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TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Agenda

January 16, 2025 – 4:30 PM

Goshen Police & Court Building, 111 E. Jefferson Street

To access online streaming of the meeting, go to <https://goshenindiana.org/calendar>

I APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. November 21, 2024

II PUBLIC COMMENT

III OLD BUSINESS

IV NEW BUSINESS

- a. Denver Street – Request to restrict left turns onto Lincoln Avenue
- b. 211 Queen Street – Request to install a reserved parking space for persons with disabilities

V OTHER BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

VI ADJOURN

The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2025, at 4:30 pm.



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TRAFFIC COMMISSION MINUTES

November 21, 2024 – 4:30 PM

The November 21, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Traffic Commission was called to order by Chair Andrew Lund at 4:30 pm in the City Annex Conference room.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair Andrew Lund, Youth Advisor Brayden Wiese, Brett Weddell, Dennis Richmond, Nick Kieffer, David Gibbs, Evan Bontrager, Phil Schrock

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT

Alan Metcalfe, Ryan Adams

STAFF PRESENT

Dustin Sailor, Director of Public Works, Tara Hetler, Engineering Department

PUBLIC PRESENT

Michael Chupp, Michael McCant, Dean Jessup, Nick Bouwman, Phil Lederach, Kenneth Craig

I APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: Commissioner Kieffer motioned, seconded by Commissioner Weddell, to approve the October 17, 2024, meeting minutes. Motion carried 6-0.

II PUBLIC COMMENT

III OLD BUSINESS

IV NEW BUSINESS

a) Curve Ahead Warning Sign – Kercher Road

Action: Commissioner Weddell motioned, seconded by Commissioner Kieffer, to approve the installation of a curve warning sign with a flashing yellow light along the eastbound lane of Kercher Road. This includes placing the sign within the embankment fill immediately west of the bridge span, and, if feasible based on sight distance, installing an additional warning sign at Violett Road. Motion approved 6-0.

b) Alley 141 Signage

Action: Commissioner Bontrager motioned, seconded by Commissioner Kieffer, to approve the relocation of the existing sign, re-mounting it at the entrance to the alley. Additionally, it is recommended that the ADEC Day Program invest in a movable sign to be placed in advance of the side door during times when clients are arriving or leaving. Motion approved 6-0.

c) Main Street (SR 15) & College Avenue – Request for Pedestrian Crossing Safety Improvements

Action: Commissioner Weddell motioned, seconded by Commissioner Bontrager, to approve the Engineering staff's submission of a request to INDOT for an exclusive pedestrian crossing phase and the reinstallation of the 'Turning Vehicles Yield to Pedestrians' sign. Motion approved 6-0.

V OTHER BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

VI ADJOURNMENT

Action: Commissioner Weddell motioned, seconded by Commissioner Gibbs, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 6-0. The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 19, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Traffic Commission

FROM: Engineering Department

RE: **DENVER STREET – REQUEST TO RESTRICT LEFT TURNS ONTO LINCOLN AVENUE**

DATE: January 16, 2025

During the 2024 Denver Street reconstruction, Goshen Engineering noted that there was inadequate sight distance for vehicles stopped at the Denver Street approach to Lincoln Avenue. A driver in a southbound vehicle on Denver Street cannot see far enough to the west to make a safe left turn movement into the eastbound lane without the front of the vehicle encroaching in the westbound travel lane (see Figure 1 – Figure 4 and Exhibit A). In order to improve the safety at this intersection, Goshen Engineering is requesting the restriction of left turns and installation of a No Left Turn (R3-2) sign. This could be mounted below the existing stop sign, but the existing post would need to be replaced to achieve the minimum 7-foot vertical clearance to sidewalk, per Indiana MUTCD.



Figure 1. Looking south from Denver Street to Lincoln Avenue.



Figure 2. Looking east from approximate standard stopped position on Denver Street.



