


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	23-280	Meeting:	June 12, 2023
	Agenda Item:	58	Roll Call:	23-0867
	Submitted by:	Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Amending Chapter 114 of the Municipal Code regarding Traffic Regulation Changes as follows:

- A. Parking Modification – Grand Avenue between Seventeenth Street and Eighteenth Street.
- B. Parking Modification – 3rd Street between Locust Street and Grand Avenue.
- C. Traffic Modification – 18th Street between Grand Avenue and Ingersoll Avenue.
- D. Speed Limit Reduction – Franklin Avenue between 34th Street and Beaver Avenue.
- E. Traffic Control and Parking Modifications – South Union Street and Leach Avenue.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the staff recommendation and the ordinance regarding the traffic regulation changes. Costs for sign installations and periodic maintenance of signs.

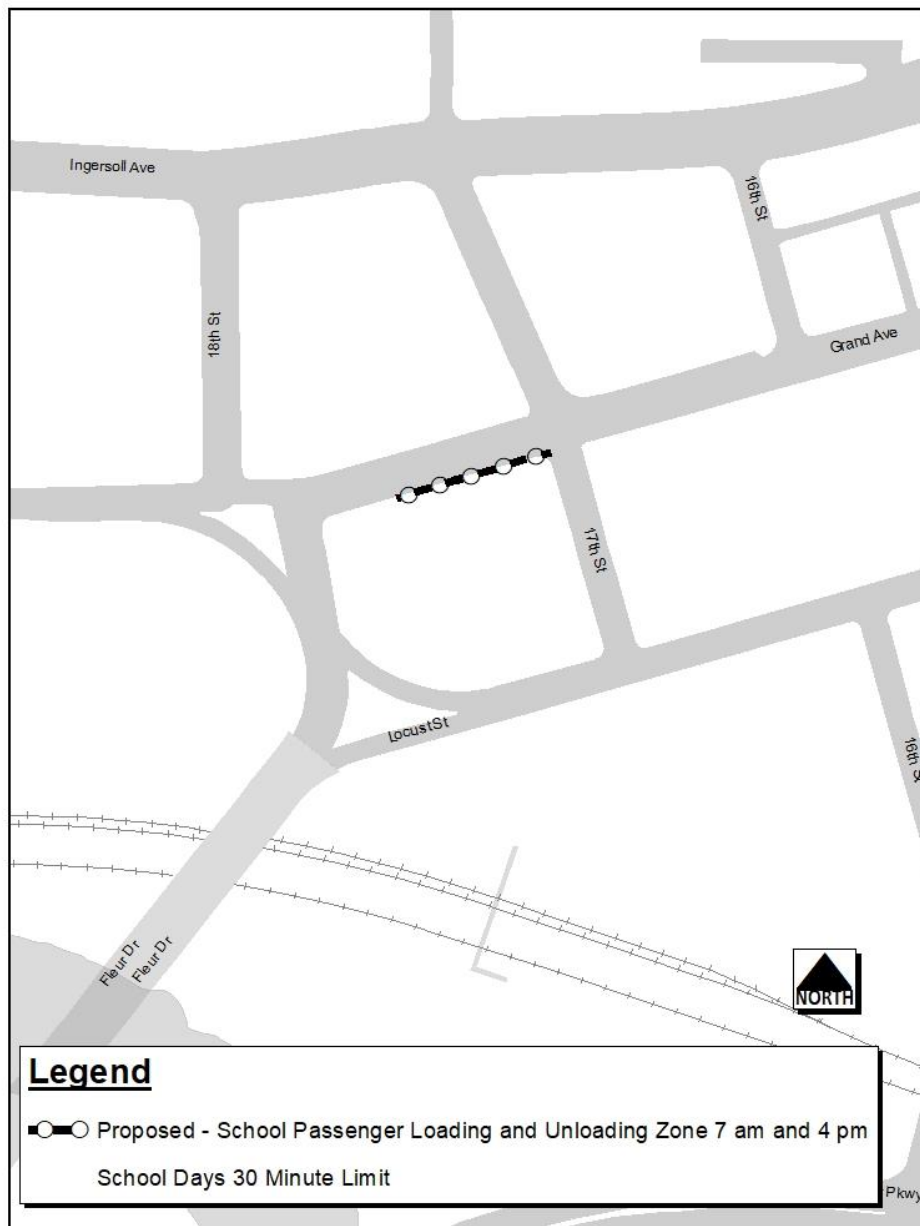
FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Costs for sign installations and periodic maintenance of signs.

