

2023-12

CITY OF JONESVILLE
COUNTY OF HILLSDALE
STATE OF MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION – CHICAGO STREET (US-12) ROAD DIET

At a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Jonesville, County of Hillsdale, State of Michigan, held in City Hall in said City on the 15th day of November, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Chris Grider, Brenda Guyse, George Humphries Jr., Andy Penrose and Gerry Arno.

ABSENT: Tim Bowman and Delesha Padula.

The following resolution was offered by Councilperson Andy Penrose and supported by Councilperson Brenda Guyse.

WHEREAS, the City of Jonesville and the Jonesville Downtown Development Authority (DDA) desire to improve the safety and accessibility of Chicago Street, US-12, through the core of Downtown Jonesville; and

WHEREAS, there is strong evidence that reducing the number of vehicular travel lanes through Downtown Jonesville between Olds Street (M-99) and the Jonesville Middle School from five to three will improve both traffic and pedestrian safety; and

WHEREAS, the DDA through its consulting engineers completed a traffic study of the proposed lane reduction including the development of a Synchro traffic model to compare current, proposed, and future traffic conditions; and

WHEREAS, the study shows that increases in travel time will be minimal and that there will be benefits to traffic safety, pedestrian safety, and to Downtown parking conditions; and

WHEREAS, the City and MDOT are partnering such that any unintended consequences of the lane reduction will be addressed collaboratively, including implementation of certain improvements needed for the Road Diet on a pilot basis; and

WHEREAS, the study results and conceptual project plans have been posted for public review on the City website; and

WHEREAS, the DDA hosted a public open house on October 30, 2023 to share study results and to obtain public input; and

WHEREAS, the DDA reviewed the public input from the meeting and other communication efforts regarding the lane reduction and acted at their meeting on November 7, 2023 to recommend that the City Council support the proposed project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the City Council supports the proposed lane reduction or Road Diet on Chicago Street (US-12) through Downtown Jonesville between Olds Street (M-99) and the Jonesville Middle School.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council requests that the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) implement the lane reduction, or Road Diet, reducing the number of travel lanes on Chicago Street (US-12) from five lanes to three lanes, made up of two travel lanes and a center turn lane, when the next resurfacing occurs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council requests that the additional space gained through the lane reduction be allocated to a buffered bike lane, used to improve use and access of the existing Downtown parking and that can also be utilized by bicyclists traversing the Downtown.

AYES: Chris Grider, Brenda Guyse, George Humphries Jr., Andy Penrose and Gerry Arno.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Tim Bowman and Delesha Padula.


Cynthia D. Means, Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Jonesville, County of Hillsdale, Michigan at a Regular Meeting held on the 15th day of November, 2023, and that public notice was given pursuant to Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, including in the case of a special or rescheduled meeting notice by publication or posting at least eighteen (18) hours prior to the time set for the meeting.




Cynthia D. Means, Clerk