

**VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE**  
**REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL WORKSHOP**  
**AUGUST 14, 2007 AGENDA**

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
Grant Street and Seeley Avenue Intersection Controls and Parking Restrictions on Grant Street	✓ Resolution Ordinance Motion Discussion Only	Robin A. Weaver Interim Director of Public Works

**SYNOPSIS**

An ordinance has been requested to:

- Upgrade the intersection of Grant Avenue at Seeley Avenue from a two-way to a four-way stop-sign controlled intersection
- Place “No Parking” restrictions on the north side of Grant Avenue, from Oakwood Avenue to Seeley Avenue

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT**

The Vision for 2021 identified *Unique Neighborhoods*. A supporting objective of this statement is *Top Quality Infrastructure Tailored to Each Neighborhood*.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

N/A.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approval on the August 21, 2007 active agenda.

**BACKGROUND**

Concerned parents brought up concerns regarding pedestrian safety on Grant Street near Pierce Downer School. Public Works staff collected pedestrian and vehicular counts, conducted the analysis for a school crossing guard and looked at parking restrictions along the drop-off area on Grant Street. Based on the data collected, staff determined there was sufficient vehicular and pedestrian volume to require the following:

- A school crossing guard at the intersection of Grant and Seeley
- Parking modifications along the drop-off area by the school
- A four-way stop control intersection

The designated pick-up/drop-off area along the north side of Grant Street is used both for child pick-up/drop-offs and extended vehicular parking. Motorists park for extended periods there, causing vehicular back-ups, congestion and unsafe crossing conditions at the Oakwood Avenue and Grant Avenue intersection. Staff is proposing a “No Parking” restriction between 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. within this drop-off area to both expedite the drop-off activity and maintain effective traffic flow at the Oakwood Avenue and Grant Avenue intersection. Additionally, staff has determined that a change from two-way stop control intersection to a four-way stop is necessary to increase pedestrian safety.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Parking & Traffic Commission minutes, June 13, 2007

CADD Exhibit

Ordinance

Pierce Downer School Crossing Guard - Warrant Calculations

**Village of Downers Grove  
Parking & Traffic Commission  
June 13, 2007 Meeting**

**File #15-07 Grant at Seeley Intersection - Stop Sign and School Crossing Guard Warrant.** **Chairman Johnson** briefly reviewed the request for this matter noting the warrant met the requirements for a four-way stop sign as well as providing a trained crossing guard. **Mr. Millette** stated the matter was timely in that it was ahead of the budget cycle.

Per **Chairman Johnson's** question, **Officer Sembach** explained staffing of a crossing guard was still an issue and the department was two crossing guards short.

**Mr. Alex Ghanayen**, 4424 Seeley Avenue, was pleased the criteria met the requirements for the stop signs, since he sees one to two children injured per week at Loyola Hospital when the school year ends to the first month the school year begins. He cited a previous child's fatality some years earlier.

**Chairman Johnson** noted that staff was recommending additional signage for controlled parking on Grant Street. He entertained a motion.

**COMMISSIONER KREN MADE A MOTION TO FORWARD TO THE VILLAGE COUNCIL THAT 1) A TWO-WAY STOP BE UPGRADED TO AN ALL-WAY STOP CONTROL AT GRANT AND SEELEY AVENUE INTERSECTION, WITH THE INSTALLATION OF STOP SIGNS ON BOTH APPROACHES OF SEELEY AVENUE; 2) A POLICE-TRAINED CROSSING GUARD BE INSTITUTED AT THE INTERSECTION OF GRANT STREET AND SEELEY AVENUE; AND 3) THAT DELINEATION TAKE PLACE FOR THE DROP-OFF/PICK-UP ZONE ON THE NORTH SIDE OF GRANT STREET BETWEEN OAKWOOD AVENUE AND SEELEY AVENUE WITH "NO PARKING 8-9 A.M. AND 2-3 P.M. EXCEPT WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS" SIGNAGE.**

**COMMISSIONER STAPLETON SECONDED THE MOTION.**

Per questions on points 2 and 3 of staff's report, Mr. Millette would follow-up.