Funding Source: 2023-24 Operating Budget, Page 59, Engineering Department T&T – Sign, Painting, Signal and Lighting, EG062080, Road Use Tax Fund

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

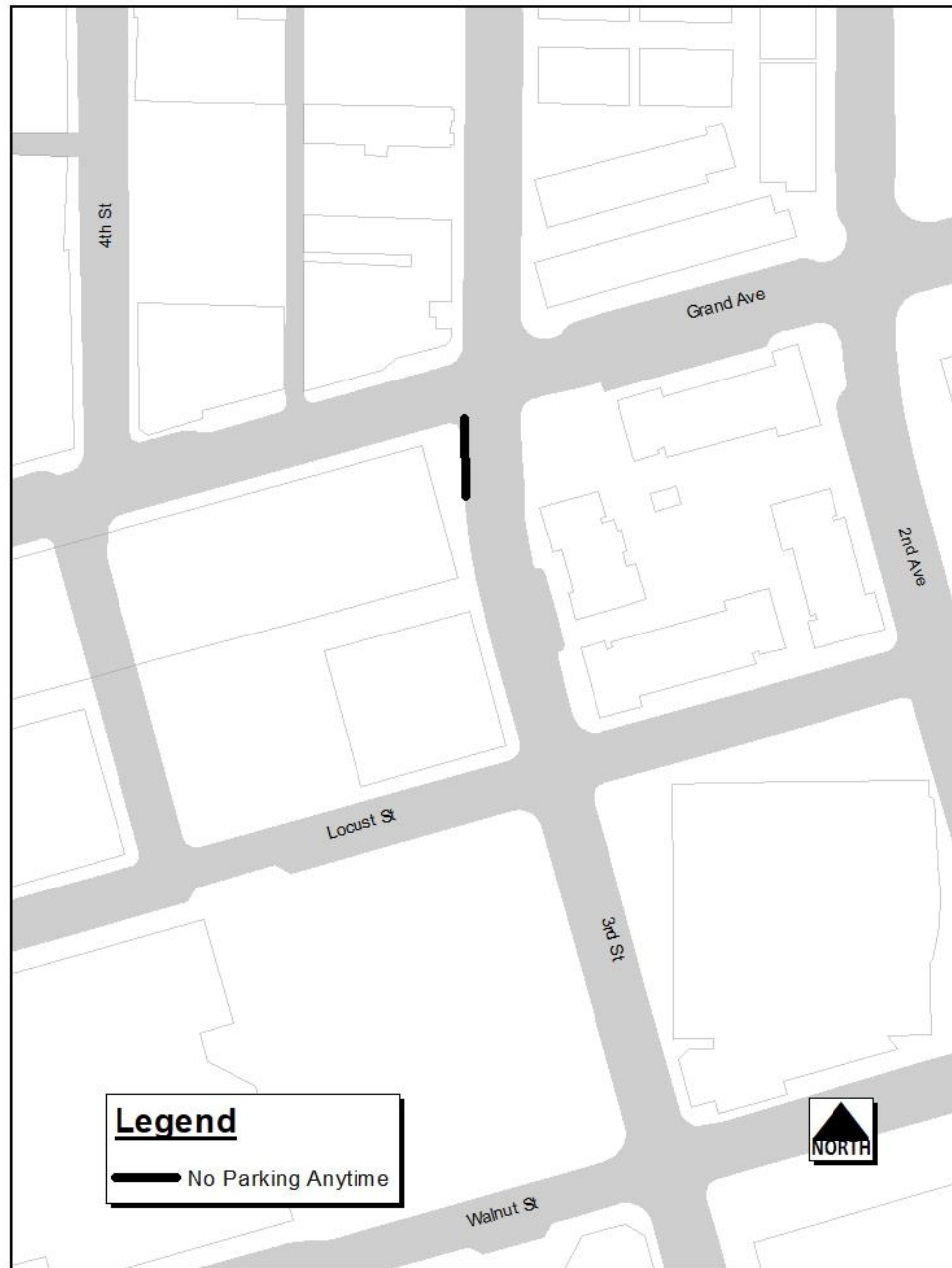
- A. A request was received to remove the prohibition from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Mondays through Fridays of parking on the south side of Grand Avenue from 17th to 18th Streets. A school passenger loading and unloading zone for the Des Moines Public Schools' Central Campus school is on this street block. During a field review of the request, staff found that existing signage did not reflect the Municipal Code language for this street block. It also does not conform to the language in the Municipal Code for typical school passenger loading and unloading zones. With the concurrence of staff from the Des Moines Public Schools, this proposed change in the Municipal Code will only restrict parking on the south side of Grand Avenue between 17th and 18th Streets from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on school days and allow parking at all other times and will create a school passenger loading and unloading zone to match typical Code language for a similar zone. The following revisions to the Municipal Code will place the recommended changes into effect.



Sec. 114-3259. Grand Avenue--Seventeenth Street to Eighteenth Street.

~~Grand Avenue, on the south side, from Seventeenth Street to a point 225 feet west thereof, school passenger loading and unloading, 30-minute limit, Monday through Friday, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. school days, Thirty-30-minute limit for all school passenger loading and unloading. A school issued identification placard is required to identify authorized vehicles dropping off and picking up during the restricted hours, on school days.~~

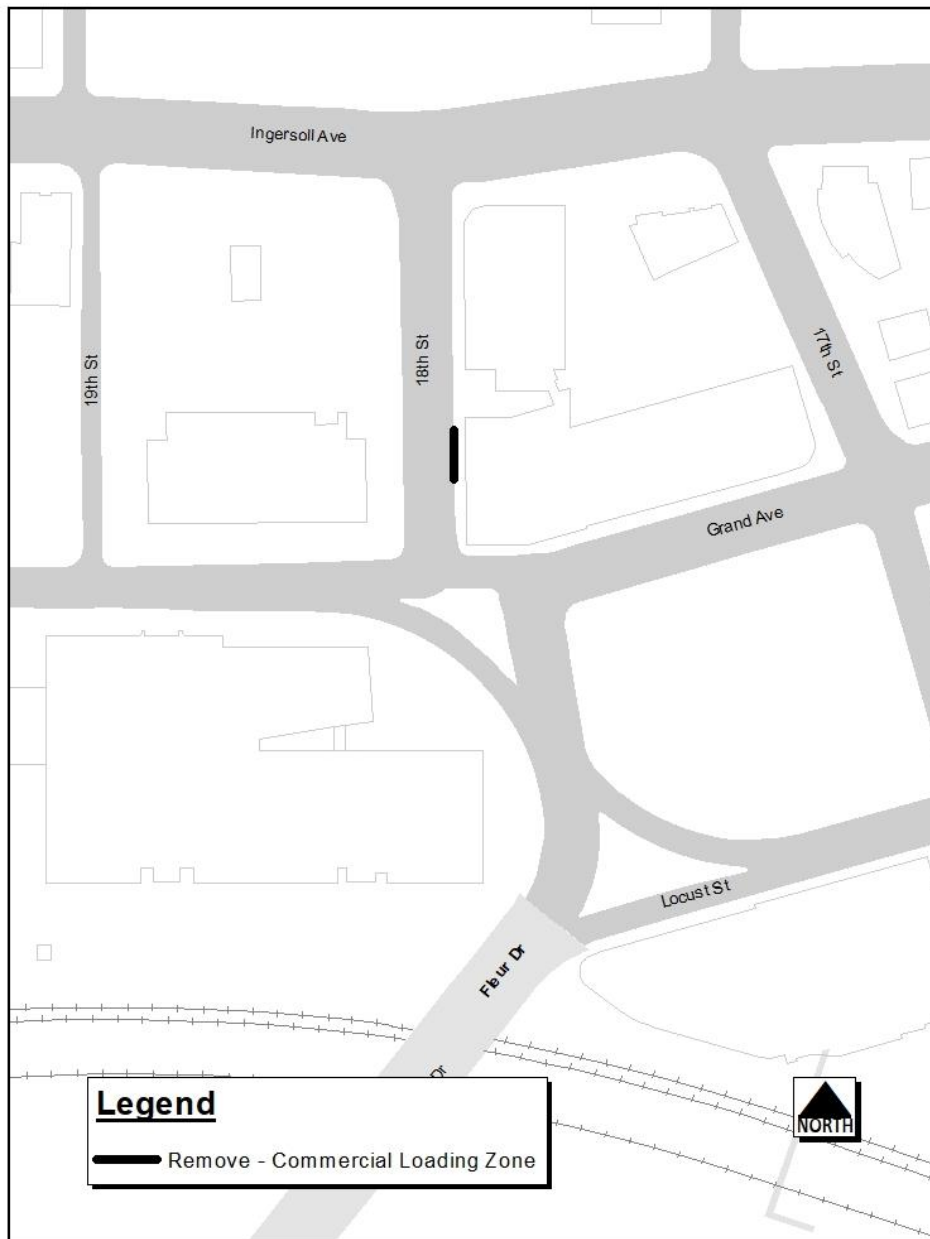
- B. During field reviews, staff noticed that on the west side of 3rd Street between Locust and Grand Avenues, vehicles park in an area just south of Grand between a designated parking space and the no parking corner to here sign. Upon further field review, it has been determined that an additional space can be added with the no parking sign can be moved north to be closer to Grand Avenue. The following revisions to the Municipal Code will place the recommended changes into effect.



