

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-11-022R

**A RESOLUTION
OF SUPPORT FOR IMPROVEMENTS
TO LINCOLN AVENUE
(Lincoln Avenue Traffic Signals and Striping)**

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana has expressed its commitment to the establishment of a safer environment for pedestrians, bicyclists, vehicles and buses in the University District and the city in general; and

WHEREAS, the residential area along and east of Lincoln Avenue has significant student and university employee population resulting in large numbers of pedestrian and bicycle crossings of Lincoln Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that improvements to Lincoln Avenue are necessary and identified as part of the city's Capital Improvement Plan, and the University of Illinois and the State of Illinois have awarded the city grant funds in support of these improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes that Lincoln Avenue is a major North-South transportation corridor and balance needs to be found between various modes of transportation; and

WHEREAS, a 3-lane configuration with shoulders between Pennsylvania and Nevada Avenues will increase pedestrian safety without a loss of traffic capacity, demonstrated by generally accepted scientific studies based on the experiences of other cities; and

WHEREAS, traffic signalization will improve traffic flow and reduce traffic delays, changing Nevada and Pennsylvania from failing Level of Service ratings to fair and good ratings; and

WHEREAS, the Council Resolved, in a 9/14/2004 Sense of the Council Motion, calling for study of reducing the crossing distance and reducing the number of lanes of Lincoln Avenue;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1. The City Council finds and determines that the facts contained in the above recitations are true and supports the 3 lane concept put forth by the Campus Area Transportation study and the City Engineer..

Section 2. The City Council requests that these items be clarified and answers brought to the Council before proceeding with construction:

- a) That an agreement be developed with the University of Illinois and the CU MTD creating bus pullouts on the west side of Lincoln in the area affected;
- b) That an agreement be developed with the CUMTD limiting the number of bus stops on the east side and that serious efforts be made to develop some kind of pullout in the right of way and/or in conjunction with some property owner(s);

- c) That crosswalk locations be carefully identified and that medians be constructed in such a way as to make their removal or relocation relatively easy with adequate lighting provided;
- d) That necessary steps are taken to identify the areas to be developed for deliveries and loading/unloading on side streets and a mechanism for preventing stops along Lincoln be determined;
- e) That vehicle merge issues are completely identified and mechanisms to alleviate potential problems be developed;
- f) That locations for curb cuts for bicyclists to pull off of Lincoln from the shoulder areas and at either end of the 3 lane configuration be identified.

Section 3. That the Urbana City Council does hereby authorize the Mayor to submit any grant requests on behalf of the City to the State of Illinois to help cover any construction and improvement costs and to enter into negotiations with the University of Illinois (UIUC) and the Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District (CUMTD) to determine ways of minimizing the impact of bus traffic to the aforementioned section of Lincoln Avenue.

PASSED by the City Council this _____ day of _____, 2005.

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstains:

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this _____ day of _____, 2005.

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor