

BLOOMINGTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION
AGENDA
July 25, 2018
4:30 P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes – May 23, 2018
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Communications from Commission
- V. Reports from Staff
- VI. Old Business
 - A. none
- VII. New Business
 - A. Speed limit changes for portions of College Ave. and Walnut St.
- VIII. Traffic Inquiries - none
- IX. Adjournment

Next meeting – August 22, 2018

**Action Requested/Public comment prior to any vote (limited to five minutes per speaker)*

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**City of Bloomington Traffic Commission Minutes
May 23, 2018 in the Council Chambers, City Hall**

Traffic Commission minutes are transcribed in a summarized outline manner. Audio recordings of the meeting are available in the Planning and Transportation Department for reference.

Attendance

Traffic Commission: Andrew Cibor, Chris Etter, Trent Deckard, Colin Elliott, Larry Haywood, and Sarah Ryterband

Others in Attendance: Sara Gomez (staff), Neil Kopper (Staff), and Scott Robinson (Staff)

- I. **Call to Order** (~4:30 PM)
- II. **Approval of Minutes** – March 28, 2018- Ms. Ryterband motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Cibor seconded the motion. **The motion passed 7-0.**
- III. **Public Comment** – none.
- IV. **Communications from Commission** – Mr. Cibor provided an update on the major roadway construction projects. I69 substantial completion is still expected by August 2018. Tapp Road and 2nd Street interchanges are near completion. The County’s Fullerton Pike project is on schedule with completion expected in November and the Country Club Road bridge project is currently ahead of schedule. The CBU sewer mainline project will close Grimes Lane on June 4th and will overlap with the Country Club closure. The Tapp and Rockport intersection project will begin in June and staff will be meeting with the neighborhoods about the project and maintenance of traffic.
- V. **Reports from Staff** – None.
- VI. **Old Business**
 - A. **School Zone Enhancement Project** - Mr. Kopper gave an overview of a City school zone enhancement project that was presented last month. Staff is bringing Title 15 changes to Council tonight needed for this \$470,000 federally funded safety project. He is seeking the Commission’s approval and feedback to include in his report to Council. Changes to Title 15 will include criteria for school speed zones beacons and signs. Changes to speed limits are also proposed. The Commission asked several questions. Mr. Kopper explained this would apply to both private and public schools through grade 12. The beacons will be remotely controlled and would not replace crossing guards. He said speed limit changes to 20 MPH would not be within the school zone, but most are within the walk to school (e.g. no bus service) zone. Construction is scheduled for 2020. Ms. Ryterband motioned to support the School Speed Zone changes. Mr. Deckard seconded. **The motion passed 7-0.**

B. East Covenant Drive – Add a new Bus Zone – Ms. Gomez gave an overview of this request by Bloomington Transit. Currently parked vehicles hinder access for two bus stops along Covenant Drive. Bloomington Transit is also installing a shelter for the stop currently without a shelter (south side of the street). These stops are currently not within Title 15. Staff is seeking to add two bus zones, approximately 100 feet long, that would restrict parking and improve bus stop access for Bloomington Transit busses. Ms. Ryterband was surprised that vehicles park on the street at this location and asked if the length is to accommodate more than one bus. Ms. Gomez explained this request is based on input from Bloomington transit and the length can accommodate more than one bus as several routes use these stops. Ms. Ryterband motioned to add two bus zones, approximately 100 feet long on Covenant Drive east of Auto Mall Road. Mr. Haywood seconded. **The motion passed 7-0.**

VII. Traffic Inquiries – none

VIII. Adjournment (~5:15 PM)

Next meeting – June 27, 2018

**Action requested*



MEMORANDUM

To: Traffic Commission
From: Liz Carter, Engineering Technician
Date: July 25, 2018
Re: Request from Planning and Transportation Department to change speed limits on portions of College Avenue and Walnut Street.

Background

It has recently come to the attention of Planning and Transportation staff that the speed limits posted along both College Avenue and Walnut Street are not reflective of the speed limits in the Municipality Code. § 15.24.020 Schedule I outlines any street, or portion of a street, with a speed limit other than 25 miles per hour.