Sec. 114-2606. Third Street--Locust Street to Grand Avenue.

Third Street, on the west side, from Grand Avenue to a point ~~230~~ 65 feet ~~north~~ south thereof of ~~Locust Street to Grand Avenue~~, no parking any time.

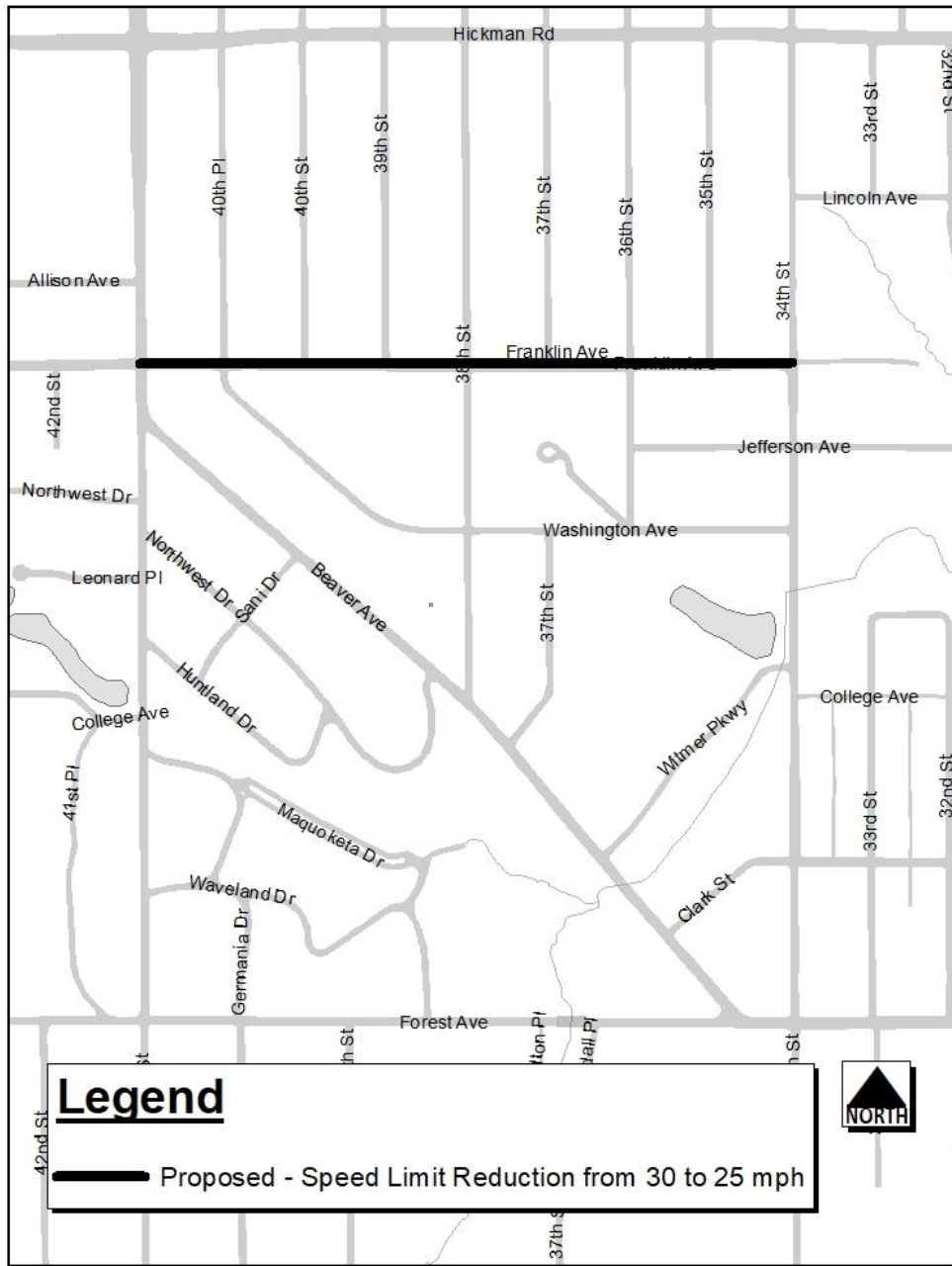
- C. A request was received to review parking along 18th Street between Grand and Ingersoll Avenues. During field observation, staff noticed that the commercial loading zone on 18th Street is not used being as a loading zone and that adequate area for loading and unloading is available in an off-street area immediately to the north and readily accessible to the adjacent properties. This proposal would remove the commercial loading zone curb use. This curbside area would be then designated as metered, on-street parking to better accommodate the parking needs in the immediate area. The following revisions to the Municipal Code will place the recommended changes into effect.



