

ORDINANCE 2024-23

TO AMEND TITLE 15 OF THE BLOOMINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC" - Re: Amending Section 15.12.010 (Stop Intersections) to remove one stop intersection on Seventh Street from Schedule A and add one multi-stop intersection on Seventh Street to Schedule B

- WHEREAS, based on a list of recommended priority projects in the City of Bloomington Transportation Plan, the city constructed a two-way protected bicycle lane and multiple transit and pedestrian safety improvements on Seventh Street from the B-Line Trail to North Woodlawn Avenue in 2021 (the “7-Line project”); and
- WHEREAS, in developing the 7-Line project, a desire to create a transit and bicycle priority corridor that improved east-west transportation efficiency for these priority transportation modes led to the adoption of Ordinance 20-14, which removed all-way stop intersections along Seventh Street at Morton Street, Washington Street, Lincoln Street, Grant Street, and Dunn Street, replacing them with minor road stop controlled intersections; and
- WHEREAS, the new infrastructure to prioritize transit and bicycle efficiency and to improve safety for vulnerable street users has proven to be effective along the 7-Line corridor overall—both increasing activity for these priority transportation modes and improving safety for pedestrians and bicyclists; and
- WHEREAS, due to an increase in the number of collisions and an analysis of the collisions at Seventh Street and Dunn Street, the City Engineer recommended codifying an all-way stop at this intersection in the spring of 2023; and
- WHEREAS, the Traffic Commission and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Commission also recommended codifying an all-way stop intersection at Seventh Street and Dunn Street; and
- WHEREAS, the intersection of Seventh Street and Dunn Street has operated as an all-way stop controlled intersection since April 12, 2023 under reissued 180-Day Orders; and
- WHEREAS, this ordinance is necessary to codify the all-way stop intersection at Seventh Street and Dunn Street before the current 180-Day Order expires on April 1, 2025; and
- WHEREAS, in considering the potential addition of all-way stop intersections elsewhere along the 7-Line project, the Traffic Commission and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Commission did not recommend the addition of all-way stop intersections at Washington Street, Lincoln Street, or Grant Street;¹ and
- WHEREAS, the 7-Line project’s establishment of a priority transit and bicyclist corridor has meaningfully advanced several city goals or policies, including Comprehensive Plan Goals 6.1 *Increase Sustainability*, 6.2 *Improve Public Transit*, 6.3 *Improve the Bicycle and Pedestrian Network*, and 6.4 *Prioritize Non-Automotive Modes*; and
- WHEREAS, the Common Council wishes to work with the City Engineer, Planning and Transportation staff and other relevant city staff to consider traffic control devices, traffic calming measures, and safety interventions other than multi-stop intersections to mitigate the possibility of collisions along the 7-Line project while still maintaining its effectiveness as a priority transit and bicycle corridor; and
- WHEREAS, the City Engineer, Planning and Transportation staff, and other relevant city staff have agreed to work with interested council members to collaborate on these potential safety interventions;

¹ Regarding the Morton Street intersection, the Traffic Commission voted in favor of an all-way stop, while the Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Commission, considering AWS intersections as a package, did not recommend the addition of an all-way stop intersection.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

SECTION 1. Section 15.12.010, entitled “Stop Intersections” shall be amended by deleting the following from Schedule A:

Delete

TRAFFIC ON	SHALL STOP FOR TRAFFIC ON
Dunn Street	Seventh Street

SECTION 2. Section 15.12.010, entitled “Stop Intersections” shall be amended by adding the following to Schedule B:

Add

Seventh Street & Dunn Street	3-Way
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SECTION 3. If any section, sentence or provision of this ordinance, or application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any of the other sections, sentences, provisions or application of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be in effect after its passage by the Common Council and approval of the Mayor, any required publication, and, as necessary, other promulgation in accordance with the law.

PASSED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this _____ day of _____, 2024.

ISABEL PIEDMONT-SMITH, President
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk
City of Bloomington

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this day of _____, 2024.

NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk,
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this _____ day of _____, 2024.

KERRY THOMSON, Mayor
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This ordinance is sponsored by Councilmembers Flaherty, Rosenbarger, and Stosberg and amends Title 15, “Vehicles and Traffic,” of the Bloomington Municipal Code. The ordinance makes the following change:

- Replaces one stop intersection with a multi-stop intersection along Seventh Street at Dunn Street.