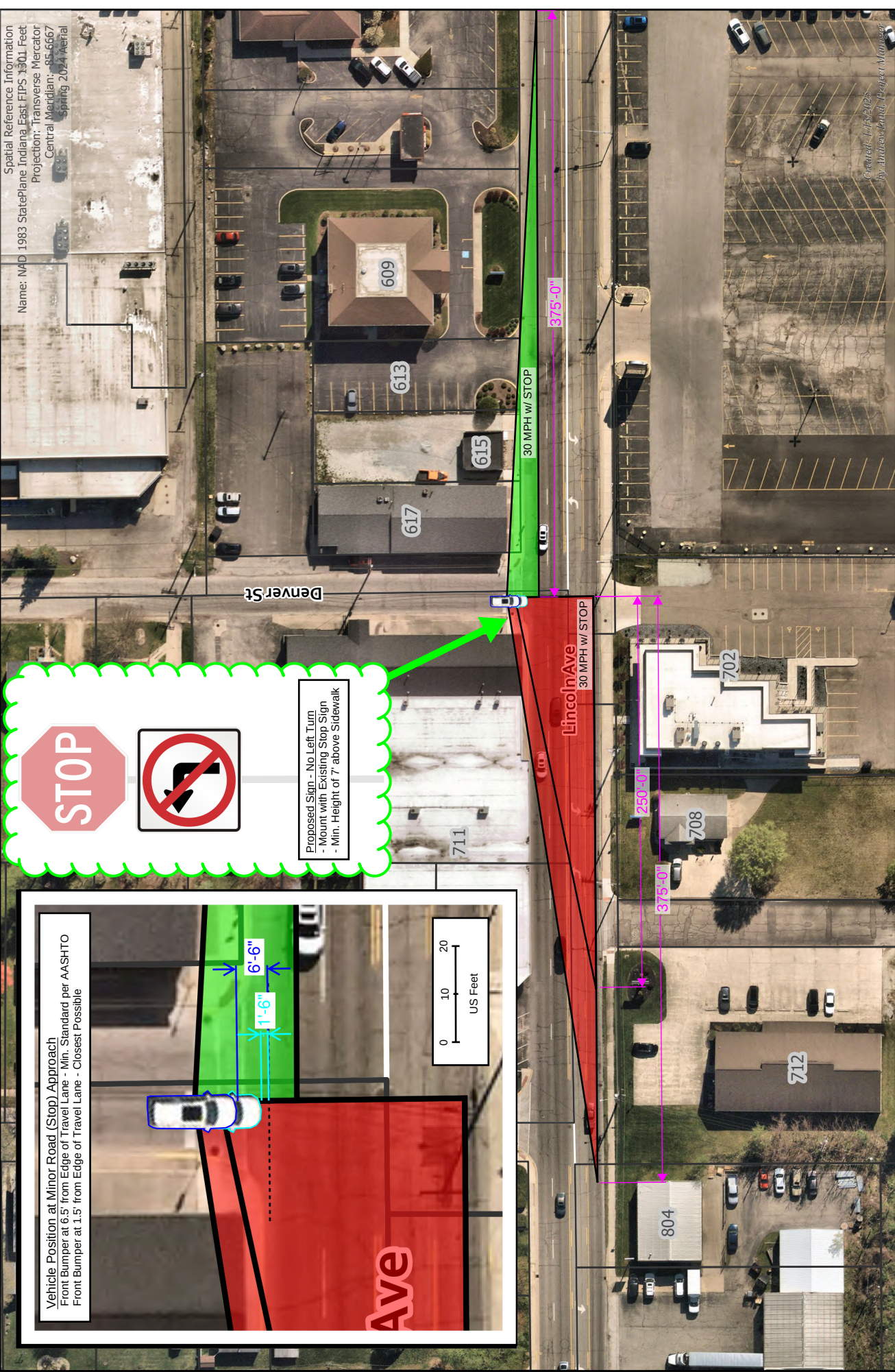
Figure 3. Looking west from approximate standard stopped position on Denver Street, with inadequate sight distance to the west.



Figure 4. Looking east from Denver Street. The front of vehicle would be encroaching in the westbound lane to achieve adequate sight distance.

Exhibit A – Sight Distance Map

Spatial Reference Information
Name: NAD 1983 StatePlane Indiana East FIPS 1301 Feet
Projection: Transverse Mercator
Central Meridian: 85-6667
Spring 2024 Aerial



City of Goshen

Sight Distance and No Left Turn Request - Denver Street at Lincoln Avenue

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Traffic Commission

FROM: Engineering Department

RE: **211 QUEEN STREET – REQUEST TO INSTALL A RESERVED PARKING SPACE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

DATE: January 16, 2025

Goshen Street Department received a request for the establishment of a reserved parking space for persons with permanent disabilities at 211 Queen Street. The resident, Mr. Joseph Duis, explained that he and his mother, who also lives at 211 Queen Street, have permanent disabilities, and that his mother is wheelchair-bound. He says that they have had issues with other vehicles parking in front of their front steps. Engineering staff contacted the resident, who confirmed that he has a handicapped sticker for his vehicle, and that they use a foldable ramp that fits over the front steps to allow his mother access in and out of the house. Mr. Duis also confirmed that he rents the house from Mr. Ronald Davidhizar.

