



MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
Traffic Review Committee
Monday, February 24, 2014 1:30 P.M.
City Manager's Conference Room (4th Floor)
Beloit, WI 53511

1. Roll Call.
 2. Approval of the minutes from the January 27, 2014 Traffic Review Committee meeting.
 3. Public Participation.
 4. Ordinance to remove parking in front of 519 Locust Street.
 5. Ordinance to extend No-Parking 300 feet north along Freeman Parkway.
 6. Ordinance to change yield sign to stop sign control at the intersection of Johnson Street and House Street.
 7. Committee Member participation.
 8. Next meeting –the next meeting is scheduled for **March 24, 2014**.
 9. Adjournment
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MINUTES
TRAFFIC REVIEW COMMITTEE
January 27, 2014, 1:30 p.m.
City Manager's Conference Room

The regular meeting of the Traffic Review Committee of the City of Beloit, WI was held on January 27, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room. G. Boysen called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

1. Roll Call.

Members present: (Voting) D. Walsh, J. Dupuis for M. Flesch, M. Ramsden, D. Risse for D. Molland, D. Stauffacher.

Members absent: (Voting) J. Dowd, C. Fryar.

Non-voting members present: G. Boysen, D. Luebke.

Staff: C. Gill, J. Dupuis.

Public: Bruce Heine (Beloit College Assistant Director of Security).

2. Introduction of new member, Mike Ramsden.

J. Dupuis introduced and welcomed M. Ramsden as the new committee member. J. Dupuis said it is a pretty normal agenda today and we are usually a small group.

3. Approval of the minutes from the November 25, 2013 Traffic Review Committee meeting.

Minutes of the November 25, 2013 meeting were approved on a motion by D. Stauffacher, second by D. Walsh. Motion carried.

4. Public Participation.

None.

5. 2014 Traffic Review Committee Schedule

J. Dupuis sent out a 2014 calendar and reviewed the meeting dates. He reminded committee members that they are required to give at least 24 hour notice if they cannot attend a scheduled meeting. Any member who misses more than 25% of the meetings shall be subject to removal from the committee.

6. Ordinance to remove 1-hour parking time limit in the 100 block of West Grand Avenue.

J. Dupuis gave the staff report. The Downtown Beloit Assn. was originally in favor of removing time limits, however, now, S.El Amin from the DBA supports a three or four hour parking time limit. She expressed concern that businesses around the corner would have cars parking there a long time. The owner of the buildings is not concerned with cars from other businesses parking there. Staff recommendation is to remove the 1-hour parking time limit restriction for West Grand Avenue between 4th Street and Cross Street- both sides. M. Ramsden made a motion, second by D. Risse, to change the parking time limit to four hours restriction for West Grand Avenue between 4th Street and Cross Street- both sides. Motion passed.

7. Ordinance to remove parking across from 519 Locust Avenue.

J. Dupuis gave the staff report. J. Dupuis said he sent out a packet of information to owners and residents in the area. The resident at 519 Locust informed J. Dupuis that the home is a duplex property with a shared driveway between 519 and 523. His concern is that if the on street parking is removed, his tenants would be blocking one another in with a single lane driveway. He only owns the eastern half of the driveway. If we do not change parking, the trash trucks and school district will have to figure out some sort of compromise because the trucks are not able to make the turn. Currently the dumpsters are being wheeled out to the roadway to be emptied. G. Boysen asked if there are alternate dumpster enclosures. J. Dupuis said it is a brick structure on the property line. Committee members did not feel removing parking all the time was fair for trash pick-up once a week. Staff recommendation is to remove on-street parking in front of 519 Locust Street North Side. A motion was made by D. Walsh, second by M. Ramsden, to layover a vote until the next meeting, to evaluate potential alternatives. J. Dupuis said some sort of compromise will need to be addressed with the school district. Motion passed.

8. Ordinance to remove parking on the south side of Chapin Street near college Street.

J. Dupuis gave the staff report. Terrace parking was created along Chapin Street. B. Heine said the only time the south side parking is utilized is during large venue performances at the Eaton Chapel. Due to parking habits of the public he added that it causes more problems than it solves to allow parking. Parking is allowed on both sides of the street. M. Ramsden asked what the safety problem is. B. Heine said it makes it difficult to get vehicles through, especially this time of the year. D. Risse said it is difficult for fire apparatus to get through. Staff recommendation is to remove on-street parking along Chapin Street adjacent to 647 College Street – south side. A motion was made by D. Stauffacher, second by D. Walsh, to accept staff recommendation. Motion passed.

