
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
TRAFFIC REVIEW COMMITTEE
November 27, 2017 1:30 P.M.
City Manager's Conference Room, 4th Floor City Hall
Beloit, WI 53511**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call.
 2. Approval of the minutes from the September 25, 2017 Traffic Review Committee meeting.
 3. Public Participation
 4. Ordinance to remove the No-Parking restrictions on Freeman Parkway near the south half of the Maple Creek Apartment complex.
 5. Ordinance to remove the No-Parking signs on Lee Lane and Blarney Stone Drive.
 6. Ordinance to establish No-Parking on the west side of Branigan Road.
 7. Discussion related to crossing of pedestrians near Bryden Motors (548 Broad Street).
 8. Discussion related to cars parked along Bluff Street near Highland Avenue.
 9. Committee Member participation.
 10. Next meeting -Due to the holiday season, the next meeting is scheduled for **January 22, 2018.**
 11. Adjournment
- **** Please note that, upon reasonable notice, at least 24 hours in advance, efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of disabled individuals through appropriate aids and services. For additional information or to request this service, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 364-6680, 100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511.

MINUTES
TRAFFIC REVIEW COMMITTEE
September 25, 2017, 1:30 p.m.
City Manager's Conference Room. 4th Floor City Hall
Beloit, WI 53511

A meeting of the Traffic Review Committee of the City of Beloit, WI was held Monday, September 25, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. in the City Manager's Conference room. D. Nord called the meeting to order at approximately 1:34 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Member's present: (Voting): T. Nee, M. Flesch, D. Risse, D. Stauffacher

Members absent: (Voting): R. Norder, M. Ramsden, C. Fryar

Non-voting members present: D. Nord, S. Blakeley

Non-voting members absent: K. Leavy

Staff: J. Dupuis, L. West

Public: Allen Dix

2. Approval of the minutes from the June 26, 2017 Traffic Review Committee Meeting

Minutes of the June 26, 2017 meeting were approved on a motion by T. Nee, seconded by D. Stauffacher

3. Public Participation

Allen Dix provided a map showing where new speed signs should be placed along Cranston Rd. He also talked about the need to install signage at the intersection of Cranston Rd. & Cobblestone La.

4. Ordinance to establish parking zones in the City Hall Parking Lot

Sherry Blakeley discussed changes in public parking in the north side parking lot of City Hall. New signage should be placed to include hours of permitted parking. Public parking would be allowed on weekends and after the normal business hours of 7 am to 5 pm. Discussion was also held with regard to cutting back the number of stalls for employee parking.

5. Discussion on Cranston Road petition/upcoming corridor study

The upcoming corridor study will include Cranston Rd. from Shopiere Rd. to Sutler Dr. (will probably be extended to Milwaukee Rd.). The study will most likely be held in the spring of 2018. If approved, funding from the MPO will be available in January. The full study will be conducted by an outside vendor. There needs to be more police presence in the corridor. There have been a high number of accidents on Cranston Rd. in this area – 117 since 2015.

6. Committee Member Participation

None

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Traffic Review Committee is scheduled for Monday, October 23, 2017 in the City Manager's Conference Room (4th floor of City Hall) at 1:30 pm.

7. Adjournment

The motion to adjourn was moved by T. Nee and seconded by D. Stauffacher.

Minutes by Lynn West
Water Resources Division
Administrative Assistant I

CITY OF BELOIT

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS TO TRAFFIC REVIEW COMMITTEE

Action Required * X Information Only Options Attached

Date: November 27, 2017
Presenter(s): Jason Dupuis
Departments(s): Public Works-Engineering

Topic / Purpose for Presentation:

Ordinance to remove No-Parking restrictions along the east side of Freeman Parkway near the south half of the Maple Creek Apartment complex.

Background Information:

Engineering received an e-mail from David Hoffman (Maple Creek) asking that the No-Parking issue be revisited by the Traffic Review Committee.

