

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	26-262	Meeting:	August 3, 2026
	Agenda Item:	62	Roll Call:	
	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. Turn Prohibition – Intersection of Hull Avenue and Oxford Street
- B. Corner Clearance Parking Restrictions –
 - 1. Southeast 30th Street and Easter Lake Drive
 - 2. Lay Street and East Sheridan Avenue
 - 3. Luster Lane and Southview Drive
 - 4. Northwest Drive and Merle Hay Road

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:

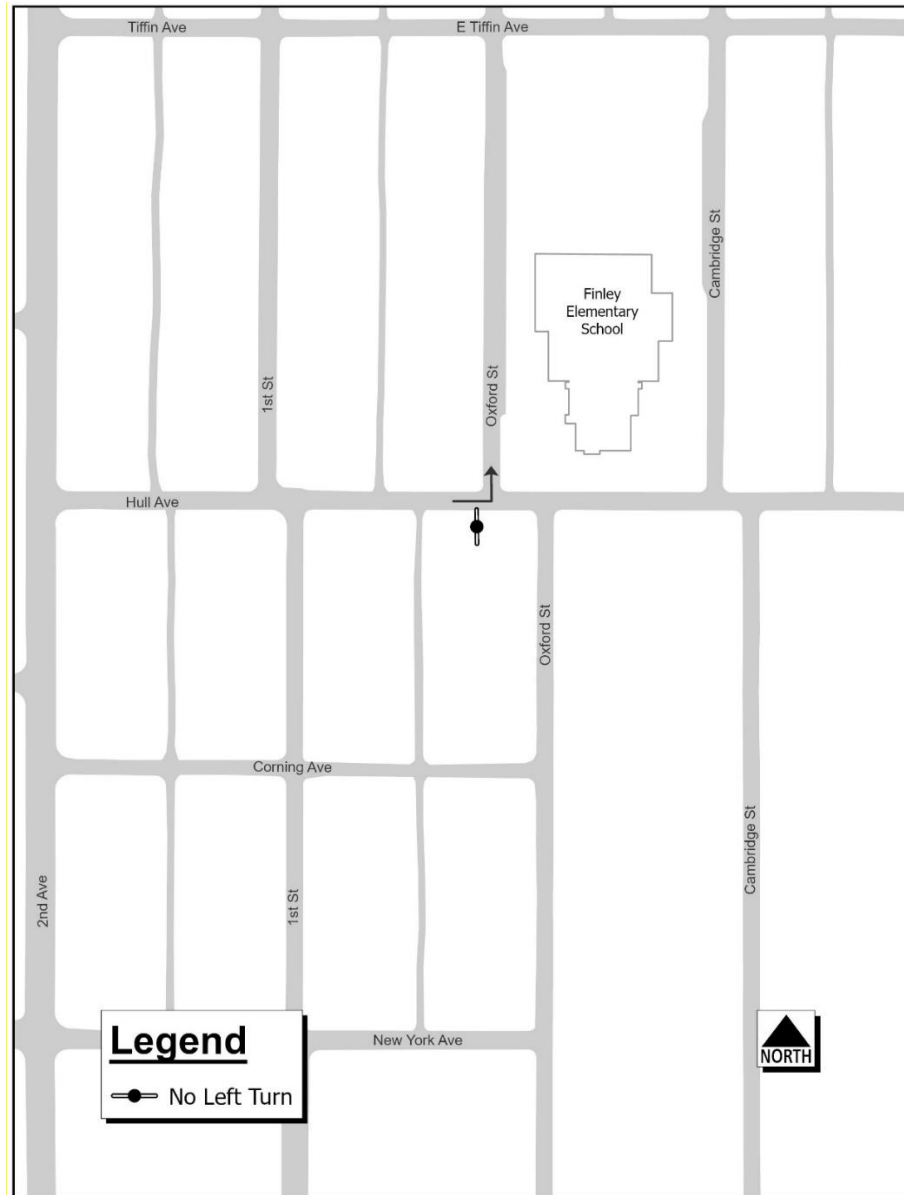
Amount: Costs for sign installations and periodic maintenance of signs.

Funding Source: 2026-27 Operating Budget, Page 57, Engineering Department T&T – Sign, Painting, Signal and Lighting, EG062080, Road Use Tax Fund

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- A. The Des Moines Public School District has requested that eastbound Hull Avenue traffic be prohibited from turning left onto northbound Oxford Street during school dismissal times. School staff members are currently placing a “No Left Turn” sign at the intersection of Hull Avenue and Oxford Street to prohibit this movement. This violates the current Municipal Code and is not enforceable. In 2023, Councilmember Westergaard initiated a traffic calming study for Hull Avenue between 2nd Avenue and Cornell Street as a result of concerns surrounding pedestrian safety at Findley Elementary School, located Hull Avenue between Oxford Street and Cambridge Street. As part of that study, staff conducted field observations of school arrival and dismissal operations. During those observations, it was observed that school staff members were placing a “No Left Turn” sign at the intersection of Hull Avenue and Oxford Street to prohibit eastbound vehicles on Hull Avenue from turning northbound onto Oxford

Street to reduce congestion along Oxford Street where student pick-up occurs. As part of the discussions regarding improving operations around the school, the Des Moines Public School District requested the turn prohibition be codified and permanent signage be installed as part of the traffic calming project. Traffic calming improvements on Hull Avenue will be completed this summer as part of the 2026 Citywide Traffic Calming Improvements project. The proposed code changes would place the left turn prohibition in effect for the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year. Eastbound left turns on Hull Avenue at Oxford Street would be prohibited on school days between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. The following modifications to the Municipal Code will place this change into effect.

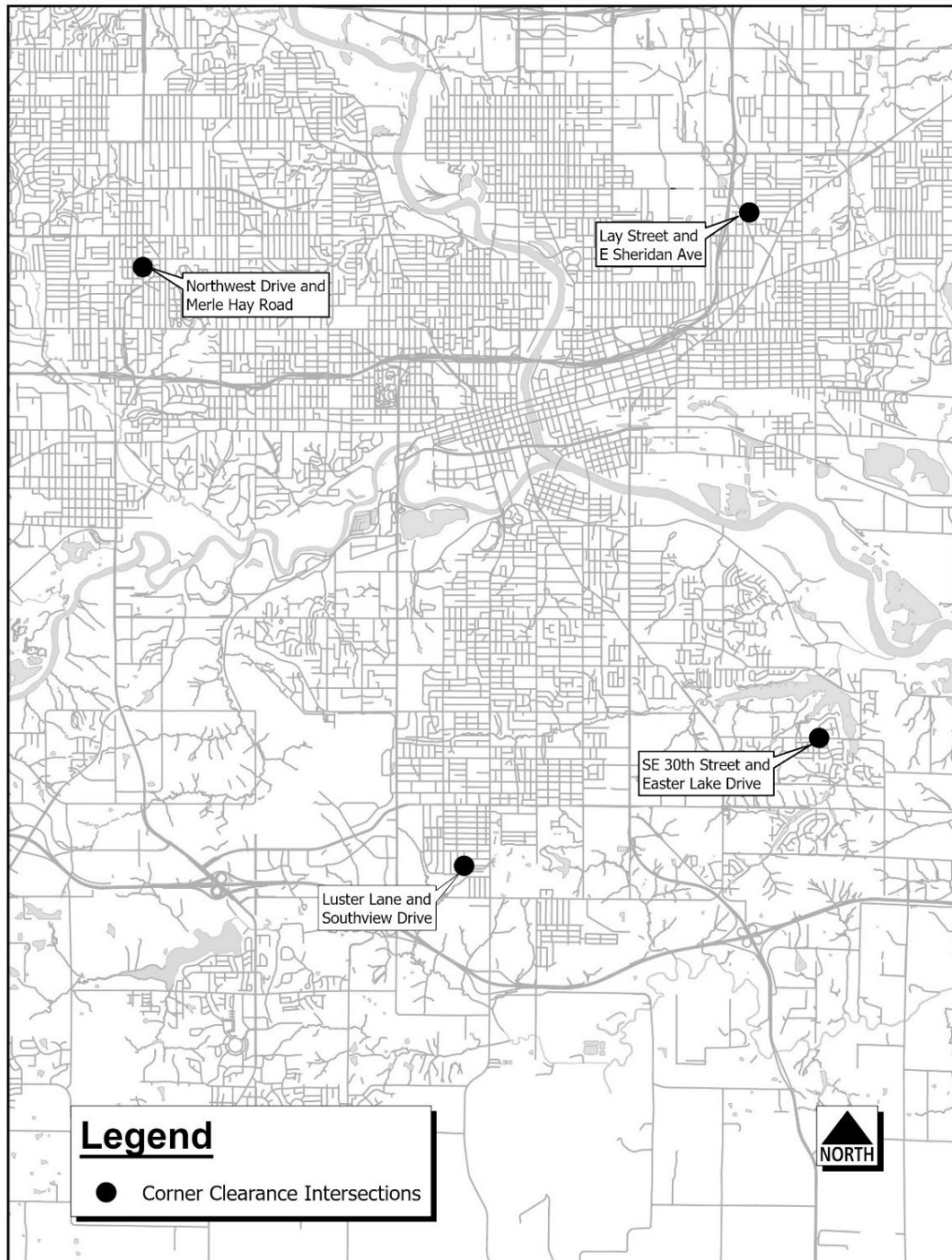


Sec. 114-320.01. Prohibited left turns.

(15) At the intersection of Hull Avenue and Oxford Street, prohibiting left turns from eastbound Hull Avenue to northbound Oxford Street, between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., school days.

B. A corner clearance is a parking restriction that extends 150 feet or less from an intersection. Corner clearances are typically installed to provide required sight distance at the intersection or facilitate turning movements onto narrow, residential streets where a parked vehicle might prevent two-way traffic. A request for a corner clearance is typically generated from resident concerns. Staff have reviewed the following locations and determined corner clearances are necessary.

1. Southeast 30th Street and Easter Lake Drive
2. Lay Street and East Sheridan Avenue
3. Luster Lane and Southview Drive
4. Northwest Drive and Merle Hay Road



Sec. 114-2864. Southeast Thirtieth Street--East Court Avenue to Brockway Drive.

Southeast Thirtieth Street, on the east side, from a point 65 feet north of Easter Lake Drive to Easter Lake Drive, no parking any time.

Sec. 114-3398. Lay Street--Easton Boulevard to East Aurora Avenue.

Lay Street, on the west side, from East Sheridan Avenue to a point 60 feet south thereof, no parking any time.

Sec. 114-3442. Luster Lane--Southwest Ninth Street to Southview Drive.

Luster Lane, on the north side, from a point 50 feet east of Southview Drive to Southview Drive, no parking any time.

Sec. 114-3526. Northwest Drive--Beaver Avenue to dead end west of Sixty-second Street.

Northwest Drive, on the north side, from Merle Hay Road to a point 50 feet west thereof, no parking any time.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: December 22, 2025

Roll Call Number: [25-1714](#) and [25-1715](#)

Action: [On](#) 2026 Citywide Traffic Calming Improvements: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate, receive and file bids, and designating the lowest responsive, responsible bidder as InRoads, LLC (Joseph J. Manatt, CEO), \$311,414. ([Council Communication No. 25-462](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.

(A) [Approval](#) of contract and bond. Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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