9. Committee Member Participation

D. Walsh – said he thinks snow should be hauled out downtown. G. Boysen said it is on the list.

M. Ramsden asked about the traffic signal at Woodward and Park, being there for Wright School. He wondered if there has been any further discussion about removing the light. J. Dupuis said the school is used once again as the learning academy. Next year the Roy Chapman Andrews School will be there also. J. Dupuis said it is on his list for evaluation of signals. He said it is difficult to remove a traffic signal in the eyes of the public.

D. Luebke said the staff has done a nice job with the snow and we have to go back to the 1978-79 winter to compare.

D. Risse asked if the committee has weighed in at all on the improvements to I90/39? J. Dupuis said we have not although the council has made a recommendation on a preferred alternative. The DOT is the lead agency G. Boysen said. The US DOT is also reviewing the plans he added. There will be many opportunities for input during the process G. Boysen said.

10. The next meeting is scheduled for February 24, 2014.

11. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn was made by M. Ramsden, second by J. Dupuis, at 2:15 p.m. Motion passed.

Minutes by Colleen Gill
Administrative Assistant

CITY OF BELOIT

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS TO TRAFFIC REVIEW COMMITTEE

Action Required * Information Only Options Attached

Date: February 24, 2014
Presenter(s): Jason Dupuis
Departments(s): Public Works-Engineering

Topic / Purpose for Presentation:

Ordinance to remove parking in front of 519 Locust Street.

Background Information:

A request was made by Jodine Saunders, Public Works Sustainability & Safety Coordinator, to remove the parking so that trash could be picked-up from the new enclosure at Hackett School.

Key Issues (maximum of 5):

1. This issue was reviewed by the Traffic Review Committee during the January 27, 2014 meeting. During the meeting, the Committee asked for additional information to be presented before taking action.
 2. The travel direction for the one-way traffic on Locust was changed from Westbound to Eastbound.
 3. Currently, parking is not allowed on the south side of Locust Street adjacent to the school property.
 4. Due to the location and orientation of the garbage enclosure, the City of Beloit trash trucks care not able to make the turn to pick up the trash containers if a car is parked on the north side in front of 519 Locust Street.
 5. All remaining on-street parking would remain in place along Locust Street.
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Action Required / Recommendation / Evaluation:

Staff recommendation is to remove on-street parking in front of 519 Locust Street – NORTH SIDE. Limiting the No-Parking to a specific time frame (ex. 7:00-9:00 AM) may cause a problem with enforcement.

Fiscal Note:

Dupuis, Jason

From: Saunders, Jodine
Sent: Friday, February 14, 2014 11:37 AM
To: Dupuis, Jason
Subject: 519 Locust

On October 28, 2013 the City of Beloit and the School District of Beloit partner to coordinate more effective and efficient service for solid waste and recycling at 18 School locations (30 dumpsters). At the Hackett School, like several others, they had started renovations and the plans where set in place for the convenience of the prior hauler to pick up the dumpsters. The prior hauler had been using a front load truck for dumpster pick up and the City uses rear loading trucks. The City's rear load truck with the constraints of the on street parking at 519 Locust makes it extremely difficult to pick up the dumpsters. To date we either rely on someone not being parked there or using part of another driveway. Another possibility would be give us a short term (2 hour) window to have no parking, it would need to be between 5 am-7am or 9am-11am.

Thank you

Jodine Saunders
City of Beloit
Solid Waste, Safety & Sustainability
Phone: 608-364-2929 Extension 7009
Fax: 608-364-2930



Proposed
"No-Parking"

