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	Agenda Item No. 49 Roll Call No. <u>10-839</u> Communication No. <u>10-272</u> Submitted by: Jeb E. Brewer, P.E. City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Amending Chapter 114 of the Municipal Code regarding traffic regulation changes as follows:

- A. Traffic control changes from Thrivent Neighborhood Traffic Study
- B. Parking restriction—36th Street south of Douglas Avenue

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the Traffic and Transportation Division staff recommendations, including first reading of the Ordinance regarding the traffic regulation changes.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Minor costs for signing modifications.

Funding Source: 2009-2010 Operating Budget, Page 93, Engineering Department Traffic & Transportation - Sign Installation and Maintenance, ENG100413.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- A. Staff has worked with the Mondamin Presidential and King Irving Neighborhoods to conduct a traffic safety study along Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway from Carpenter Avenue to Hickman Road, and the intersections of 13th Street and College Avenue and 16th Street and College Avenue. The neighborhoods have reviewed the study and the recommendations, and have concurred.

Following are the short-term recommendations from the study:

1. 13th Street and College Avenue
 - Install 30-inch STOP signs on 13th Street for a four-way stop intersection
2. 16th Street and College Avenue
 - Install 30-inch STOP signs on College Avenue
 - Prohibit parking on west side of 16th Street north and south of College Avenue
 - Continue to monitor crashes

3. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway—Mondamin Avenue to Hickman Road
 - Reduce speed limit to 30 mph, same as area south (keep 35 mph north of Hickman Road)
 - Install new speed limit signs, with red flags
 - Request speed enforcement by Police Traffic Unit—speed trailers
 - Monitor speeds after change
 - Apply for State Traffic Safety Funds (TSF) for 2011
 - Pedestrian crossings at Washington Avenue, Franklin Avenue, and Lincoln Avenue, including flashing pedestrian signs, small center islands, and tapered pavement markings
 - Real-time speed display signs (one northbound and one southbound)

4. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway and 19th Street—Mondamin Avenue to Carpenter Avenue
 - Apply for State Traffic Safety Funds (TSF) for 2011 to upgrade signals:
 - Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway and Forest Avenue: new heads, change to “countdown” pedestrian signals
 - 19th Street and Forest Avenue: new heads, change to “countdown” pedestrian signals
 - Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway and Carpenter Avenue: new heads, add “countdown” pedestrian signals
 - 19th Street and Carpenter Avenue: new heads, add “countdown” pedestrian signals

 - Complete sidewalks along east side of 19th Street between College Avenue and Mondamin Avenue

 - Have Public Works Department evaluate snow removal request on sidewalks adjacent to retaining walls.

At their May 11, 2010 meeting, the Traffic Safety Committee unanimously approved staff’s recommendations. The following revisions to the Municipal Code are necessary to place the above-referenced traffic controls into effect.

Sec. 114-1335. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway.

Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway, from Interstate 235 to Hickman Road ~~University Avenue~~, 30 miles per hour.

~~Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway, from Carpenter Avenue to Mondamin Avenue, 30 miles per hour.~~

Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway, from Hickman Road ~~Mondamin Avenue~~ to Euclid Avenue, 35 miles per hour.

Sec. 114-319.03. Location of four-way stop intersections.

(12a) College Avenue at Thirteenth Street.

(12ba) College Avenue and Forty-fourth Street.

DIVISION 6. THROUGH STREETS

Sec. 114-2025. Thirteenth Street.

Thirteenth Street, from the north line of Mulberry Street to the south line of Grand Avenue High Street, stop.

Thirteenth Street, from the south line of Day Street to the south line of Forest Avenue Chautauqua Parkway, stop.

Thirteenth Street, from the north line of Forest Avenue to the south line of Clark Street, stop.

Thirteenth Street, from the north line of Clark Street to the south line of College Avenue, stop.

Thirteenth Street, from the north line of College Avenue to the south line of Chautauqua Parkway, stop.

DIVISION 9. PROHIBITED/LIMITED PARKING

Sec. 114-2768. Sixteenth Street--High Street to Shawnee Avenue.

Sixteenth Street, on the west side, from a point 50 feet south of College Avenue to a point 50 feet north of College Avenue, no parking any time.

- B. The residents on 36th Street south of Douglas Avenue have requested that parking be restricted on the west side of the street to prevent employee parking from the Veterans Administration Medical Center. Staff has met with the residents and concurs that a limited hours parking restriction should help prevent this employee parking, but still allow resident parking at other times.

Thirty-Sixth Street is a residential street that dead-ends south of Douglas Avenue. There are approximately 13 houses on the west side of the street, and the east side is adjacent to the Vets complex. Parking is prohibited on the east side of the street, but is allowed on the west side. There is a driveway from the medical center onto 36th Street, and employees have been using the on-street parking as overflow parking.

It is recommended that parking be prohibited on the west side of 36th Street south of the driveway from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, to restrict employees from parking on the street during most business hours. In addition, it is recommended that parking be restricted all the time on the west side of the street north of the driveway to allow two-way flow of vehicles.

At their May 11, 2010 meeting, the Traffic Safety Committee unanimously approved staff recommendations that parking be restricted on the west side of 36th Street at all times from Douglas Avenue south past the medical center driveway, and that parking be restricted from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, from the driveway south to the dead end. The

following revisions to the Municipal Code are necessary to place these parking restrictions into effect.

Sec. 114-602. Parking prohibited during certain hours on certain days.

(18) No parking 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Sec. 114-2896. Thirty-sixth Street--Grand Avenue to Madison Avenue.

Thirty-sixth Street, on the west side, from Douglas Avenue to a point ~~60~~ 200 feet south thereof, no parking any time.

Thirty-sixth Street, on the west side, from a point 200 feet south of Douglas Avenue south to the dead end, no parking 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: September 8, 2008

Roll Call Number: 08-1587

Action: [Recoverable](#) Funding and Grant Agreement with Habitat For Humanity International Inc., Des Moines Neighbors Neighborhood Resources Office Inc., Greater Des Moines Habitat For Humanity, Inc., and the City of Des Moines for the Thrivent Builds Neighborhoods Program. ([Council Communication No. 08-535](#)) Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Date: May 11, 2010

Roll Call Number: N/A

Action: Carl Voss made a motion to approve staff's recommendations from the Thrivent Traffic Safety Study. Seconded by George Robinson. Motion passed 8:0.

Date: May 11, 2010

Roll Call Number: N/A

Action: George Robinson made a motion to approve staff's recommendation to restrict parking on the west side of 36th Street at all times from Douglas Avenue south past the medical center driveway and that parking be restricted from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, from the driveway south to the dead end. Seconded by Carl McPherson. Motion passed 8:0.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Second and third readings of Ordinance.

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