Key Issues (maximum of 5):

1. Originally, a resident in the neighborhood had requested to extend the No-Parking along Freeman Parkway. The item was discussed during the February 2014 TRC meeting.
 2. During the February 2014 meeting Mr. Hoffman explained that the apartments were undergoing a renovation and that he opposed the extension of the No-Parking. In fact, Mr. Hoffman requested that the existing No-Parking area be removed. At the end of the meeting, the Committee decided to keep the existing No-Parking regulations in place.
 3. Mr. Hoffman's request to remove the No-Parking area was brought forward to the committee during the June, 2014 meeting. During the meeting, it was noted that no new information was brought forward and the Committee decided to keep the parking regulations in place with the understanding that the issue could be reviewed again once the apartments were all occupied.
 4. The apartment complex has a mix of on-site surface parking and garages to their tenants. Mr. Hoffman's reasoning for allowing the on-street parking would be that it is closer and more convenient to some of the rental tenants.
 5. Staff prefers that the vehicles utilize the surface parking and garages provided and keep the street area around curve and near the entrance to the apartments clear from on-street parked vehicles.
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Action Required / Recommendation / Evaluation:

Staff recommendation is to keep the existing No-Parking regulations in place along the east side of Freeman Parkway.

Fiscal Note:



FREEMAN PARKWAY



LOCATION: Maple Creek Apartments

CITY OF BELOIT, WISCONSIN

SCALE: NONE

DRAWN BY: JRD (2017)



Dear Jason Dupuis,

I would like to request the permanent removal of the no parking regulation (signs) on Freeman Parkway adjacent to the public sidewalk on the south half of my property. We have talked about this in the past. You suggested that I wait a year after the installation of the street lights. On street parking would be closer and more convenient to some of my rental tenants and their guests than my parking lot. Construction for the project was finished 2 years ago in September 2015

I am hoping we can address this on Monday Oct 23, which is the next traffic Review Committee

Sincerely,

David Hoffman
2101 Freeman Parkway
office 55
Beloit, WI 53511
[414-429-9590](tel:414-429-9590)



Lori Puentes
KJB Management/Maple Creek
Agent/Manager

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Date: November 27, 2017
Presenter(s): Jason Dupuis
Departments(s): Public Works-Engineering

Topic / Purpose for Presentation:

Ordinance to remove No-Parking signs on Lee Lane and Blarney Stone Drive.

Background Information:

City of Beloit-Sign Crew is in the process of updating the signage in the neighborhood near the old Morgan School site.

