

**BLOOMINGTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION
AGENDA
December 18, 2019
4:30 P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes – 04.24.2019, 06.26.2019, and 11.20.2019
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Communications from Commission
- V. Reports from Staff
 - A. Meeting Calendar 2020
 - B. Reminder of Commission Terms and Elections
- VI. Old Business
- VII. New Business
 - A. Fess Avenue Parking Restriction*
- VIII. Traffic Inquiries
 - A. Grimes Lane volume and speed data
- IX. Requests for future agenda items
- X. Adjournment

Next meeting – January 22, 2020

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

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**BLOOMINGTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES
April 24, 2019
4:30 P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

- I. Call to Order** – 4:30PM Chris Etter
- II. Approval of Minutes** – 10.25.2018 Sarah Ryterband moved. Larry Haywood seconded. Unanimously approved.
- III. Public Comment** -- None
- IV. Communications from Commission**

Sarah moved to elect Chris Etter as Chair. Joe VanDeventer seconded. Unanimously elected Chris Etter as Chair. 7-0
Discussion of vice chair. Shane Rasche moved that Sarah R be vice chair. Chris Etter seconded. Unanimously approved Sarah Ryterband as Vice Chair. Each traffic commission member introduced themselves: Larry Haywood, Joe VanDeventer, Chris Etter, Shane Rasche, Dan Backler, Sarah Ryterband, and Collin Elliot.

Chris Etter: The stop sign at 7th Street at Clark was switched

Larry Haywood: question about no parking signs on Southern Drive, they don't cover enough of the space

- V. Reports from Staff**
 - A. Introduction + Update:** Beth Rosenbarger, Planning Services Manager Introduced herself.
- VI. Old Business** – none
- VII. New Business**
 - A. 11th Street and Fairview Street intersection discussion**
Neil Kopper, Interim Transportation and Traffic, presented for staff, information about the intersection of W. 11th Street and Fairview St. Recommends an all-way stop-control for the intersection.

Discussion: number of accidents; sight distance; vehicle counts; possible queuing at the intersection; lane markings needed; advance warning sign for eastbound; location of stop signs; west side of the railroad tracks will be no changes;

SR: move to recommend the three-way stop at 11th and Fairview;
seconded by JV.

Was a roundabout considered? Yes, but no funding for it at this time.
Challenges with improving the pedestrian crossing at this locations.
Noted to consider flagging at the intersection to not the changes both
immediately and in the fall when school resumes.

Vote: Unanimously forwarded with a positive recommendation to council:
7-0

VIII. Traffic Inquiries

Commission members explained how this section of the agenda is usually
used, to address/discuss UReports and other inquiries before the inquiries
become new business.

IX. Adjournment: adjourned at 4:55pm

Next meeting – May 22, 2019

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**BLOOMINGTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES
June 26, 2019
4:30 P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

- I. Call to Order: **4:33pm; members present: Sarah Ryterband, Dan Backler, Chris Etter, Joe VanDeventer**
- II. Approval of Minutes – 04.24.2019: **Not at this time due to lack of quorum**
- III. Public Comment: **None**
- IV. Communications from Commission
Sarah Ryterband: shared information about the Monroe County SW Corridor Study and the Bloomington Transit Route Optimization Study
- V. Reports from Staff
 - A. Transportation Plan: **Beth Rosenbarger shared updates on where the Transportation Plan is within the approval process.**
 - B. Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program (NTSP): **Rosenbarger for staff shared that the Transportation and Planning Department wants to revise the NTSP and will be reaching out within the next 6 months with next steps.**
- VI. Old Business
- VII. New Business
- VIII. Traffic Inquiries
 - A. Arden Place and High Street Intersection: **Dan Backler shared the information the department has received in terms of issues at this intersection where people driving vehicles do not stop north/south on High Street.**
Ryterband: question, would an added crosswalk help? Would a sign that says it's state law to stop at a crosswalk help? Can we increase the level of awareness... Could all four sides of crosswalks be market?
VanDeventer: that will be paved in the next 5 weeks... lots of drainage issues to look at.
Ryterband: what was the neighborhood interested in seeing here?
Backler: enforcement, flashing beacons, and more discussion.
Ryterband: Can you look at the speed data along the street?
Etter: maybe it's due to construction and more people using the street.
Other discussion

- B. Stop sign request at E. Cottage Grove and N. Forrest Ave
Liz Carter presented the inquiry for staff, described the complaint about the intersection.
Questions for inquiry: does it help when the sign includes “cross traffic does not stop.”
Check out the sight distance. Consider adding the “cross traffic doesn’t stop.” Just continue looking into it.

IX. Adjournment: **Meeting adjourned at 4:59pm**

Next meeting – July 24, 2019

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**BLOOMINGTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES
November 20, 2019
4:30 P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

- I. **Call to Order:** Commission members present: Sarah Ryterband, Collin Elliot, Larry Haywood, Chris Etter, Craig Shonkweiler (Transportation and Traffic Engineer)
Staff: Beth Rosenbarger, Neil Kopper, Karina Pazos
- II. **Approval of Minutes – 06.26.2019**
- III. **Public Comment - none**
- IV. **Communications from Commission**
- V. **Reports from Staff**
 - A. **Transportation Determination Form and Process:** Rosenbarger presented the determination form (included in packet), discussed, and took questions from commission members.
 - B. **Other staff updates**
- VI. **Old Business – none**
- VII. **New Business**
 - A. **Woodlawn Avenue: Revise On-street parking***

Karina Pazos presented the petition on behalf of staff: to revise on-street parking on Woodlawn Avenue. The commission voted to support staff's recommendation and forward the request to common council with a positive recommendation. Vote: 5-0.
- VIII. **Traffic Inquiries**
 - A. **Olive Street: One-way request:** Stuart Yoak spoke to the Commission about Olive Street and requested that the street be made one-way northbound for the block from Thornton Drive to Hillside. Commission members discussed the request and asked questions. Commission members asked staff to analyze and consider: one-way, but two-way for bicyclists; restrict motor-vehicle access at Hillside; trash and recycling collection; traffic volumes; traffic speeds; crash history; right-of-way width. The requested data will be compiled and analyzed by staff. Once staff has made a recommendation, the inquiry will return to the Traffic Commission for a review and vote.
- IX. **Requests for future agenda items**

A. Title 15 Changes: Rosenbarger informed the Commission there are several changes to Title 15 that will need to be reviewed by the Commission, in order to make a recommendation and forward to the Common Council.

X. Adjourn

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MEMORANDUM

To: Traffic Commission
From: SeyedAmir Kaboli Farshchi, Long Range Planner
Date: December 6, 2019
Re: South Fess Avenue Parking Restriction

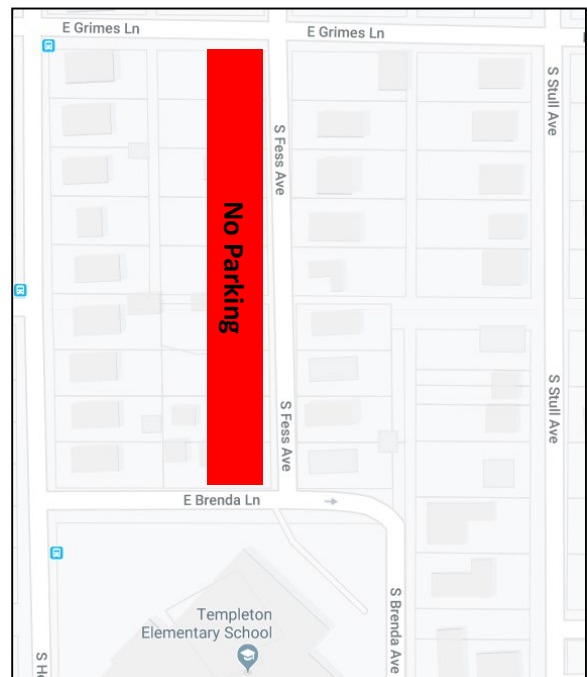
Background

The Planning and Transportation Department received a complaint via uReport regarding changing the on-street parking on South Fess Avenue between E. Brenda Lane and E. Grimes Lane. This two-way street cannot support parking on both sides due to the street's narrow width, which makes access for emergency vehicles and others challenging. Based on the Bloomington Municipal Code 15.32.140, "No person shall park any vehicle upon a street, other than an alley, in such a manner or under such conditions as to have available less than twelve feet of the width of the roadway for free movement of vehicular traffic."

Recommendations

After review and analysis, such as measuring the street width, comparing the number of driveways on both sides of the streets, and checking with the Templeton Elementary School, staff recommends reconfiguring the existing on-street parking along South Fess Avenue between E. Brenda Lane and E. Grimes Lane by restricting parking on the west side of the street and allowing parking on the east side of the street. If approved, a detailed Title 15 amendment will be prepared once this request is forwarded to the Common Council for their consideration.

Staff sent a letter to the residents of S. Fess Ave. between E. Brenda Lane and E. Grimes Lane to ask for their comments regarding the staff recommendation. The residents can attend the Traffic Commission meeting or submit a written comment. The letter to residents is included within the meeting packet for reference.



The above map shows Fess Avenue from E. Grimes Lane to E. Brenda Lane with the proposal to restrict parking on the west side of the street due to concerns for emergency vehicle access.



To: The Residents of S. Fess Ave. between E. Brenda Lane and E. Grimes Lane
From: City of Bloomington Planning and Transportation Department
Date: December 4, 2019
Re: South Fess Avenue Parking Restriction

The City of Bloomington is requesting to change the on-street parking on South Fess Avenue between E. Brenda Lane and E. Grimes Lane. The street cannot support parking on both sides due to the street's narrow width, which makes access for emergency vehicles and others challenging. Based on the Bloomington Municipal Code 15.32.140, "No person shall park any vehicle upon a street, other than an alley, in such a manner or under such conditions as to have available less than twelve feet of the width of the roadway for free movement of vehicular traffic."

After review, staff recommends reconfiguring the existing on-street parking along South Fess Avenue between E. Brenda Lane and E. Grimes Lane by restricting parking on the west side of the street and allowing parking on the east side of the street.

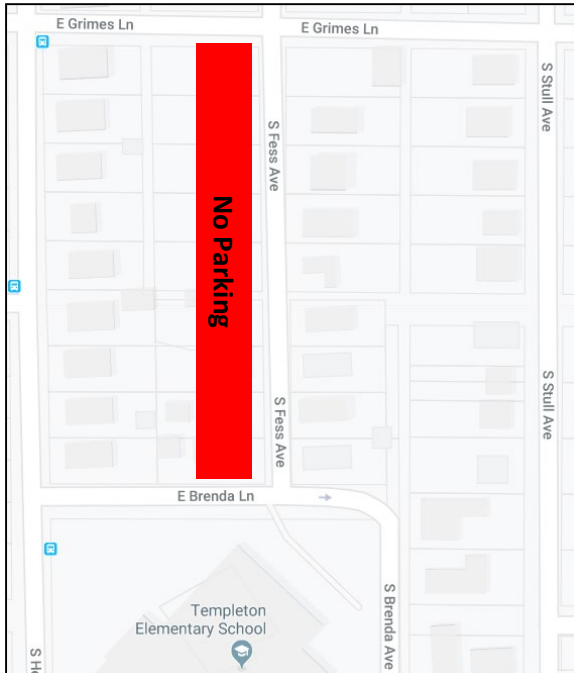
This case will be heard by the Traffic Commission on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 4:30 pm in the Council Chambers (RM #115) at City Hall. You are welcome to attend the Traffic Commission public hearing, during which there will be time for public comment. If you cannot attend or if you would like to submit a written comment, please submit it by Monday, December 16, 2019 by noon, and staff will provide your comment to the Traffic Commission. The packet for the Traffic Commission

will be posted online at

<https://bloomington.in.gov/boards/traffic>. The Traffic Commission reviews requests for changes to City code, Title 15 and makes a recommendation to the Common Council. After Traffic Commission review, the request will be forwarded to the Bloomington Common Council for final approval.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact SeyedAmir Kaboli Farshchi with the Planning and Transportation Department, contact information is below.

Sincerely,
SeyedAmir Kaboli Farshchi, Long Range Planner
farshchs@bloomington.in.gov
(812) 349-3423



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Planning and Transportation Department

