



Council Agenda Item

Meeting Date: May 20, 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)

At the May 6, 2025 Council meeting, the Council voted to add stop signs on Walworth Avenue at Prince Street and bring back as an Ordinance for consideration.
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)

The cost to install stop signs is minimal. The only cost is for the sign and post. City staff will do the installation.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff still 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.

If the Council decides to proceed with the installation of stop signs on Walworth Avenue, the motion would be to approve Ordinance 2025-O-17, installing stop signs on Walworth Avenue at Prince Street.

Staff does not recommend waiving the second hearing. Additionally, staff would recommend the installation be coordinated with the reopening of Walworth Avenue. Walworth Avenue is scheduled to be closed June 9, 2025 through August.

ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED

(If none, state N/A)

1. Ordinance 2025-O-17
2. MUTCD Stop Signs
3. Walworth-Prince Police Report
4. Fire Memo Walworth-Prince
5. Police Email Walworth-Prince