



## MEMO FROM COUNCIL OFFICE:

**To:** Members of the Common Council

**From:** Ash Kulak, Deputy Attorney / Deputy Administrator, Council Office

**Date:** May 10, 2024

**Re:** Ordinance 2024-11 - To Amend Title 15 of the Bloomington Municipal Code Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" - Re: Amending Section 15.12.010 (Stop Intersections) to remove stop intersections on Seventh Street from Schedule A and add multi-stop intersections on Seventh Street to Schedule B

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### Synopsis

This ordinance amends Title 15, "Vehicles and Traffic," of the Bloomington Municipal Code and comes forth at the request of City staff. The ordinance makes the following change:

- Replaces stop intersections with multi-stop intersections along Seventh Street at Morton Street, Washington Street, Lincoln Street, Grant Street, and Dunn Street.

### Relevant Materials

- Ordinance 2024-11
- Staff Memo from Andrew Cibor, City Engineer
- April 24, 2024 Traffic Commission Materials
  - Staff Report to Traffic Commission re: 7-Line Project Update and All-Way Stop Control Installation
  - September 15, 2023 Memo from Andrew Cibor, City Engineer on Ordinance 23-23
  - Ordinance 23-23 Veto Message from Mayor John Hamilton
  - Resolution 2024-07 – Establishing the Goal of Reducing Traffic Deaths and Serious Injuries on the City's Roadways to Zero in the City By the Year 2029
  - 180-Day Order # 23-01 dated April 10, 2023
- *[New material]* Additional data provided by city staff

### Update for May 15, 2024 Regular Session

Please note that the packet of materials has been updated to provide two additional documents that include responses to questions about traffic trends, crash data tables, and quarterly crash graphics.

### Summary

Ordinance 2024-11 proposes to amend Section 15.12.010 within Title 15 ("Vehicles and Traffic") of the Bloomington Municipal Code (BMC), accessible online at the following link: [https://library.municode.com/in/bloomington/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=TIT15\\_VETR\\_CH15.12STYISIIN\\_15.12.010STIN](https://library.municode.com/in/bloomington/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIT15_VETR_CH15.12STYISIIN_15.12.010STIN).



### **Brief History of 180 Day Order and Ordinance 23-23**

In March of 2023, the Engineering Department prepared a staff report about the Seventh Street corridor along the 7-Line. The report was reviewed and discussed by both the Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety Commission and the Traffic Commission. This report was prepared in the wake of a pattern of crashes, which led city staff to recommend reinstallation of all-way stop control along each of the five intersections along the 7-Line at 7th Street and Dunn, Grant, Lincoln, Washington, and Morton Streets. At their March 2023 meetings, both commissions voted to support the conversion of the Seventh Street and Dunn Street intersection from a one-way stop to an all-way stop, but neither commission voted to support the conversion of any other intersection along the 7-Line to an all-way stop. Consistent with the commission recommendations, a 180-day order was issued, pursuant to [BMC 15.08.040](#), on April 10, 2023 for the intersection of 7th Street and Dunn Street, with an expiration date of October 9, 2023.

By September of 2023, after confirming that reinstallation of all-way stop control had successfully reduced crashes at 7th Street and Dunn Street, city staff sought to codify this change from one-way to all-way stop control at only this one intersection, which came forward as [Ordinance 23-23](#).

At the Common Council's October 4, 2023 Regular Session, the Council adopted Amendment 01 to [Ordinance 23-23](#) to add three additional intersections along Seventh Street at Lincoln Street, Washington Street, and Morton Street to the list of intersections to be converted to all-way stop control. The Council passed [Ordinance 23-23](#) as amended by a vote of 5-4. Mayor John Hamilton subsequently vetoed [Ordinance 23-23](#). At its October 18, 2023 Regular Session, the Council failed to achieve a two-thirds (2/3) vote required to override the veto. A new 180-day order for the intersection of 7th Street and Dunn Street was issued on April 10, 2024, in order to extend the expiration from the previous 180-day order. This 180-day order remains in effect with an expiration date of October 3, 2024.

### **Council Consideration of Ordinance 2024-11**

This ordinance is now being brought forward by city staff to again codify the changes to the intersection of 7th Street and Dunn Street, as well as to codify additional all-way stop control at the remaining four intersections on the 7-Line.

The Traffic Commission met on April 24, 2024, and received the Engineering Department's report (included herein). In presenting to the Traffic Commissions, staff again recommended reinstallation of all-way stop controls at five intersections, including the intersection at 7th and Dunn. The staff report summarizes recent bicycle traffic data, transit metrics, pedestrian activity, motor vehicle traffic, parking impacts, and crash data. The report discusses the Indiana Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) guidelines and criteria for all-way stop locations and explains how these guidelines apply to the five intersections along 7th Street.



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At its meeting, the Traffic Commission voted to recommend support for instituting all-way stop control along the 7th Street corridor at Dunn Street and Morton Street, but not at Washington Street, Lincoln Street, and Grant Street. The proposed ordinance reflects staff's recommendations to institute all-way stop control along all five intersections on the 7-Line.

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