



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, December 02, 2008

Council Session

Item G9

#2008-337 - Approving Installation of Stop Signs on Independence Avenue at Shanna Street, on Lariat Lane at Shanna Street, and on Shanna Street at Mansfield Road

Staff Contact: Steven P. Riehle, City Engineer/Public Works Direc

Council Agenda Memo

From: Steven P. Riehle, Public Works Director

Meeting: December 2, 2008

Subject: Approving Installation of Stop Signs on Independence Avenue at Shanna Street, on Lariat Lane at Shanna Street, and on Shanna Street at Mansfield Road

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Presenter(s): Steven P. Riehle, Public Works Director

Background

Independence Avenue north of 13th Street to Shanna Street was paved in 2005 to improve interconnecting for the streets in the area. Shanna Street from Branding Iron Lane to Mansfield Road and Lariat Lane, north of Shanna Street, were also paved at the same time.

Discussion

The new streets in this area have helped interconnectivity but also have resulted in some traffic concerns. There have been a number of close calls where traffic approaching "Tee" intersections are not yielding to traffic. The situation is pressed by the increased school traffic from the new Westridge Middle School and we anticipate that traffic volumes will increase when the new Engleman Elementary School opens in January 2009. Please see the attached drawing depicting streets in the area.

Traffic in this area has been studied by Public Works Engineering, the Streets Division Staff, and by the Police Department and the recommendation is for stop signs to be placed as follows:

- Northbound traffic on Independence Avenue at Shanna Street
- Southbound traffic on Lariat Lane at Shanna Street
- Eastbound traffic on Shanna Street at Mansfield Road

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

Public Works Administration recommends that the Council approve the installation of stop signs on Independence Avenue at Shanna Street, on Lariat Lane at Shanna Street, and on Shanna Street at Mansfield Road.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the installation of stop signs.

RESOLUTION 2008-337

WHEREAS, the City Council, by authority of Section 22-27 of the Grand Island City Code, may be resolution regulate motor vehicle traffic upon the streets of the City of Grand Island; and

WHEREAS, due to traffic concerns near Westridge Middle School and the new Engleman Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that such installation of stop signs be approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that:

1. A stop sign be installed for northbound traffic on Independence Avenue at Shanna Street.
2. A stop sign be installed for southbound traffic on Lariat Lane at Shanna Street.
3. A stop sign be installed for eastbound traffic on Shanna Street at Mansfield Road.
4. The City's Streets Division of the Public Works Department shall erect and maintain the signs necessary to effect the above regulation.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, December 2, 2008.

Margaret Hornady, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk