



Council Agenda Item

Meeting Date: May 6, 2025

Agenda Item: Walworth – Prince Stop Signs

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BACKGROUND

(Enter the who, what when, where, why)

There was a councilperson request for this item to be brought to the full Council for discussion. Currently, traffic on Prince Street has to stop at the intersection, while traffic on Walworth Avenue does not. This item was previously discussed at a July 2023 Public Works Committee. At the time of that meeting, there were 11 accidents over the previous 10 years. Since that meeting there have been an additional four accidents. 8 of the 14 accidents were the result of vehicles on Prince Street stopping at the intersection and then failing to yield the right of way to the thru traffic on Walworth Avenue (See attached Police Report).

PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

In July 2023, the Public Works Committee recommended to keep the intersection as is with stop signs on the Prince Street approaches only.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends a motion to keep the intersection in its current configuration. This motion is based on the section in the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Signing for Right-of-Way at Intersections. In particular:

1. Stop signs are not to be used to control speed.
2. The intersection does not warrant a four way stop.

The Fire Department and Police Department have also provided their recommendation to keep the intersection in its current configuration.

If the Council decides to proceed with the installation of stop signs on Walworth Avenue, the item will need to be brought back to the Council as an Ordinance.

ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED

(If none, state N/A)

1. MUTCD Stop Signs
2. Walworth-Prince Police Report
3. Fire Memo Walworth-Prince
4. Police Email Walworth-Prince