

September 2, 2004

Honorable Chairman and Members of the
Public Works Commission

Regular Meeting of
September 15, 2004

CHANGE 26TH STREET TO BE ONE-WAY WESTBOUND

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Commission receive public comments and support the request to change 26th Street to one-way westbound beginning at Morningside Drive southbound and ending at Myrtle Avenue.

Summary:

Staff has received a petition from residents of 26th Street requesting that this change be made (see Attachment 1). The residents have citing concerns regarding safety of school children on this busy and narrow street. There is a large volume of traffic in the morning and afternoons during drop off and pick up of school children at Valley Park School. The street is 25 feet wide with parking on both sides. This is typical of other residential streets in the vicinity but the others do not have a school on their block.

Staff believes that the proposed one-way option will greatly improve the traffic flow during drop off and pick up of school children, and improve safety as well. For this reason staff supports the proposed change with one exception. Staff proposes that the one-way segment terminate at Myrtle Avenue. This would adequately handle the school traffic situation. Staff is concerned about extending this one-way segment to Manhattan Avenue because it could increase traffic on Ozone Court, which is very narrow.

Staff has mailed notices of this proposed change to all owners and residents who may be affected by this change.

If supported by the Commission, the request would then go to the Planning Commission for approval as an Amendment to the General Plan Circulation Element. If approved there, the Amendment would go to City Council for final approval for implementation.

Attachments:

1. Petition
2. Vicinity Map

Respectfully submitted,

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