LOCUST ST

Enclosure

HACKETT SCHOOL PROPERTY

HACKETT SCHOOL DUMPSTER ENCLOSURE



City of
BELOIT, Wisconsin

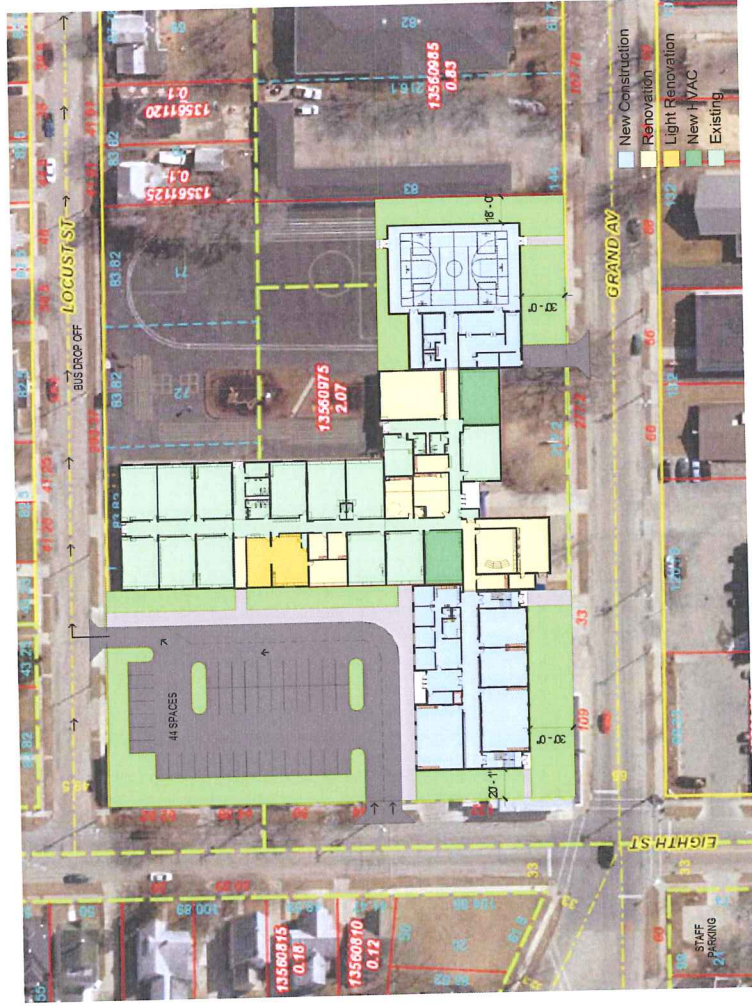


LOCATION: 519 Locust Street

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SCALE: None

DRAWN BY: JRD (2014)



Site Plan (6 Track Option)

Scale: 1" = 60'-0"

Hackett Elementary School

533 West Grand Avenue, Beloit, WI 53511

November 2, 2012

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Action Required * X Information Only Options Attached

Date: February 24, 2014
Presenter(s): Jason Dupuis
Departments(s): Public Works-Engineering

Topic / Purpose for Presentation:

Ordinance to extend the No-Parking zone 300' north along Freeman Parkway.

Background Information:

A request was made by Shirley Churchill of 2955 Chatsworth Drive to extend the No-Parking zone along Freeman Parkway around the curve along the apartment complex site.

Key Issues (maximum of 5):

1. Currently, parking is restricted along both sides of the roadway from Fuller Drive to approximately 375' north of Fuller.
 2. In the past, parking was allowed on street to help with the customer overflow parking at the 'Manor' restaurant.
 3. The 'Manor' restaurant is no longer in business and in fact the property has been vacant for a few years now.
 4. The apartment complex has recently been purchased and is in the process of being renovated. The parking lots will be reconstructed and garages will be added.
 5. Both sites have off-street parking lots which should have adequate space for their parking needs.
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Action Required / Recommendation / Evaluation:

Staff recommendation is to extend the No-Parking limits along Freeman Parkway for approximately 300' north-BOTH SIDES.

Fiscal Note:



FREEMAN PARKWAY 'NO-PARKING'



City of
BELOIT, Wisconsin



LOCATION: Freeman Parkway

CITY OF BELOIT, WISCONSIN

SCALE: None

DRAWN BY: JRD (2014)

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REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS TO TRAFFIC REVIEW COMMITTEE

Action Required * Information Only Options Attached

Date: February 24, 2014
Presenter(s): Jason Dupuis
Department(s): Public Works-Engineering

Topic / Purpose for Presentation:

Ordinance to change the traffic control measure on Johnson Street at the intersection of House Street from Yield signs to Stop signs.

Background Information:

A request was made by Richard Lake of 1660 Johnson Street to change the yield signs on Johnson to stop signs.

