Village of Oak Park

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Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Title

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 15 ("Motor Vehicles and Traffic"), Article 1 ("In General"), Section 15-1-15 ("Right Turns on Red Light Prohibited") of the Oak Park Village Code to Prohibit Right Turns on Red Lights at the Intersection of Lake Street and Marion Street

Overview

This Ordinance proposes to prohibit right turns on red at the intersection of Lake Street and Marion Street. The Lake Street streetscaping project included implementing an all pedestrian phase at the Marion and Lake Street intersection to facilitate pedestrian crossings. The all pedestrian phase requires No Turn on Red restrictions in order for pedestrians to safely cross in all directions. The Ordinance will revise Village Code 15-1-15 to establish prohibiting right turns on red at the Marion and Lake Street intersection.

Recommendation

Approve the Ordinance.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact to prohibiting right turns on red.

Background

As part of the recently completed Lake Street streetscape project, an all pedestrian phase was added to the Lake and Marion and Lake and Forest intersections. An all pedestrian phase is when all vehicular traffic gets a red light to allow pedestrians to cross all at once in both the east-west and north-south directions. Based on traffic simulation models adding these all-pedestrian phases would have little impact on traffic flow but would allow improved pedestrian mobility and safety.

In order to accommodate the all pedestrian crossing phase of the signal and protect the safety of pedestrians crossing in all directions, right turns on red must be prohibited. The intersection of Lake Street and Forest Avenue was already prohibited from right turns on red per Village Code. This Ordinance amends the Village Code to add the Lake Street and Marion Street intersection to the list of intersections where right turns on red are prohibited.

Alternatives

The alternative to this recommendation could be to delay action to gain additional information.

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Previous Board Action

At the November 5, 2018, regular meeting the Village Board approved a Resolution Authorizing Local Funding and a Local Public Agency Agreement for Federal Participation with the State of Illinois for Construction of the Lake Street Streetscape Project, Section 16-00264-00-PV.

At the March 5, 2018, regular meeting the Village Board approved the Lake Street Improvement projects' scope and limits and provided direction to staff to modify the limits and scope to reduce the overall budget for construction of the projects to \$15 million

Citizen Advisory Commission Action

N/A

Anticipated Future Actions/Commitments

Pending Village Board concurrence, staff will prepare the final Ordinance for prohibiting right turns on red at the Lake and Marion intersection for adoption.

Intergovernmental Cooperation Opportunities

None at this time.