After visiting the property and speaking with Mr. Duis, Engineering staff determined that no alternate accessible path was available from the rear alley and garage to the house. Mr. Duis provided his current ADA hang tag. Engineering staff would recommend that a reserved parking for persons with disabilities sign (R7-8) be installed in front of 211 Queen Street, but without pavement markings, as Queen Street is scheduled for reconstruction this summer as part of the City's Northside projects. The R7-8 sign would need to be removed at some point during the project and the contractor will need to coordinate access to 211 Queen Street. After the project is complete, Engineering staff would recommend that the resident needs to renew the request on an annual basis, provided verification of a current ADA sticker.

See Figure 1 – Figure 4 for images of the property and hang tag.



Figure 1. Looking north at front entrance and steps of 211 Queen. Requesting resident's vehicle with ADA hang tag in foreground.



Figure 2. Looking southeast at detached rear garage and rear entrance of 211 Queen Street.



Figure 3. Looking southwest at detached rear garage and back of 211 Queen Street.



Figure 4. Image of current ADA hang tag, provided by Mr. Duis.

Hetler, Tara

From: Joseph Duis <jmduis8529@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, December 9, 2024 4:10 PM
To: Hetler, Tara
Subject: Re: 211 queen st city of goshen

We don't have a ramp as of right now and then we are in the process of finalizing ownership of the house, but we do have a back patio. Will you take my mom out the back and then take her up the sidewalk on the side of the house leading to the front down the sidewalk and there's always people parking right there in front of our home And it's very hard because then I have to walk around in the snow or whatever and have a high risk of falling and my mom, as I said is in a wheelchair and is unable to walk and she needs help getting in and out of a vehicle and if we're not able to use the sidewalk steps that goes down to the you know to the basically to where we usually park our vehicle The ability to get her in without walking clear up the hill down and around on the road that which is unsafe you know it's hard I don't know how to really explain it but if you need an aerial map of the house, I'll gladly send it to you, but I said it's pretty much. There is a sidewalk leading from our front steps it goes back around the side of our house to our concrete patio and then the sidewalk has one step down and then usually we can bring my mom to that bottom step we park our car right there close to the curb she's able to get in and out of the front or the back of the vehicle, but otherwise we have to take her completely up the sidewalk down around pretty much toward the end of the street walk down the road in our wheelchair I mean a difficult.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Dec 9, 2024, at 1:40 PM, Hetler, Tara <tarahetler@goshencity.com> wrote:

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> Hello Joseph,

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> I can submit the request during our next Traffic Commission meeting which is scheduled for December 19th at 4:30pm. You are not required to attend but it would help to have some additional information.

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> 1. Do you own the home?

> 2. Where is the ramp located? We usually include an aerial map with the request. I'm not showing a ramp and I could not find any permits for a ramp.

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> Regards,

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> Tara Hetler

> Engineering Department

> 204 E. Jefferson Street, Suite 1

> Goshen, IN 46528

> Ph: 534-2201

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Gibbs, David <davidgibbs@goshencity.com>

> Sent: Monday, December 9, 2024 6:56 AM

> To: Joseph Duis <jmduis8529@icloud.com>; Streets Dept <streets@goshencity.com>

> Cc: Hetler, Tara <tarahetler@goshencity.com>

> Subject: RE: 211 queen st city of goshen

> This request has to go through the city's traffic commission. I am copying the commission's administrative assistant to proceed with this request. Thank you.

> David A Gibbs

> Commissioner

> Goshen Street Department

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> Goshen, IN 46528

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-----Original Message-----

> From: Joseph Duis <jmduis8529@icloud.com>

> Sent: Saturday, December 7, 2024 3:41 PM

> To: Streets Dept <streets@goshencity.com>

> Subject: 211 queen st city of goshen

> My name is Joseph Duis I reside at 211 Queen St. city of Goshen Indiana. I need to know how to apply and get established a permanent disability parking space in front of my house. I am physically and permanently disabled and so is my 65 year-old mother that lives with us that which is in a wheelchair and does not have the ability to even walk on her own. We have been having problems with people parking in front of our house, especially near our front sidewalk that leads to our steps. I need to know or get an application emailed back to me how to go about to have the city board or the city establish a permanent disability parking space in front of my home. You can contact me by replying to this email or call me at 269-697-9667 that which is my cell phone thank you.

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