August 11, 2016

Memorandum

To: Board of Public Works, Mayor Don Merkes

From: Tim J. Montour – Engineering Supervisor

RE: Proposed Lane Delineation Changes at Racine Street and Seventh Street

A request was made to look into the feasibility of changing the current configuration of the northbound and southbound traffic at the intersection of Racine Street and Seventh Street. The background behind exploring the options available was to eliminate the current configuration that allows two vehicles southbound in a through movement to be side by side and cause an unsafe lane changing movement to avoid a legally parked vehicle on the west side of Racine Street. Northbound and southbound Racine Street is not wide enough to have two established lanes for moving traffic. Side by side vehicles are observed both northbound and southbound but there is no designated two lane delineation on Racine Street.

The reasoning behind the proposed change is to allow only a single vehicle going northbound and/or southbound and eliminate the possibility of vehicles leaving the intersection side by side and creating an unsafe condition as they move further away from the intersection by having to change lanes to avoid parked vehicles. With the proposed lane delineation modifications, the current "No Parking Here to Corner" will need to be extended north and south for an additional sixty (60) feet. This is to provide the tapering of traffic into the new lane configuration. This change has been addressed in the current Parking Ordinance Modification proposal.

Please contact our office with any questions regarding the proposed changes at Racine Street and Seventh Street.

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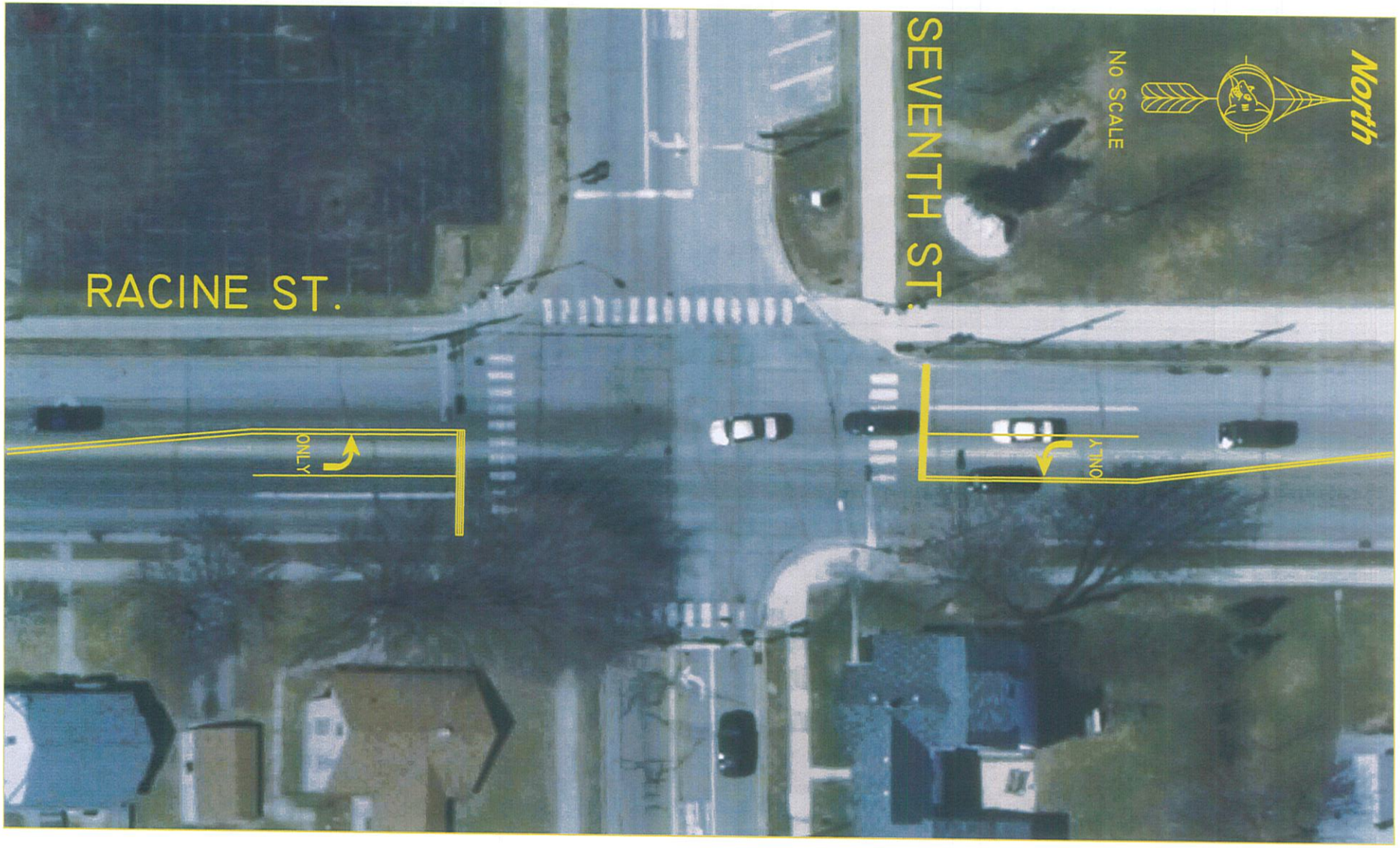
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