

Engineering Division of the Public Works Department

To: Chairperson Davis and Public Safety & Welfare Committee

From: Andrew M. Beyer, P.E., Director of Public Works/City Engineer

Date: September 26, 2024

Subject: Public Safety & Welfare Committee Meeting of October 2, 2024

Background

Agenda Item:

Review and take possible action: Amend Section 500 – 3(B), Stop Intersections of the City of Watertown General Ordinances- Stop Sign on Western Avenue at South First Street

BACKGROUND:

The City is contracted with Graef-USA to prepare plans and specifications for a WisDOT Surface Transportation Program – Local (STP-L) funded project to improve Western Avenue between S. First and S. Third Streets and S. First Street between Milwaukee and Western Avenue. The project is scheduled to be constructed in 2025. The project is being designed to meet current roadway and signage standards. Part of the design will include designated left and right turn lanes in the westbound lane of Western Avenue at S. First Street, which requires one stop sign being placed at the westbound leg of the intersection. Graef is recommending a “Right Turn No Stop” plaque be placed beneath the stop sign for ease of traffic flow. The additional stop sign requires amending Section 500-3(B), Stop Intersections. A draft construction plan sheet and draft ordinance are attached for Committee review.



Attachments:

- Plan Sheet
- Draft Ordinance

Budget Goal

1. Proactively maintains and improves our parks and infrastructure in an effort to ensure quality, safety and compliance
5. Maintains a safe and healthy community, and expands community education on safety and health

Financial Impact

Funding would be included in the 2025 Budget for the project.

Recommendation

Engineering Division recommends placing a STOP sign at Western Avenue and First Street with the added “Right Turn No Stop” plaque. The STOP sign to be placed by completion of the 2025 South First Street and Western Avenue Street Improvement Project.