

**VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE**  
**REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**AUGUST 6, 2013 AGENDA**

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
Proposed “Turn Restrictions” on Warrenville Road at Belmont Road/Ogden Avenue intersection	✓ Resolution Ordinance Motion Discussion Only	Nan Newlon, P.E. Director of Public Works

**SYNOPSIS**

An ordinance has been prepared to amend a section of the Municipal Code concerning AM and PM peak hour turn restrictions for Warrenville Road at Belmont Road/Ogden Avenue intersection.

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT**

The goals for 2011-2018 identified *Top Quality Infrastructure*.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approval on the August 13, 2013 Consent Agenda.

**BACKGROUND**

The intersection of Warrenville Road/Finley Road and Ogden Avenue is complex, due to the close proximity of Belmont Road, Finley Road and Warrenville Road. Finley Road and Warrenville Road are under the jurisdiction of the DuPage DOT and Ogden Ave (US Route 34) is under the jurisdiction of the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). This is a high speed and high volume intersection especially during peak travel times in the morning and afternoon. The turning vehicles from Warrenville Road to eastbound Ogden Ave cause even more congestion, as they mix with the intersection traffic, block the Finley Road traffic, and cause intersection delays.

The request from DuPage DOT is to restrict traffic from Warrenville Road to continue eastbound on Ogden Avenue during peak travel times. Currently, eastbound Warrenville Road traffic is encouraged by signage to make their connection to Ogden Avenue at Cross Street; however, there is not a high degree of compliance. This is related to delays at Cross and Ogden, which staff is working with IDOT to identify solutions. .

Staff concurs that this turn restriction is needed. DuPage DOT reconstructed the median on Finley Road to be a barrier type, which has had some positive impact on safety at this intersection. The change has not been sufficient to address the multiple intersection turning issues and DuPage DOT is planning a long-term improvement here at a future date.

The turn restrictions will be posted as follows:

- INSTALL “EASTBOUND TO OGDEN AVENUE PROHIBITED 6:00 – 9:00 AM AND 3:00 – 6:00 PM” TURN RESTRICTION ON WARRENVILLE ROAD, WEST OF FINLEY ROAD.

This item was presented to the Transportation and Parking Commission on June 19, 2013 and the Commission voted unanimously to approve this action as presented.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Meeting Minutes – June 19, 2013 Transportation and Parking Commission

Exhibit

Ordinance

# TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

June 19, 2013

## File # 08-13 – Belmont Road/Finley Rd./Warrenville Rd. Turn Restrictions

**Mr. Fera** reported this request came to the village through the DuPage County Division of Transportation (DOT). He highlighted the area on the projector, explaining that the issue arises when vehicles coming from the west traveling to Finley Rd were making a right turn and then a quick left turn, which they were not permitted to do. Due to the county's extension of the median, however, the turn was now adjusted; however, the turn that was difficult was the one coming from Warrenville Rd and turning right onto the southbound lane and then moving to the left lane to go east on Ogden Ave.

Per **Mr. Fera**, the county asked staff to research this area with the understanding that the county would install appropriate signage and keep the cars from Warrenville coming straight south and travelling south on Belmont Rd only.

Commissioner concern was raised that this was only an interim solution. The question was raised as to why not make it a mandatory right turn onto Cross St. for any traffic that needed to proceed east on Ogden Ave and make Warrenville Rd westbound only between Finley Rd and Cross St. Another concern was whether Cross St could handle the additional traffic. **Mr. Fera** indicated that Cross St was managed by the DuPage County DOT and if the increased traffic became an issue during the peak hour, the county would look at ways to mitigate that situation.

**Mr. Wrobel** asked if a traffic count was done on eastbound Warrenville Road and also commented that it would be a relatively small amount of people that would be encouraged to travel west in order to travel east. **Mr. Fera** did not have the traffic counts since this location is not Village-maintained, but was sure the DuPage County DOT office would have that information. He estimated there are about 25,000 vehicles on Finley Rd with another 35,000 vehicles on Ogden Ave traveling through the intersection but that not many vehicles were needed to disturb the flow of the movement. After reading a comment from the report regarding enforcement, **Chairman Pro tem Schiller** suggested installing the proposed signage in order for the police to enforce the area and see its results.

**Mr. Saricks** voiced concern about the proposed signage being the only signage for the area, wherein **Mr. Fera** explained that there was warning signage located prior to the intersection. Other examples of restrictive signage were discussed.

**Ms. Marilyn Andrews**, 4641 Seeley Ave., discussed her traveling route in this area and stated there should not be any exit to eastbound Ogden Ave from that intersection at any time because lane blockage occurs during rush hours as well as other hours. She stated the current signage was confusing.

**Mr. Saricks** believed to address the issue, to install signage both at Cross St and at Warrenville and Finley Roads to inform drivers there is no eastbound access to Ogden Ave unless one turns at Cross St. Further dialog followed that in addition to the comments made above, there was nothing stopping the village from installing additional signage for clarification, to which **Mr. Fera** indicated there was not; however, he explained that the Warrenville signage was the county's jurisdiction. He confirmed that the recommendations offered could be approved with some additional clarification and added that the county was looking to make minimal changes at this time, but that monitoring would be ongoing. Comments followed that the restrictions should include hours beyond rush hour.

**MR. SARICKS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION, AS PRESENTED, WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS:**

**INSTALL "EASTBOUND TO OGDEN AVENUE PROHIBITED 6:00 – 9:00 AM AND 3:00 – 6:00 PM" TURN RESTRICTION ON WARRENVILLE ROAD, WEST OF FINLEY ROAD.**

**INSTALL PROPER DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE AT WARRENVILLE RD / CROSS STREET TO SUPPLEMENT THE FINLEY ROAD SIGNAGE.**

**SECONDED BY MR. WROBEL.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE OF 5-0.**

# FILE # 08-13

## WARRENVILLE/ FINLEY TO EB OGDEN AVE TURN RESTRICTIONS TAP COMMISION

EXHIBIT 1



Warrenville Rd Turns

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

**AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING TURNS ON WARRENVILLE ROAD**

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 14.52.25. is hereby added to read as follows:**

**14.52.25. Restrictions on movements of vehicles from Warrenville Road onto Ogden Avenue from 6-9 a.m. and 3-6 p.m., Monday through Friday.**

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person driving or operating any automobile, truck or other vehicle proceeding eastbound on Warrenville Road, upon reaching Finley Road, to turn such vehicle left from the exclusive left turn lane onto eastbound Ogden Avenue between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m, Monday through Friday.
- (b) The only acceptable vehicular maneuver at this location during these times, is for Warrenville Avenue eastbound traffic to either proceed onto Finley Road/Belmont Road southbound or onto Ogden Avenue westbound.

**Section 2.** That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**Section 3.** 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