

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 2014 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
Proposed Mid-Block Pedestrian Crossing at 5211 Carpenter Street	✓ 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 a designated mid-block crosswalk at 5211 Carpenter Street, north of Grove Street.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

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

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

Approval on the February 11, 2014 active agenda.

BACKGROUND

Staff recommends designating a mid-blocking pedestrian crossing at 5211 Carpenter Street to serve pedestrians crossing from the Immanuel Lutheran parking lot and neighborhoods west of the parking lot, particularly during the morning hours. This area was previously served by three mid-block crossings that were not aligned well with the destinations and were not Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant. The new crossing is a direct east-west path from Immanuel Lutheran to the parking lot, and is now ADA accessible.

Currently, there are no mid-block markings or signs indicating to the motorists that pedestrians cross at this location. Staff sees this as an opportunity to enhance the pedestrian safety at this location with clear markings and signage to identify a pedestrian crossing location, as in other marked locations. Staff will monitor driver behavior in response to the changes.

This item was presented to the Transportation and Parking Commission on December 11, 2013 and the Commission voted unanimously to approve this action as presented.

ATTACHMENTS

Ordinance

Meeting Minutes – December 11, 2013 Transportation and Parking Commission

Exhibit

Carpenter Xing

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A CROSSWALK AT CARPENTER STREET

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 14.68.1. is hereby added to read as follows:

14.68.1. Crossing Carpenter Street at a crosswalk required.

No pedestrian shall cross Carpenter Street in an easterly-westerly direction, between Grove Street and Curtiss Street, except at the designated mid-block crosswalk.

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.

Mayor

Passed:

Published:

Attest: _____

Village Clerk

TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

December 11, 2013

File # 16-13 – Mid-Block Crossing on Carpenter Street at Immanuel Lutheran -

Traffic Manager, Dorin Fera, summarized this project resulted out of the sidewalk program where the village was speaking with the school about installing a mid-block crossing from the main school to its parking lot. (An aerial photo was referenced.) Due to the consolidation of crossings, **Mr. Fera** explained that by this spring, after signing and striping takes place, two crossings will exist: one crossing to the main school and one crossing at Grove Street. All other crossings on the east side will have been removed. **Mr. Fera** elaborated on the various activities that take place at the church and school, resulting in the mid-block crossing.

Mr. Fera also discussed that in conjunction with the above project, this particular section of Carpenter Street was also a pick-up location for Hillcrest School and he was working to install a paved pick-up bus area for students riding to Hillcrest School. Per a question, the ADA curb cut treatments were currently in place. Some general questions and positive comments followed by commissioners, as well as questions about the mid-block signage to be installed.

A question followed on whether warrants for the pedestrian crossing existed and how staff addressed/evaluated the requests for mid-block crossings in general.

A motion was entertained by **Chairman Stuebner**.

MR. WROBEL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE DESIGNATION OF AN EAST-WEST “MID-BLOCK PEDESTRIAN CROSSING” LOCATION AT APPROXIMATELY 5211 CARPENTER STREET, FOR PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ACTIVITY, WITH PROPER PAVEMENT MARKINGS AND SIGNAGE.

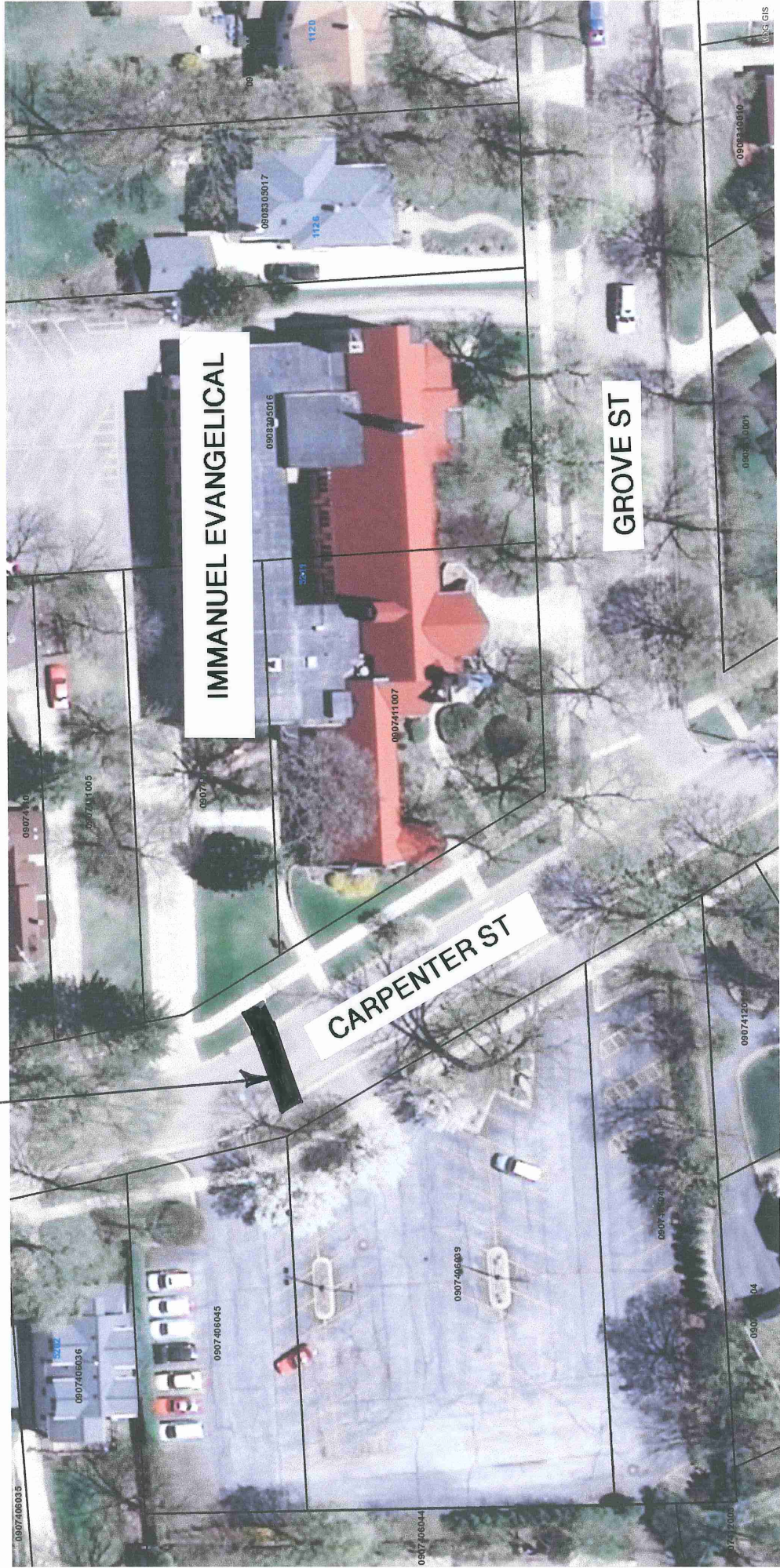
MR. CRONIN SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE OF 6-0.

TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMISSION MID-BLOCK PED CROSSING

TAP FILE # 16-13

Proposed Mid-Block Location



DECEMBER 3, 2013