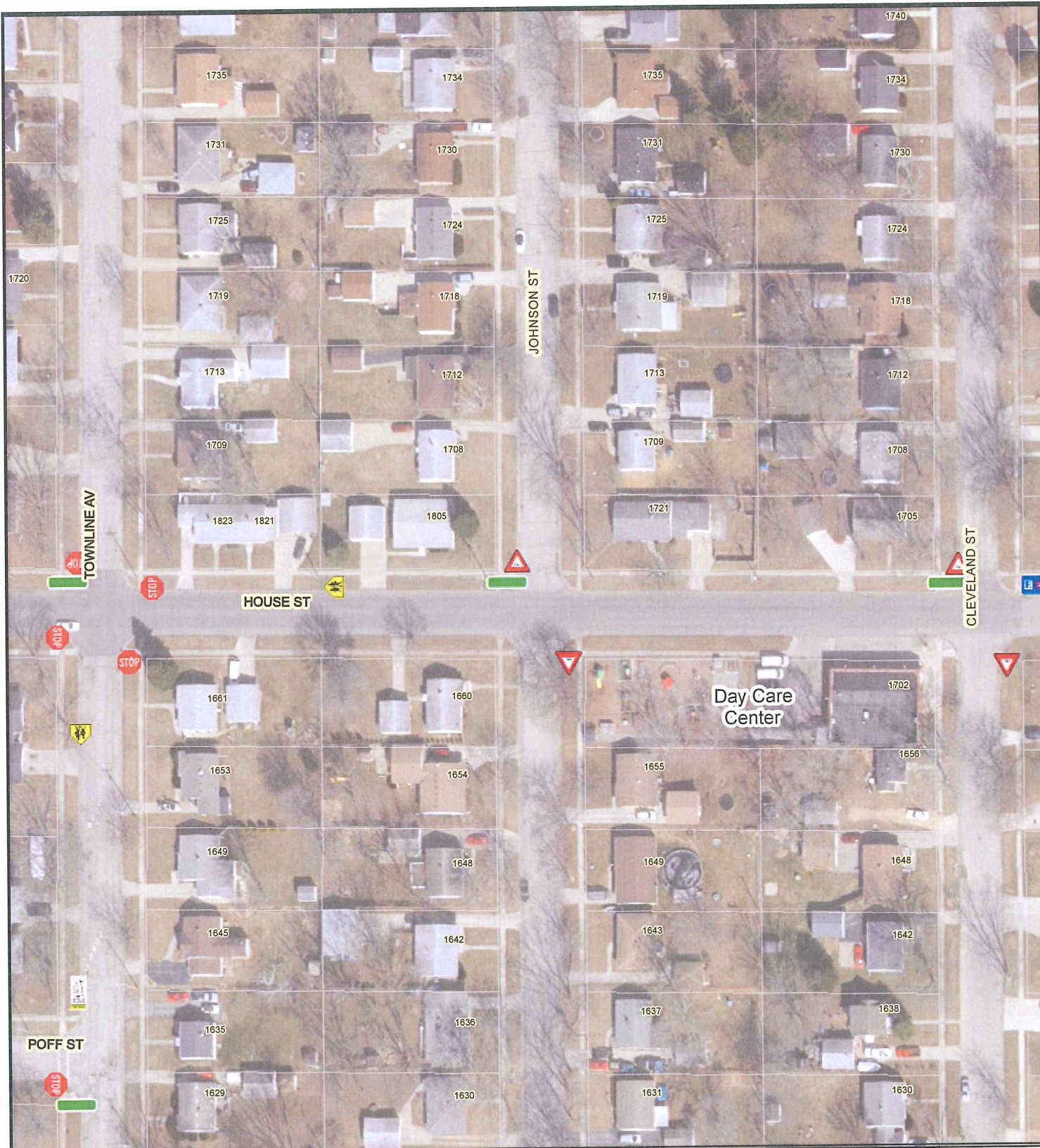
Key Issues (maximum of 5):

1. According to Mr. Lake, he is concerned with vehicles driving through this area and the potential for crashes near the day care facility. Currently, the intersection is a 2-way yield with traffic on Johnson yielding to traffic on House.
 2. Most drivers are reasonable and prudent and have no intention of maliciously violating traffic regulations. However, when an unreasonable restriction is imposed, it may result in flagrant violations. In such cases, *the STOP sign can create a false sense of security in a pedestrian* and an attitude of contempt in a motorist. These two attitudes can and often do conflict with tragic results.
 3. There is not a restricted view at this intersection, less than 6000 vpd travel along House (approx. 3500), less than 3 accidents within 12 months and less than 5 in 2 years (1 in 2013 and 2 in 2012).
 4. The current speed limit is posted at 25 MPH for both Johnson Street and House Street.
 5. Parking is allowed on both Johnson Street and House Street.
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Action Required / Recommendation / Evaluation:

Staff recommendation is to keep the existing traffic control measure (yield signs) on Johnson Street at the intersection of House Street.

