

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
Report for the Village
7/12/2022

SUBJECT:	SUBMITTED BY:
Revised Traffic Control for Various Intersections	Andy Sikich Public Works Director

SYNOPSIS

An ordinance has been prepared to amend Chapter 14 Municipal Code concerning designated stop control at various intersections including Franklin Street at Elm Street, Franklin Street at Washington Street, Lyman Avenue at Kenyon Street, and Grant Street at Douglas Road.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

The goals for 2021-2023 include *Top Quality Infrastructure* and *Exceptional Municipal Services*.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval on the July 19, 2022 Active Agenda.

BACKGROUND

In response to traffic calming petitions and resident requests, staff has analyzed the traffic control on Franklin Street at the intersections at Elm Street and at Washington Street, Lyman Avenue at Kenyon Street, and Grant Street at Douglas Road. Based on traffic counts recently collected in this area, staff is recommending that stop signs be placed in accordance with the proposed traffic control at these intersections detailed below.

- Franklin Street at Elm Street: Convert to an All-Way stop to address pedestrian and sight distance concerns related to the activities associated with Washington Park.
- Franklin Street at Washington Street: Convert to an All-Way stop to address pedestrian and sight distance concerns related to the activities associated with Washington Park and the designated school crossing on the north leg of the intersection.
- Lyman Avenue at Kenyon Street: Convert to an All-Way stop to address the change in neighborhood traffic patterns which have resulted since the recent improvements on 55th Street were completed.
- Grant Street at Douglas Road: Convert to an All-Way stop to address pedestrian and bicyclist concerns related to safe routes to schools and safety along designated bike routes.

The Transportation and Parking Commission reviewed these proposed improvements at the meeting on June 8, 2022 and agreed with staff's recommendations.

ATTACHMENTS

Ordinance

Draft Meeting Minutes - TaP Commission June 8, 2022

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 14
TRAFFIC CONTROL PROVISIONS AT CERTAIN INTERSECTIONS**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove in DuPage County,

Illinois, as follows: (Additions are indicated by redline/underline; deletions by ~~strikeout~~):

Section 1. That Section 14.80 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec 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:

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~~Douglas Road. At the northwest and southeast corners of the intersection of Douglas Road and Grant Street, to direct vehicular traffic proceeding southerly and northerly on Douglas Road to come to a full stop before proceeding across or into Grant Street.~~

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~~Franklin Street. At the northeast and southwest corners of the intersection of Franklin Street and Elm Street, to direct traffic proceeding easterly or westerly on Franklin Street to come to a full stop before proceeding across or into Elm Street.~~

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Section 2. That Section 14.80.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec 14.80.1 All-Way Stop Signs

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

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Douglas Road and Grant Street.

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Franklin Street and Elm Street.

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Franklin Street and Washington Street.

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Lyman Avenue and Kenyon Street.

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Section 3. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication in the manner provided by law.

Mayor

Passed:

Published:

Attest: _____
Village Clerk

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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