

Legislation Text

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Consider an ordinance replacing the Yield Sign with a Stop Sign at the intersection of Georgetown Street (southbound right-turn lane) and Main Street. (Second Reading)

The intersection of Georgetown St. and Main St. has functioned as a two-way stop controlled crossing, with a channelize yield controlled southbound right-turn lane, for a number of years. Under this configuration, the legs of Main St. have acted as the major roadway; while the legs of Georgetown St. have been considered the minor roadway, and have been forced to yield the right of way. The channelize right turn lane serves approximately 75% of the turning movements at this intersection. Additionally, the city's new transit service will have a bus stop positioned at this crossing.

In order to provide the appropriate level of pedestrian safety for users of the city's transit service at this location, we are recommending that the current yield condition for the channelize right turn lane change to a stop condition. This is a preliminary modification ahead of future intersection changes and improvements that will soon be forthcoming at this location, which we anticipate will require an all way stop.

The Transportation Department advocates changing the existing yield condition, to a stop condition, for the channelize right turn lane. The future intersection improvements, coupled with the need to provide an appropriate level of pedestrian safety for users of the city's transit service, provide the basis for the Transportation Department's recommendation.