

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
Report for the Village Council Meeting
1/18/2022

SUBJECT:	SUBMITTED BY:
Prairie Avenue and Forest Avenue- Revised Traffic Control	Andy Sikich Public Works Director

SYNOPSIS

An ordinance has been prepared to amend a section of the Municipal Code concerning designated stop control and no left turn restriction at the intersection of Prairie Avenue and Forest Avenue.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

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

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

UPDATE & RECOMMENDATION

The ordinance has been updated to withdraw language calling for the removal of the no-left turn sign at the intersection of Prairie and Forest. The existing no-left turn restriction will remain.

This item was discussed at the January 11th, 2022 Village Council meeting. Staff recommends approval on the January 18th, 2022 Active Agenda.

BACKGROUND

There have been a significant number of traffic accidents at the intersection of Prairie Avenue and Forest Avenue. From January 2015 through April 2021, 24 vehicle accidents occurred at this location. Contributing factors to these accidents include traffic volume and speeds on Prairie, traffic volume on Forest crossing or turning onto Prairie, and sight distance obstructions (primarily looking west from northbound Forest).

In October, at the direction of the Village Council, a temporary all-way stop was installed at this intersection. Follow-up traffic counts were taken in November and December. Both the volume and speeds of traffic on Prairie in the vicinity of the intersection have been reduced as a result of this new all-way stop. Traffic volumes and speeds on surrounding streets were also monitored, and they remain principally consistent with pre-improvement levels. No traffic accidents at this intersection or backups onto Main Street have been reported since the installation of the temporary stop signs.

ATTACHMENTS

Ordinance

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY

INITIATED: Public Works DATE: January 18, 2022
(Name)

RECOMMENDATION FROM: _____ FILE REF: _____
(Board or Department)

NATURE OF ACTION:

STEPS NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT ACTION:

- Ordinance
- Resolution
- Motion
- Other

Motion to Adopt "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROL PROVISIONS AT PRAIRIE AND FOREST AVENUES", as presented.



SUMMARY OF ITEM:

Adoption of the attached ordinance shall amend certain traffic control provisions at Prairie and Forest Avenues.

RECORD OF ACTION TAKEN:

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN
TRAFFIC CONTROL PROVISIONS AT PRAIRIE AND FOREST AVENUES**

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 ~~strieout~~):

Section 1. That Section 14.67 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec 14.67 Crosswalks Designated

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

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Prairie Avenue. Across Prairie Avenue on the east and west sides of Forest Avenue.

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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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Prairie Avenue at Forest Avenue.

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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