



**CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

ENGINEERING

MEMORANDUM

TO: Bruce K. Walden, Chief Administrative Officer

**FROM: William R. Gray, Public Works Director
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DATE: May 17, 2005

RE: Ordinances from Traffic Commission

Attached are three ordinances developed from action taken by the Traffic Commission at its March 2005 meeting. Also attached are location maps showing the proposed ordinances' locations.

The first ordinance (Schedule C) is for the prohibition of left turns on Mathews Avenue at Springfield Avenue between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. A traffic study was conducted by the University of Illinois to determine measures to increase safety at the intersection of Mathews Avenue and Springfield Avenue. One of the suggestions from the study was limiting left turn movements for northbound traffic on Mathews Avenue onto Springfield Avenue to reduce the pedestrian/vehicle conflicts during the times when classes are in session.

The second ordinance (Schedule H) is for the placement of a stop sign at Sunny Lane where new street construction connects the street to Washington Street. The new street and resulting construction in this area will increase the amount of traffic on Sunny Lane; therefore, the stop sign for southbound traffic is needed and warranted under Section 2B-5 of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. More specifically, this warrant states that a stop sign may be warranted if one or more of the following conditions exist:

1. Intersection of a less important road with a main road where application of the normal right-of-way rule is unduly hazardous.
2. Street entering a through highway or street.
3. Unsignalized intersection in a signalized area.
4. Other intersections where a combination of high speed, restricted view, and serious accident record indicates a need for control by the STOP sign.

The conditions are met for numbers 1 and 2 above are met for Sunny Lane.

The third ordinance (Schedule K) is for the prohibition of parking during certain hours on Division Street. Staff from Circle Academy requested the parking restriction to provide a safe loading and unloading area for students attending their school. Since the students attending Circle Academy are not residents of Cunningham Children's Home, the students are transported by buses. This restriction will allow buses to stop near the curb to safely bring students to and from the school.

The Traffic Commission has considered these locations at its March 2005 meeting and recommends that the ordinances be passed by the City Council.

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