

Engineering Division of the Public Works Department

To: Chairperson Davis and Committee Members

From: Nathan R. Williams, Civil Engineer I

Date: January 28, 2026

Subject: Public Safety & Welfare Committee Meeting of February 4, 2026

Review and discuss: S Ninth Street two-way traffic conversion

Background

When S Ninth St from Market Street to Western Ave was reconstructed in 2020, it was widened to 35' to 37' with the intention to accommodate two-way traffic without removal of parking. In January of 2021, after construction, an ordinance was passed to repeal the one-way traffic designation along S Ninth St from Market Street to Western Ave. After this ordinance passed, the roadway has continued to function as a one-way street and signage hasn't yet been updated to reflect the ordinance.

Budget Goal

5. Maintains a safe and healthy community, with an eye toward future needs and trends

Financial Impact

Signage costs are anticipated to be under \$1000. All work will be done by Street Division Staff.

Recommendation

The Engineering Division is bringing this item to the committee for awareness, and to inform the public that the signage along S Ninth Street will be updated in 2026 to reflect two-way operations as passed in the 2021 ordinance. Additional public outreach and notices will be given prior to construction. Temporary warning signs are anticipated to be used to inform users of the change.

Attachments:

- 21-02 Ordinance to Repeal a Portion of Section 500-5, "One-way Streets and Alleys" of Chapter 500 Traffic Code of the City of Watertown