**Mr. Alex Ghanayen**, 4424 Seeley Avenue, asked whether a volunteer parents group existed to serve as crossing guards or the possibility to establish one. **Officer Sembach** stated there was not. Discussion followed that parents volunteered at St. Mary's School and other private schools but that liability was a concern, as stated by **Mr. Kren**.

**Chairman Johnson** referenced a number of emails were received on this topic.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYE: MR. CARLQUIST, MR. KREN, MR. STAPLETON, MR. THURSTON, MR. YEKSIGIAN, CHAIRMAN JOHNSON**

**NAY: NONE**

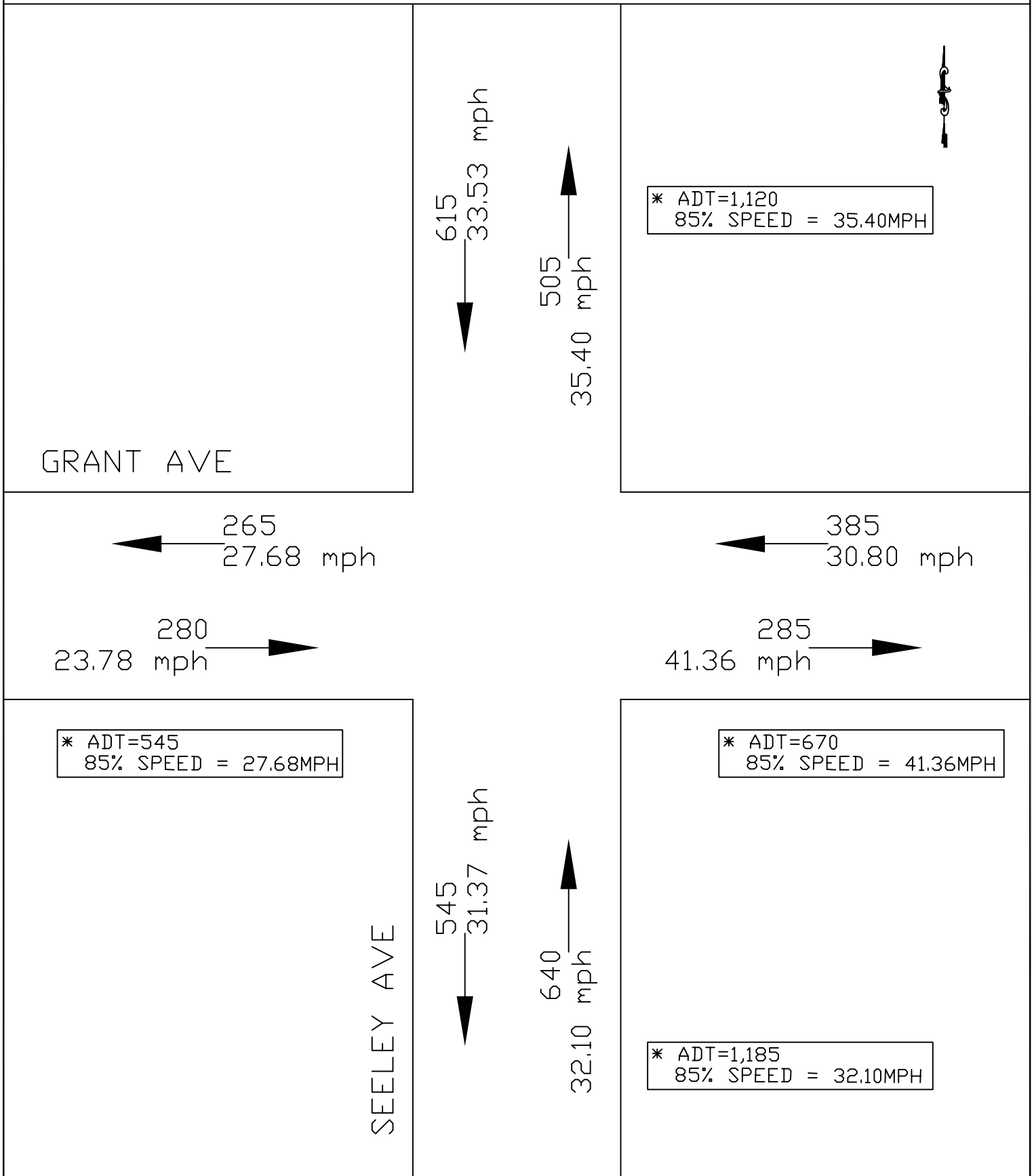
**MOTION CARRIED. VOTE: 6-0**

# GRANT AVE & SEELEY AVE

## ADT DIAGRAM

### P & T FILE #15-07

EXHIBIT 1



ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TRAFFIC REGULATIONS  
AT GRANT AND SEELEY**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove in DuPage County, Illinois, as follows: (Additions are indicated by shading/underline; deletions by ~~strikeout~~):

**Section 1. That Section 14.80.1. is hereby amended to read as follows:**

**14.80.1. Four-way stop signs.**

There shall be erected in conspicuous places at the following intersections signs lettered with the words "4-Way Stop", which signs shall be so located as to direct all traffic to come to a full stop before proceeding into the intersection:

\* \* \*

Grant Street and Seeley Avenue.

\* \* \*

**Section 2. That Section 14.104.11. is hereby amended to read as follows:**

**14.104.11. Same-Between 7:00 A.M. and 9:00 A.M., 2:00 P.M. and 3:00 P.M. except weekends and legal holidays.**

No person shall stop or let stand any automobile, motor vehicle or other vehicle, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. or between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m., except on weekends or legal holidays, in the following location:

Grant Street, on the north side, between Oakwood Avenue and Seeley Avenue.

*Indianapolis Avenue*, on the south side, between Fairview Avenue and Florence Avenue.

*Parkview Drive*, on the south side from Fairmount Avenue to a point three hundred thirty-five feet south and east of the east line of Fairmount.

