should be the focus rather than additional signage.

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Donna Miciunas of 409 Grant:

Opposed to the proposed change. Understand safety concerns, but believes drivers should follow the existing traffic control measures already in place.

COMMISSIONER NOVAK CLOSED THE PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMISSIONER NOVAK OPENED DISCUSSION AMONGST THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Lincoln: Asked if the 35 emails received followed the similar theme of public comments received. Staff confirmed that they did.

Commissioner Shiliga: No comment.

Commissioner O'Malley: In favor of proposed change to make this a pedestrian friendly community and for safe walking routes to school.

Commissioner Novak: In favor of proposed change due to pedestrian and school walking route issues presented. Understands driver accountability and responsibility concerns. Asked about the proliferation of stop signs at intersections.

Mr. Sikich responded that each location is evaluated on its own merits and not all intersections are recommended for stop sign installations.

Mr. Novak called for a motion.

WITH RESPECT TO FILE #10-22, MR. SHILIGA MOVED TO MAKE A MOTION TO FOLLOW STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR AN ALL-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF GRANT STREET AND DOUGLAS ROAD. SECONDED BY MR. LINCOLN.

IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS: NOVAK, LINCOLN, O'MALLEY, SHILIGA.

NOT IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS:

THE MOTION PASSED 4:0.

DISCUSSION OF OLD BUSINESS

No old business at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS

No communications at this time.

MR SHILIGA MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MR. LINCOLN SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR.

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Commissioner Novak adjourned the meeting at 7:58 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Andrea Banke
Recording Secretary



VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
REPORT FOR THE TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMISSION
OCTOBER 12, 2022 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	SUBMITTED BY:
File #11-22 Randall Street at Washington Street and at Lyman Avenue - Intersection Control	Mike Tuman Transportation Manager

BACKGROUND

A Traffic Calming Petition Form was received regarding Randall Street at Washington Street which resulted in staff analysis regarding Randall Street at Lyman Avenue. The concern at both locations is related to the right-of-way between motorists and pedestrians, especially due to the amount of children and pedestrians using the crossings to access the neighborhood schools and parks.

The recommendation is to change to an All-Way stop at both locations.

ANALYSIS

The intersection of Randall Street and Washington Street is currently two-way stop controlled on Randall. Washington Street is not required to yield or stop at this location. There is a school crosswalk installed on the north leg of this intersection.

The intersection of Randall Street and Lyman Avenue is currently two-way stop controlled on Randall. Lyman Avenue is not required to yield or stop at this location.

This neighborhood was previously included in Neighborhood Traffic Study #1 in 2011.

Staff reviewed the current operations, traffic data and crash reports for this area. Since the time of the neighborhood traffic study, there appears to have been an increase in pedestrian activity and traffic patterns have changed due to the improvements on 55th Street which included turn restrictions at the intersections of Webster Street and Washington Street. Traffic volumes have increased on Randall Street and Lyman Avenue and decreased on Washington Street from the time of the neighborhood study.

The proposed change in intersection control to All-Way stops for both intersections is consistent with the goals of the Village for positive driver feedback and improved operations for all users.

This change would address the confusion regarding right-of-way for the typical user of the crossings which includes a high percentage of children utilizing the designated school crossing on Washington Street and travelling to the local schools and parks.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends a change to an All-Way stop at the intersections of Randall Street at Washington Street and Randall Street at Lyman Avenue. The Commission is asked to provide a recommendation to the Village Council.



VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
REPORT FOR THE TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMISSION
OCTOBER 12, 2022 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	SUBMITTED BY:
File #12-22 Lincoln Street at Washington Street, Lincoln Street at Highland Avenue, and Highland Avenue at Chicago Avenue - Intersection Control	Mike Tuman Transportation Manager

BACKGROUND

A Traffic Calming Petition Form was received regarding Lincoln Street at Washington Street and resident inquiries were received regarding Lincoln Street at Highland Avenue and Highland Avenue at Chicago Avenue. The concern at all locations is related to confusion on the right-of-way between vehicles or between vehicles and pedestrians, especially due to the amount of children and pedestrians using the crossings to access the neighborhood schools.

The request is to change to an All-Way stop at all locations.

ANALYSIS

Lincoln Street at Washington Street:

The intersection of Lincoln Street and Washington Street is currently two-way stop controlled on Lincoln. Washington Street is not required to yield or stop at this location. There is a pedestrian crosswalk installed on the north leg of this intersection.

The volume on Washington Street is typically 2000 vehicles per day and there are significant numbers of children and pedestrians attempting to cross at this location to access both Downers Grove North and Herrick Middle School.

Lincoln Street at Highland Avenue:

The intersection of Lincoln Street and Highland Avenue is currently two-way stop controlled on Lincoln. Highland Avenue is not required to yield or stop at this location.

There are sight distance concerns due to mature trees limiting visibility for the east-west through vehicles. The concentration of children crossing this intersection is higher than at Lincoln Street and Washington Street due to the proximity to the schools. There have been two crashes in the last five years at this intersection attributable to confusion related to the right-of-way.

Highland Avenue at Chicago Avenue:

The intersection of Highland Avenue and Chicago Avenue is currently two-way stop controlled on Highland. Chicago Avenue is not required to yield or stop at this location. The volumes at this intersection are fairly balanced which contributes to confusion related to right-of-way based upon driver expectancy. There have been ten crashes in the last five years at this intersection attributable to confusion of right-of-way.

This neighborhood was previously included in Neighborhood Traffic Study #4 in 2015.

Staff reviewed the current operations, traffic data and crash reports for this area. Since the time of the neighborhood traffic study, there appears to have been an increase in pedestrian activity which is consistent throughout the area after the pandemic of 2020. The number of crashes occurring at the intersection of Highland Avenue and Chicago Avenue is higher than the other intersections studied for this report.

The proposed change in intersection control to All-Way stops for all of these intersections is consistent with the goals of the Village for positive driver feedback and improved operations for all users.

This change would address the confusion regarding right-of-way for the typical user of the intersections and address concerns related to pedestrian and vehicle safety.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends a change to an All-Way stop at the intersections of Lincoln Street at Washington Street, Lincoln Street at Highland Avenue, and Highland Avenue at Chicago Avenue. The Commission is asked to provide a recommendation to the Village Council.