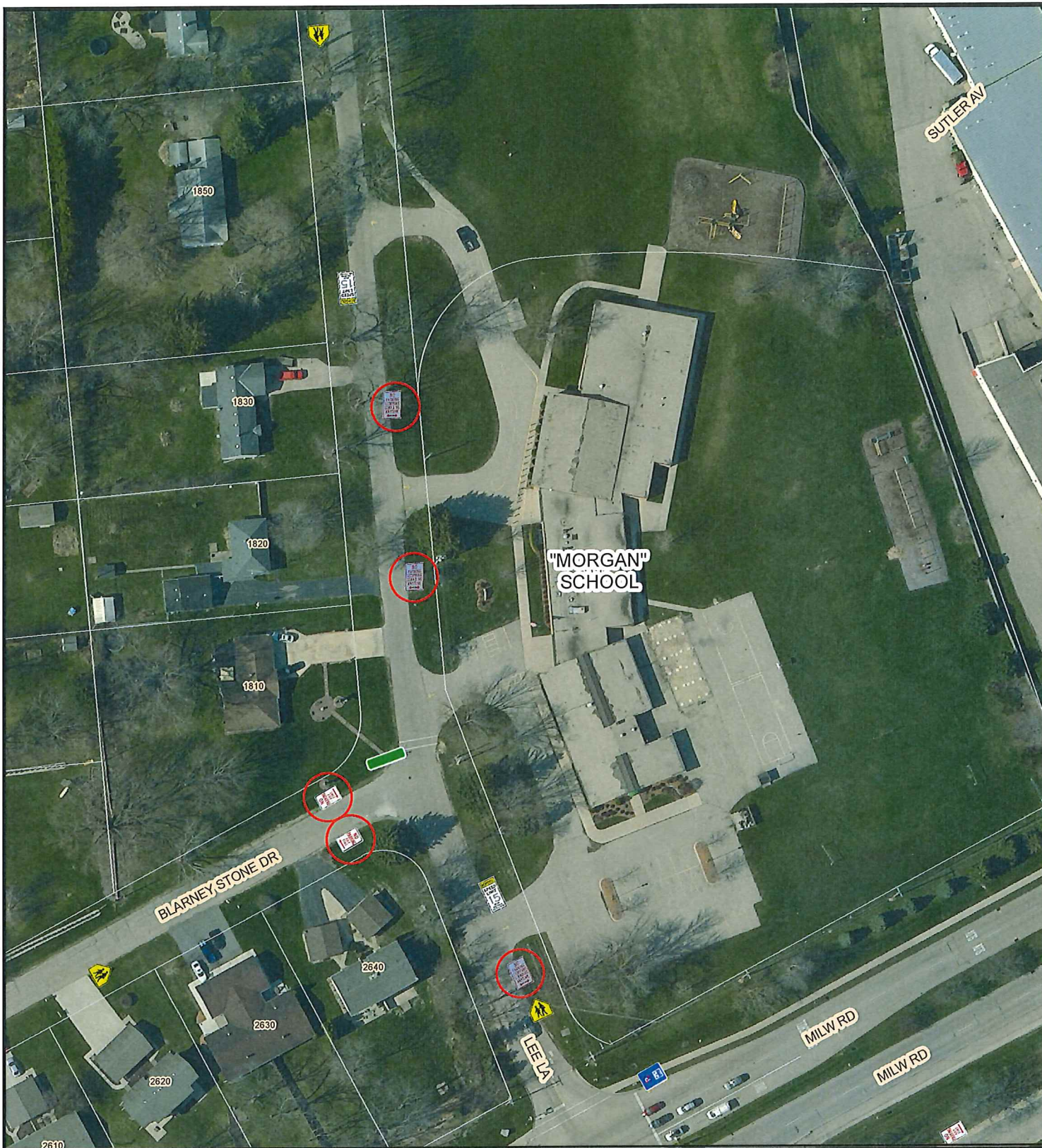
Key Issues (maximum of 5):

1. Morgan School, at the corner of Lee Lane and Milwaukee Road closed permanently after the 2015 school year.
 2. The "No-Parking" and school signage has remained until it was clear that the property would not be utilized to house students.
 3. The School speed limit and crossing signs can be removed without action, however the No-Parking signs were established by previous ordinance and will need an ordinance change before removal can occur.
 4. The No-Parking signs related to the school are adjacent to the school property on Lee Lane and at the corner of Blarney Stone Drive near the intersection of Lee Lane.
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Action Required / Recommendation / Evaluation:

Staff recommendation is to remove the No-Parking signs on Lee Lane and Blarney Stone Drive related to the old Morgan School.

Fiscal Note:



LEE LANE AND BLARNEY STONE DRIVE



Beloit
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LOCATION: Morgan School

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SCALE: None

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Date: November 27, 2017
Presenter(s): Jason Dupuis
Departments(s): Public Works-Engineering

Topic / Purpose for Presentation:

Ordinance to establish No-Parking on the west side of Branigan Road

Background Information:

City of Beloit-Sign Crew is in the process of updating the signage along Branigan Road.

Key Issues (maximum of 5):

1. During the inspection of the signs along Branigan Road, it was brought to the attention of the Engineering Division that an ordinance does not exist for the No-Parking signs along the west side of the roadway.
 2. The No-Parking signs are already installed along both sides of Branigan Road. An ordinance already exists for the signage along the east side of the roadway.
 3. An ordinance is needed to update the Index of Special Locations in order to reflect what is currently in place along Branigan Road.
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Action Required / Recommendation / Evaluation:

Staff recommendation is to establish No-Parking along the west side of Branigan Road.

Fiscal Note:



BRANIGAN ROAD



Beloit
WISCONSIN



LOCATION: Branigan Road

CITY OF BELOIT, WISCONSIN

SCALE: None

DRAWN BY: JRD (2017)

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Date: November 27, 2017
Presenter(s): Jason Dupuis
Departments(s): Public Works-Engineering

Topic / Purpose for Presentation:

Discussion related to crossing of pedestrians near Bryden Motors located at 548 Broad Street.

