



Department of Public Works



October 16, 2017

Dear Resident or Owner:

The City of Peoria received a request from Peoria Public Schools to change the character of the roadways of Douglas Street, Armstrong Avenue and Bestor Street surrounding the Franklin School Property. Currently, the traffic on these roads is two-way, but Douglas is posted one-way during school days by Peoria Public Schools staff.

The School District is currently designing upgrades to Franklin School to accommodate additional students. These improvement include changing the low volume roadways around the school property to one-way operation. They feel that this change will help control traffic around the school and make drop-off and pick-up time safer for the students and more efficient for the parents. The changes proposed are as follows:

- The 1300 block of Douglas Street (from Columbia Terrace to Armstrong Avenue) shall be a one-way street with traffic flowing south.
- The 1300 block of Bestor Street (from Columbia Terrace to Armstrong Avenue) shall be a one-way street with traffic flowing north.
- The 800 block of Armstrong Avenue (from Douglas Street to Bestor Street) shall be a one-way street with traffic flowing east.

Peoria Fire Department and Traffic Engineering staff have reviewed the proposal by the Peoria Public Schools and support the School's recommendations.

This issue will be discussed at the next regular City Transportation Commission meeting, which will be held at 3:00 PM, Tuesday November 21, 2017 in the Conference Room at the City of Peoria Public Works Building, 3505 N. Dries Lane, Peoria, IL 61604. Residents and property owners surrounding Franklin School will have the opportunity to address the Commission with questions or concerns about this proposed parking restriction. Comments can also be made by calling 494-8800 or by email to me at nstoffer@peoriagov.org. Any comments received before the meeting will be read into the record.

The City would like to receive input and hear concerns of the property owners and residents of Douglas Street (from Columbia Terrace to Armstrong Avenue), Bestor Street (from Columbia Terrace to Armstrong Avenue) and Armstrong Avenue (from Douglas Street to Bestor Street), to truly make this a positive improvement.

Sincerely,

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