Fiscal Note:



JOHNSON STREET AND HOUSE STREET STOP SIGNS



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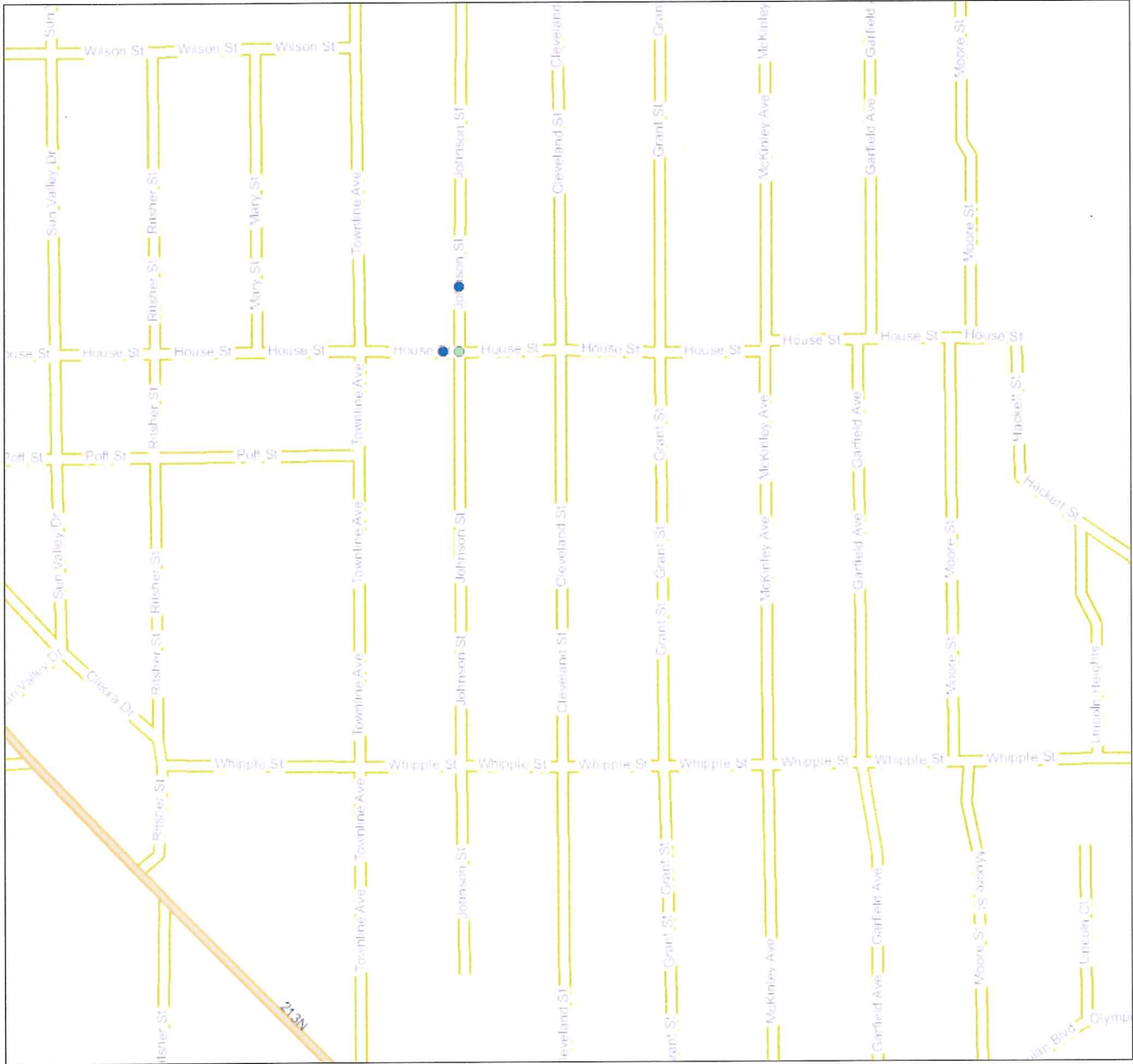
LOCATION: Johnson/House

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
SCALE: None

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WISLR Statewide Crash Map  (The printing feature is still under development.)



Legend and Summary

INJSVR	Queried	Mapped	Selected
 (K) Fatal	0	0	0
 (A) Incapacitating	0	0	0
 (B) Non-incapacitating	0	0	0
 (C) Possible	1	1	0
 (P) Property Damage	4	4	0
Total	5	5	0

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