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	Agenda Item No.	53
	Roll Call No.	<u>16-1436</u>
	Communication No.	<u>16-468</u>
	Submitted by:	Pamela S. Cooksey, P.E., City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

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

A. Installation of a stop sign for eastbound Robertson Drive at 51st Street.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the staff recommendations and the ordinance regarding the traffic regulation changes.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Minor costs for sign installations.

Funding Source: 2016-17 Operating Budget, page 78 Engineering Department Traffic and Transportation—Sign Installation and Maintenance, EG062080.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

A request was received from a member of the Traffic Safety Committee and from the Westwood Neighborhood Association board regarding the desire for the City to consider installing a stop sign for eastbound Robertson Drive at 51st Street. The concerns received were related to school traffic at the intersection during arrival and dismissal times and near misses from vehicles on Robertson Drive from failing to yield to vehicles on 51st Street.

Robertson Drive is classified as a residential street and has a speed limit of 25 mph. It is a 2-lane street that runs east-west for 1/3 mile between 56th Street and 51st Street. Hanawalt Elementary is located on the southeast corner of 56th Street and Robertson Drive. The intersection of 56th Street and Robertson Drive is an all-way stop. See attached map.

Fifty-first Street is classified as a residential street and has a speed limit of 25 mph. It is a 2-lane street that extends south from Grand Avenue 2/3 mile to where it curves and becomes Welker Avenue. Fifty-first Street serves as one (1) of the main north-south streets providing access for the Westwood Neighborhood.

Traffic exiting the Hanawalt Elementary parking lot is required to head east on Robertson Drive during arrival and dismissal times. A traffic count at the intersection during school dismissal times was conducted in May 2016. This count showed that from 2:50 p.m. to 3:20 p.m., there were 33 vehicles

that exited from Robertson onto 51st Street. In addition, there were 12 children and five (5) adults witnessed crossing the intersection during this time.

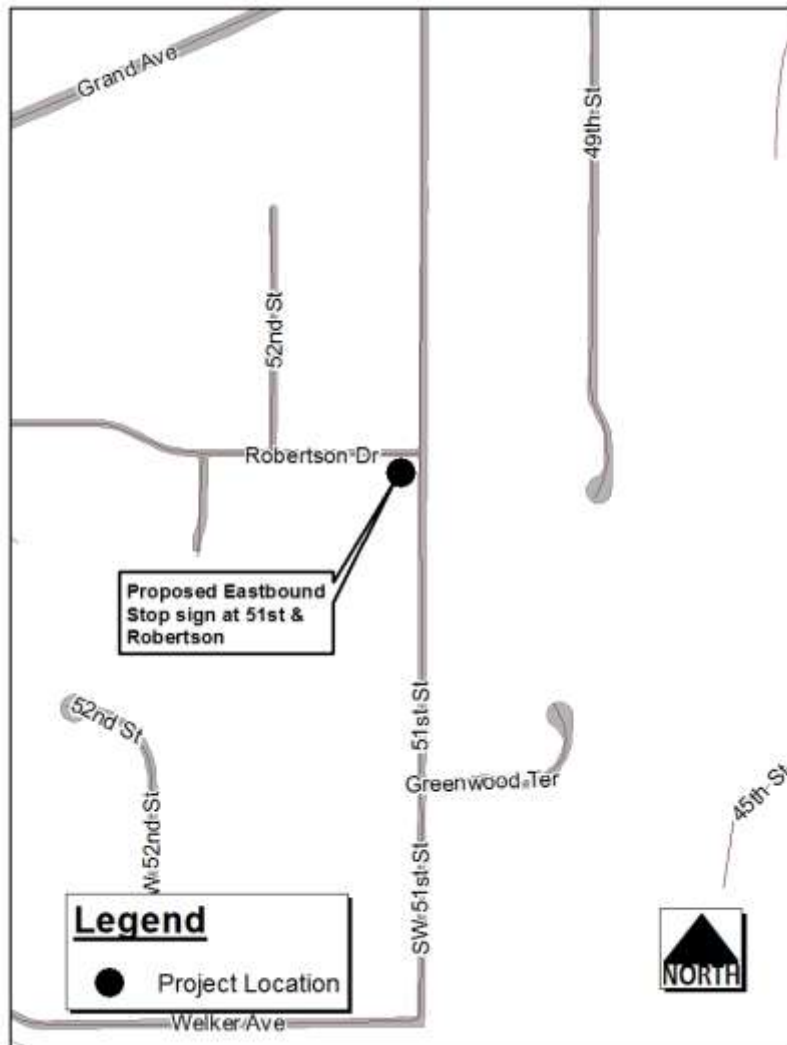
It is not typical for the City to place stop signs at T-intersections; however, due to the increased vehicle and pedestrian traffic related to the close proximity of Hanawalt Elementary School, staff recommended that a stop sign for eastbound Robertson Drive be added to further clarify who has the right-of-way at the intersection.

In addition, conversations with the corner property owners have also occurred to improve the visibility due to vegetation in the sight triangle at this intersection.

At their August 9, 2016 meeting, the Traffic Safety Committee unanimously approved a motion to place a stop sign for eastbound traffic on Robertson Drive at 51st Street. The following revisions to the Municipal Code will put these changes into effect.

Sec. 114-2123.1. Fifty-first Street.

Fifty-first Street, from the south line of Grand Avenue to Welker Avenue.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Traffic Safety Committee

Date: August 9, 2016

Resolution Number: N/A

Action: Motion was made by Scott Galenbeck to accept staff recommendation to place a stop sign for eastbound traffic on Robertson Drive at 51st Street; seconded by Jim Windsor. Motion was unanimously approved.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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