**Section 3. That Section 14.80 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

**14.80 Isolated stop signs.**

There shall be erected in conspicuous places as hereinafter designated, signs lettered with the word "Stop", which signs shall be so located as to direct vehicular traffic on the specified streets to come to a full stop before proceeding into or across the intersecting streets:

\* \* \*

~~\_\_\_\_\_ Grant Street. At the northeast and southwest corners of the intersection of Grant Street and Seeley Avenue, to direct traffic proceeding westerly or easterly on Grant Street to come to a full stop before proceeding into or across Seeley Avenue.~~

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Grant @ Seeley

**Section 4.** That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**Section 5.** That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication in the manner provided by law.

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Mayor

Passed:

Published:

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Village Clerk

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**Village of Downers Grove  
Public Works Department**

**Vehicle Entering Counts - PIERCE DOWNER SCHOOL**

Date: 5/3/07

Time: 7:45 - 8:30 AM

<u>Location</u>	<u>Leg</u>	<u># of Vehicles</u>
Grant at Seeley	N	39
Grant at Seeley	S	97
Grant at Seeley	E	62
Grant at Seeley	W	18
	Total vehicles	216

Time = 45 min.

**Avg. = 4.8 veh./ minute**

**Criteria:**

Do Entering vehicles Exceed 2 Per Minute? YES

**Criteria Satisfied? YES**



**Village of Downers Grove  
Public Works Department**

**Pedestrian Counts - PIERCE DOWNER SCHOOL**

Date: 5/2/07

Time: 7:45 - 8:30 AM

<u>Location</u>	<u>Leg</u>	<u>Count</u>
Seeley at Grant	N	50
Seeley at Grant	E	20
Seeley at Grant	S	6
Seeley at Grant	W	3

Date: 5/1/07

Time: 2:30-3:15 PM

<u>Location</u>	<u>Leg</u>	<u>Count</u>
Seeley at Grant	N	59
Seeley at Grant	E	23
Seeley at Grant	S	7
Seeley at Grant	W	2

**Criteria:**

Does # of Students Crossing Exceed Ten?	AM Total	79
	PM Total	91

**Criteria Satisfied?**

**YES**