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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Transportation Services

CM/DCM/ACM: Cassandra Ogden

DATE: March 19, 2024

SUBJECT

Consider adopting an ordinance of the City of Denton prohibiting right turn movement at the signalized intersection where the approaching traffic is facing a red signal light and U-turn where the approaching traffic has no traffic control and; providing a repealer clause; providing a savings clause; providing a severability clause; providing a penalty not to exceed $200 for violations of this ordinance; providing that violations of this ordinance shall be governed by chapter 18 of the code of ordinances of the City of Denton and providing an effective date.

BACKGROUND

Staff received complaints of crashes along the US 380 corridor, especially for the traffic approaching North Bell Avenue, Nottingham Drive, Old North Road, North Western Boulevard/Cindy Lane, Masch Branch Road, and for traffic approaching US 380 with no U-turns at Thomas J Egan Road intersection. Traffic Engineering staff made field observations at the study intersections and analyzed the data, and it was determined that lack of continuous visibility/corner sight distance is a potential contributor to several crashes along the US 380 corridor.

- Signs were installed based on crash and safety analysis at three locations (US 380 at North Bell Avenue, Nottingham Drive, and Old North Road).

OPTIONS

1. Recommend approval of the proposed restriction to turn on red-traffic-light at the intersections identified above and no U-turn sign at an uncontrolled intersection.
2. Reject the proposed changes.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the proposed no turn on red-traffic-light restriction in accordance with the Code of Ordinances within Chapter 18 “Motor Vehicles and Traffic”, which authorizes City Council to approve those intersections at which drivers of vehicles shall not make a right, left, or U-turn and shall place proper signs at such intersections. With this approval, the ordinance shall

- Ratify the sign installation at the locations as indicated within the ordinance.
- For the first 30-days following ordinance approval, the Police Department shall provide warnings for violations prior to issuing citations.

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE OF PROJECT

Production and installation of the new speed signs are anticipated to take approximately less than 10 days to complete.

EXHIBITS

1. Agenda Information Sheet
2. Draft Ordinance

Respectfully submitted:
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