Traffic Commission NOTICE

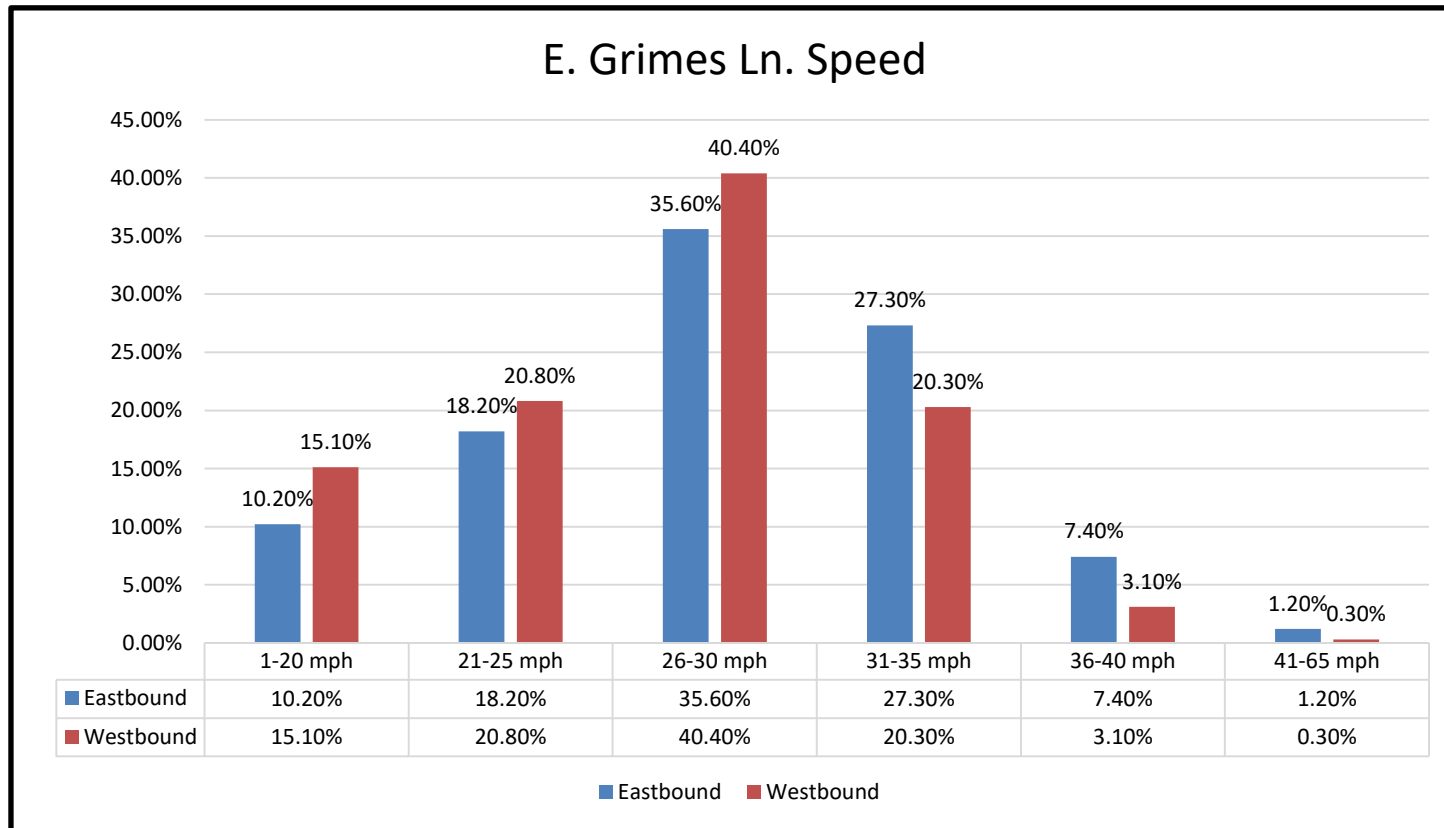
2020 Meeting Schedule

Regular meetings generally occur on the 4th Wednesday of each month, from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm, in the City Council Chambers at Bloomington City Hall, 401 N. Morton St., Bloomington, IN 47404 - unless otherwise noted below.

- January 22, 2020
- February 26, 2020
- March 25, 2020
- April 22, 2020
- May 27, 2020
- June 24, 2020
- July 22, 2020
- August 26, 2020
- September 23, 2020
- October 28, 2020
- November 18, 2020*
- December 23, 2020

*Meeting is on a different Wednesday due to proximity to holiday.

Summary of Traffic Count for E. Grimes Ln. from S. Fess Ave. to S. Stull Ave



Speed Summary	Eastbound	Westbound
1-20 mph	10.20%	15.10%
21-25 mph	18.20%	20.80%
26-30 mph	35.60%	40.40%
31-35 mph	27.30%	20.30%
36-40 mph	7.40%	3.10%
41-65 mph	1.20%	0.30%

E. Grimes Speed				
	Eastbound Percent	Eastbound Total Number of Vehicles	Westbound Percent	Westbound Total Number of Vehicles
1-15 mph	2.30%	146	3.20%	215
16-20mph	7.90%	508	11.90%	802
1-20 mph	10.20%	654	15.10%	1017
21-25 mph	18.20%	1174	20.80%	1409
26-30mph	35.60%	2293	40.40%	2731
31-35mph	27.30%	1754	20.30%	1372
36-40mph	7.40%	477	3.10%	211
41-45mph	1.00%	63	0.30%	23
46-50mph	0.20%	13	0.00%	2
51-55mph	0.10%	5	0.00%	1
56-60mph	0.00%	1	0.00%	0
61-65mph	0.00%	1	0.00%	0
41-65 mph	1.20%	83	0.30%	26