Sec. 114-2781. Eighteenth Street--Locust Street to Ingersoll Avenue.

~~Eighteenth Street, on the east side, 80 feet north of Grand Avenue to a point 50 feet north thereof, commercial loading zone.~~

- D. At the August 5, 2020, Council Meeting, the speed limit of Franklin Avenue from Merle Hay Road to Beaver Avenue was reduced from 30 mph to 25 mph. Franklin Avenue is a local, residential street from Beaver Avenue to 34th Street was recently resurfaced as part of the City's 2022 HMA Resurfacing Program Contract 1. To provide a consistent speed limit along this corridor, the proposed traffic regulation change will lower the speed limit on Franklin Avenue from 30 mph to 25 mph east of Beaver Avenue to match the speed limit west of Beaver Avenue. The following revisions to the Municipal Code will place the recommended changes into effect.



Sec. 114-1318. Franklin Avenue.

~~Franklin Avenue, from Thirty fourth Street to Beaver Avenue, 30 miles per hour.~~

- E. Based on coordinated efforts between City staff and the Des Moines Public Schools to review and analyze traffic conditions during arrival and dismissal times of the South Union Elementary School, a new school passenger loading lane is being constructed along the east side of South Union Street near South Union Elementary to improve traffic flow along South Union Street during school pick-up times. For the lane to be built, the existing midblock pedestrian signal needs to be removed. The school does not currently utilize the existing pedestrian signal. Students cross on the south leg of intersection at South Union Street and Leach Avenue. This intersection is currently stop-controlled on Leach Avenue for east/west traffic only. As part of this project, the Des Moines Public Schools are building a new sidewalk

to the intersection of South Union Street and Leach Avenue to direct students to the school crossing location. It is recommended that the intersection of South Union Street and Leach Avenue be converted to an all-way stop. This code change will add a parking restriction in the school passenger loading zone and create an all-way stop at the intersection of South Union Street and Leach Avenue. The following revisions to the Municipal Code will place the recommended changes into effect.



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

(66a) South Union Street and Leach Avenue.

Sec. 114-1547. South Union Street.

~~South Union Street, on the east side, at a point 230 feet south of Leach Avenue, school signal.~~

Sec. 114-3655. South Union Street--Park Avenue to Army Post Road.

South Union Street, on both sides, from Park Avenue to ~~Army Post Road~~ Leach Avenue, no parking any time.

South Union Street, on the west side, from Leach Avenue to Army Post Road, no parking any time.

South Union Street, on the east side, from East Leach Avenue to a point 255 feet south thereof, no parking any time.

South Union Street, on the east side from a point 255 feet south of East Leach Avenue to a point 350 feet south thereof, school passenger loading and unloading 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., school days.

South Union Street, on the east side from a point 605 feet south of East Leach Avenue to Army Post Road, no parking anytime.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: August 3, 2020

Roll Call Number: [20-1244](#)

Action: [Amending](#) Chapter 114 of the Municipal Code to reduce the speed limit on Franklin Avenue between Beaver Avenue and Merle Hay Road to 25 miles per hour (mph). ([Council Communication No. 20-342](#)) Moved by Gray that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage. Motion Carried 7-0. Motion made by Carl Voss to reconsider and waive readings. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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