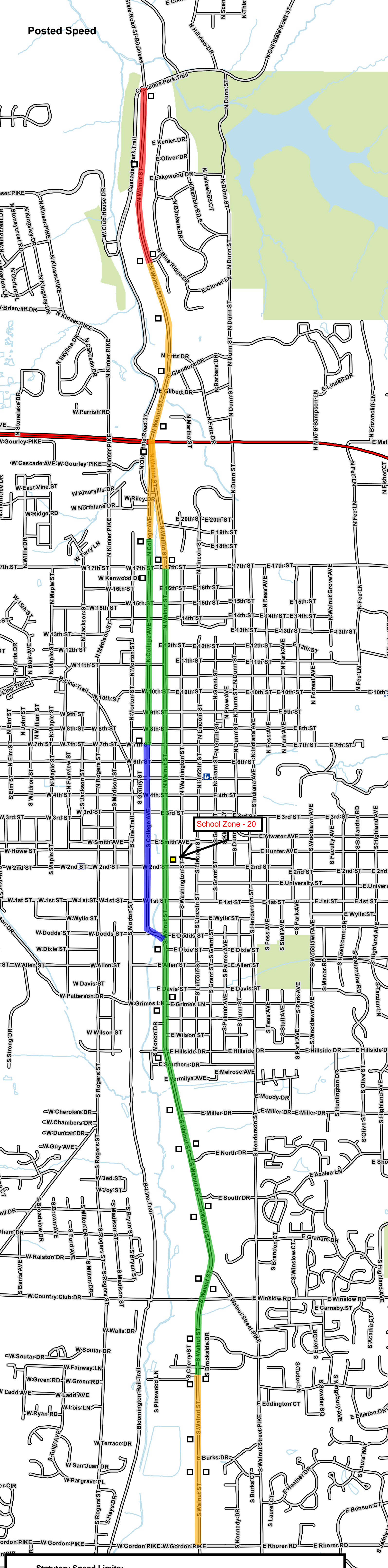
Staff is seeking to lower the speed limits on both College and Walnut between 11th Street and Dodds Street to 20 miles per hour. The speed limit in these sections is currently set at 25 miles per hour with the exception of the School Zone area on Walnut Street, which is set at 20 miles per hour when children are present. The traffic signals through this corridor on both Walnut and College have been timed to essentially create a 20 mile per hour speed limit. Staff is requesting to codify the 20 mile per hour speed limit and post signage accordingly.

The other area for which staff is requesting a speed limit change is the section of both College and Walnut Streets between the 45/46 Bypass and 17th Street. This area has signage posted on both streets that indicates a 40 mile per hour speed limit. Schedule I states that the speed limit through the corridor is 30 miles per hour. Staff is seeking to change the codified speed limit on these portions of College and Walnut to 40 miles per hour.

Recommendations

Staff requests a positive recommendation from the Traffic Commission for the changes to § 15.24.020 Schedule I regarding portions of Walnut and College. Staff will prepare a detailed Title 15 amendment for the Common Council to consider.

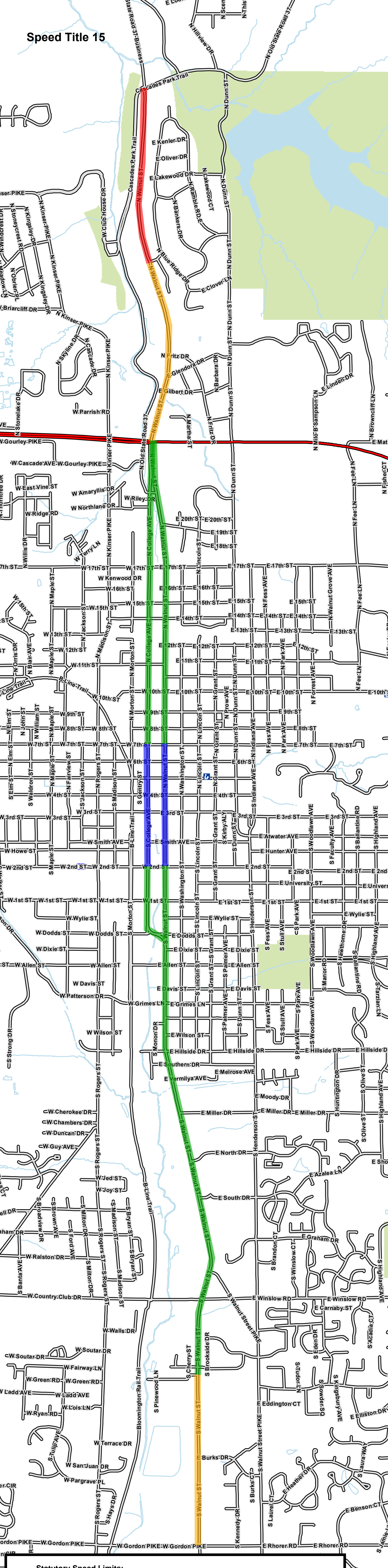
Posted Speed



Statutory Speed Limits:

- 45
- 40
- 30
- 25

Speed Title 15



Statutory Speed Limits:

