

**VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2013 AGENDA**

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
Proposed Mid-Block Pedestrian Crossing at 1525 Brook Drive	✓ 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 designated crosswalks on Brook Drive at 1525 Brook Drive, east of Finley Road.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

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

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

UPDATE & RECOMMENDATION

This item was discussed at the August 6, 2013 Village Council meeting.

The Council asked for additional information on the use of this crosswalk and whether any chemicals would be transported across this section of road. Staff was informed by Flavor-chem that it is not their plan to transport hazardous chemicals across the street using the proposed mid-block pedestrian crossing. Employees cross the street multiple times a day to perform work in their various facilities.

Staff recommends approval on the August 13, 2013 Active Agenda.

BACKGROUND

This item was requested through a petition from FlavorChem Company, located at 1525 Brook Drive. The company has expanded in recent years, and there is a need for pedestrian activity across Brook Drive on a daily basis. The businesses along Brook Drive are involved with warehousing, light industrial, and manufacturing. As such, there are many large trucks and delivery-type vehicles traversing this street.

Major streets in the area include Butterfield Road (IL 56) to the south and Finley Road to the west. The managers at FlavorChem have asked the Village to look at improvements to address their pedestrian crossing needs at this location.

Staff observed this location during several field visits. There is regular pedestrian crossing of Brook Drive throughout the day, due to the business operations. There are many larger vehicles that are bypassing the Butterfield Road/Finley Road intersection, by turning on Downers Drive and then Brook Drive on their way northward. Currently, there are no mid-block markings, signings, or any other indications to the motorists that pedestrians cross at this location. This opportunity to enhance pedestrian safety at this location with clear markings and signage to indentify a pedestrian crossing location. If approved, staff will work with the FlavorChem managers to complete the proper crossing designs that need to adhere to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) at this location.

The specific action requested is to:

DESIGNATE A NORTH-SOUTH “MID-BLOCK PEDESTRIAN CROSSING” LOCATION AT APPROXIMATELY 1525 BROOK DRIVE, FOR PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ACTIVITY, WITH PROPER PAVEMENT MARKINGS AND SIGNAGE.

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

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY

INITIATED: Public Works **DATE:** August 13, 2013
(Name)

RECOMMENDATION FROM: Transportation and Parking Commission **FILE REF:** _____
(Board or Department)

NATURE OF ACTION:

STEPS NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT ACTION:

- Ordinance
- Resolution
- Motion
- Other

Motion to Adopt "AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING A CROSS WALK AT BROOK DRIVE, as presented.

SUMMARY OF ITEM:

Adoption of the attached ordinance shall designate a cross walk at Brook Drive.

RECORD OF ACTION TAKEN:

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING A CROSS WALK AT BROOK DRIVE

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 14.67. is hereby amended to read as follows:

14.67. Crosswalks designated.

(a) Pedestrian crosswalks are hereby designated at the locations listed below on the following streets:

Barrett Street. Across Barrett Street at the north side of Norfolk Street.

Blodgett Avenue. Across 55th Street on the west side of Blodgett Avenue.

***Brook Drive.* Across Brook Drive at 1525 Brook Drive address.**

Burlington Avenue. Across Burlington Avenue on the west side of Fairview Avenue.

Burlington Avenue. Across Burlington Avenue on the east and west sides of Main Street.

Burlington Avenue. Across Burlington Avenue on the east side of Forest Avenue.

Carpenter Street. Across Carpenter Street on the north side of Grove Street.

Carpenter Street. Across Carpenter Street on the north and south sides of Maple Avenue.

Curtiss Street. Across Curtiss Street on the east and west sides of Forest Avenue extended south.

Curtiss Street. Across Curtiss Street on the east and west sides of Main Street.

Curtiss Street. Across Curtiss Street on the east and west sides of Mochel Drive.

Curtiss Street. Across Curtiss Street on the east and west sides of Washington Street.

Downers Drive. Across Downers Drive at a point two hundred seventy-two feet south of Brook Drive.

Elmore Avenue. Across Elmore Avenue on the west side of Bending Oaks Place.

Fairview Avenue. Across Fairview Avenue on the south side of Second Street.

Fairview Avenue. Across Fairview Avenue on the north and south sides of Maple Avenue.

Fairview Avenue. Across Fairview Avenue on the south side of Burlington Avenue.

Forest Avenue. Across Forest Avenue on the north side of Warren Avenue.

Forest Avenue. Across Forest Avenue on the north side of Curtiss Street.

Forest Avenue. Across Forest Avenue on the south side of Gilbert Avenue extended east.

Gilbert Avenue. Across Gilbert Avenue on the west side of Forest Avenue.

Grove Street. Across Grove Street on the west side of Main Street.

Highland Avenue. Across Highland Avenue on the north side of Warren Avenue.

Highland Avenue. Across Highland Avenue from the southwest corner to northeast corner of the intersection at Warren Avenue.

Hillcrest Road. Across Hillcrest Road on the north side of Jefferson Road.

Lee Avenue. Across Lee Avenue on the south side of Elmore Avenue.

Mackie Place. Across Maple Avenue on the east side of Mackie Place.

Main Street. Across Main Street on the north and south sides of Maple Avenue.

Main Street. Across Main Street on the north side of Grove Street extended east.

Main Street. Across Main Street on the north and south sides of Curtiss Street.

Main Street. Across Main Street on the south side of Burlington Avenue.

Main Street. Across Main Street on the north side of Warren Avenue.

Main Street. Across Main Street at a point two hundred seventy feet north of 68th Street.

Main Street. Across Main Street on the north and south sides of Ogden Avenue.

Maple Avenue. Across Maple Avenue on the east and west sides of Main Street.

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- Maple Avenue.* Across Maple Avenue on the east and west sides of Carpenter Street.
- Maple Avenue.* Across Maple Avenue on the east and west sides of Fairview Avenue.
- Maple Avenue.* Across Maple Avenue on the east and west sides of Washington Street.
- Ogden Avenue.* Across Ogden Avenue on the east and west sides of Main Street.
- Prince Street.* Across Prince Street, two hundred fifty-four feet north of Grant Street.
- Saratoga Avenue.* Across Saratoga Avenue at the north side of Norfolk Street.
- Warren Avenue.* Across Warren Avenue on the west side of Forest Avenue.
- Warren Avenue.* Across Warren Avenue on the west side of Main Street.
- Warren Avenue.* Across Warren Avenue on the west side of Highland Avenue.
- Warren Avenue.* Across Warren Avenue on the east side of Forest Avenue.
- Washington Street.* Across Washington Street on the north and south sides of Curtiss Street.
- Washington Street.* Across Washington Street on the north and south sides of Maple Avenue.
- 55th Street.* Across 55th Street on the west side of Carpenter Street.
- 55th Street.* Across 55th Street on both sides of Benton Avenue

extended south.

It shall be unlawful for any person driving or operating any vehicle to fail to yield the right of way to any pedestrian within the crosswalk designated by this section or entering upon any walk. (Ord. No. 1261, § 1; Ord. No. 1302, § 1; Ord. No. 1502, § 1; Ord. No. 1511, § 1; Ord. No. 1999, § 2; Ord. No. 1935, § 6; Ord. No. 2030, § 1; Ord. No. 2546, § 5; Ord. No. 2738, § 2; Ord. No. 2908, § 2; Ord. No. 3118, § 7.)

Section 2. That Section 14.69. is hereby amended to read as follows:

14.69. Crossing Brook Drive at crosswalks required at 1525 Brook Drive.

No pedestrian shall cross Brook Drive in a northerly-southerly direction, except at the designated mid-block crosswalk.

Section 3. That Section 14.70. is hereby added to read as follows:

14.70. Reserved.

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.

Mayor

Passed:
Published:
Attest: _____
Village Clerk

TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

June 19, 2013

File # 09-13 – Brook Drive – Mid Block Pedestrian Crossing.

Mr. Fera located the area under discussion on the overhead map and explained that the company, Flavorchem, has properties on both sides of Brook Drive. Apparently, employees are constantly walking to and from both properties and Flavorchem has asked the village to review the area to make their employees safer when crossing four lanes of traffic. In response, **Mr. Fera** recommended installing a striped mid-block crossing, with signage, explaining that Flavorchem would assist with the cost of the treatments at the curb lines.

Commissioner questions included the speed on Brook Drive and the number of vehicles that travel it per day to which **Mr. Fera** estimated about 1000 vehicles per day travel the area in a 30 MPH speed zone.

Additional commissioner recommendations included the addition of a caution light and a speed bump. **Mr. Fera** indicated the caution light was more costly than just the signage but he stated he would rather monitor the situation to see whether the caution light would be necessary. As to the speed bump, he stated it was a village decision but that certain improvements were being planned to a nearby intersection, and there is a possibility to consider traffic calming measures in this area as well.

Ms. Connie Sprovieri, with Flavorchem, 1525 Brook Drive, Downers Grove, discussed the fact that her company purchased a number of properties in the area, the village installed some sidewalks along Finley (which are not connected), and that in addition to the employees, a number of other people from other businesses used the sidewalks for exercise and to walk to nearby stores. She agreed with the recommendations of a speed bump or flashing light, as mentioned above. **Ms. Sprovieri** further explained that the street had no lane lines and safety was an issue when crossing, especially since her company rented to other tenants who also used the sidewalks and wanted to cross the street. She hoped the village would complete the sidewalks also. Further, she pointed out that the 18-wheeler trucks were usually picking up speed at the location under discussion.

MR. WROBEL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND DESIGNATE A NORTH-SOUTH “MID-BLOCK PEDESTRIAN CROSSING” LOCATION AT APPROXIMATELY 1525 BROOK DRIVE, WITH PROPER PAVEMENT MARKINGS AND SIGNAGE.

SECONDED BY MS. LOEHMAN.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE OF 5-0.

FILE # 09-13

BROOK DRIVE

MID-BLOCK PED. CROSSING

TAP COMMISION

EXHIBIT 1