Background Information:

A request was made by Scott Bryden for the installation of a marked crosswalk and slowing of traffic along Broad Street.

Key Issues (maximum of 5):

1. Bryden Motors currently has property on both sides of Broad Street with their showroom being on the south side and a parking lot full of cars on the north side.
 2. The salespeople for Bryden regularly are walking across Broad Street with potential customers to show them vehicles in lot to the north.
 3. A marked crosswalk could be installed on the west leg at the intersection of Broad Street and Prospect Street. The marked crosswalk would give a visual cue to drivers along Broad Street that pedestrians would be expected to cross in this location.
 4. Broad Street is a 4-lane undivided highway with on-street parking. It is classified as a principal arterial with a posted speed limit of 25 MPH. It is also USH 51 along this stretch.
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Action Required / Recommendation / Evaluation:

Staff recommendation is to paint a marked crosswalk on the west leg of the Broad Street and Prospect Street intersection. Due to the late time of year and current weather, the pavement marking may not occur until spring of 2018.

Fiscal Note:



548 BROAD STREET (Bryden)



Beloit
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LOCATION: Broad and Prospect

CITY OF BELOIT, WISCONSIN

SCALE: None

DRAWN BY: JRD (2017)



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November 7, 2017

Mr. Andrew Janke
Economic Development Director
City of Beloit
500 Public Avenue
Beloit, WI 53511

Mr. Janke:

Could we please get a painted crosswalk and cone on Broad Street north of our main facility at 548 Broad Street? Ideally, we would like it directly in front of our north door mid-block, but I've been told the corner of Broad Street and Prospect Street is the best it gets without involving the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. Whatever can be done to slow the traffic would be much appreciated.

My dad, Roger Bryden, always said he would die crossing Broad Street. Well, he was wrong, he was taken by a heart attack, but any one of us could die on Broad Street any day. I believe the main issue is Broad Street has a 25 MPH speed limit, but is a four-lane road. I am surely O.K. with both of those, but we need the traffic to get closer to 25 MPH for us to safely cross the road with families of guests who would like to look at our vehicles across the street. We have been calling it "Frogger," the 1980's arcade game where a frog tries to cross a busy street without being run over.

The Beloit Police Department has recently made some in roads in slowing traffic by writing tickets and giving warnings, however their staffing and budget doesn't allow for much time monitoring speeds. I've let them know they can park on our lot any time to do paperwork if they'd like to.

Police presence as well as a marked crosswalk with a cone or some other method of bringing attention to the concept that people could cross the street there are probably the best solution for slowing traffic in the near term. Will you please do what you can to bring this to fruition soon?

I welcome you to come in and check it out for yourself. A good time to witness the varied speed of the traffic is Tuesday between 10 AM and 11 AM. That's when I'm in a managers' meeting and see dump trucks, school buses, and semis flying by at speeds estimated at 45 to 50 MPH at times. We could talk more then, or better yet, let's act before someone gets hurt or killed.

Sincerely,

Scott Bryden
President

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Date: November 27, 2017
Presenter(s): Jason Dupuis
Departments(s): Public Works-Engineering

Topic / Purpose for Presentation:

Discussion related to cars parked along Bluff Street near Highland Avenue.

Background Information:

A request was made by a citizen stating that cars parked legally along Bluff Street are obstructing the view for cars traveling along Highland.

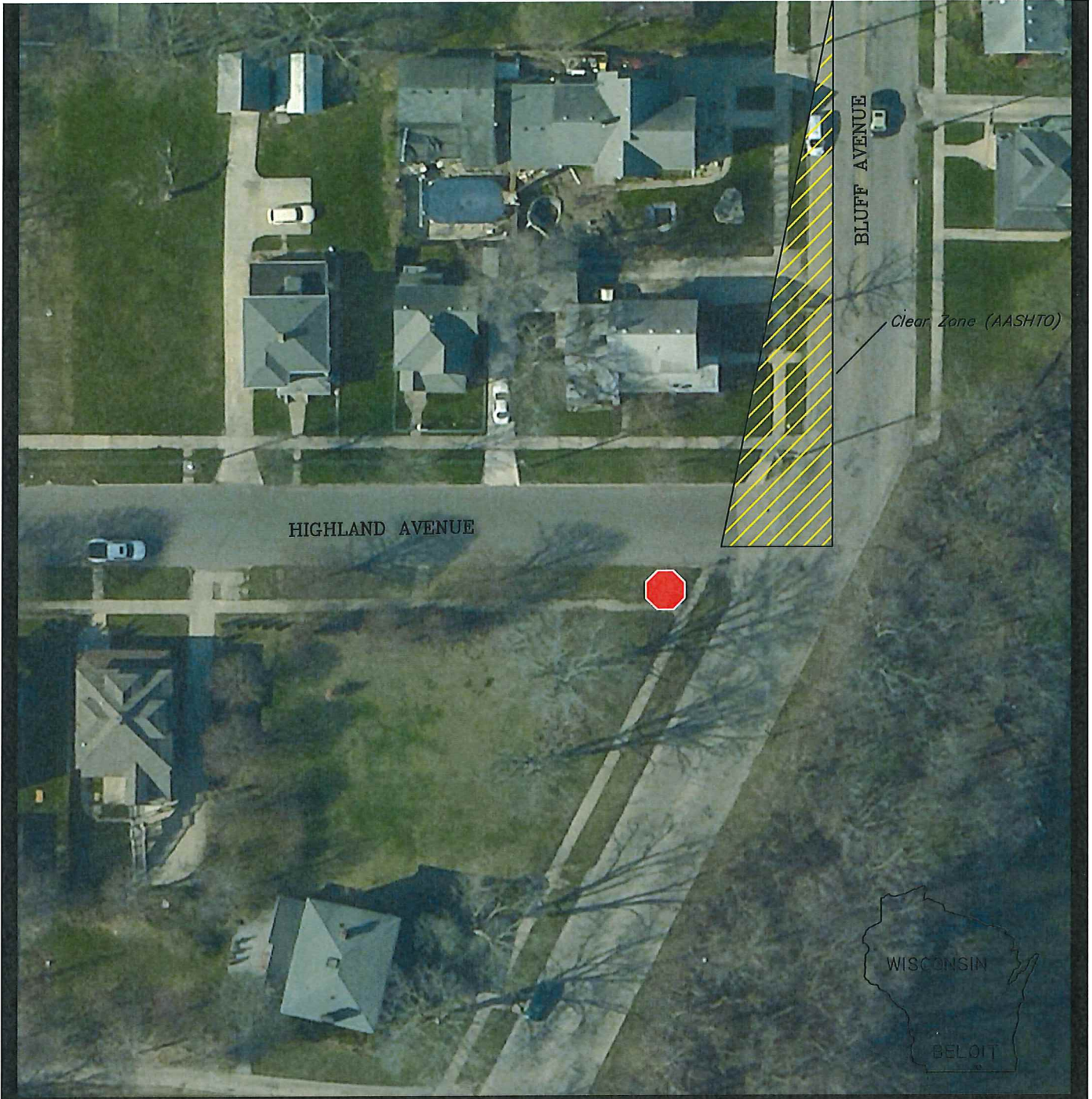
Key Issues (maximum of 5):

1. Broad Street is a 2-lane undivided highway with on-street parking allowed along both sides of the roadway. It is classified as a major collector with a posted speed limit of 25 MPH.
 2. A sight triangle was calculated using the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) design guidelines.
 3. A stop sign is in place for traffic along Highland, while traffic along Bluff is 'free-flow'.
 4. The clear zone for (area free of objects over 30") extends the length of the first two lots along Bluff Street.
 5. Staff has not made contact with the owners and/or residents of these two lots.
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Action Required / Recommendation / Evaluation:

Staff recommendation to remove parking along the west side of Bluff Street from Highland Avenue north to approximately 135'. An official request for action should be brought back to the Committee for review after attempts to contact the property owners have occurred.

Fiscal Note:



HIGHLAND AND BLUFF



LOCATION: Highland and Bluff

CITY OF BELOIT, WISCONSIN

SCALE: NONE

DRAWN BY: JRD (2017)

