

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA**  
**CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2017-022**  
**ACCEPTS THE TRUNK HIGHWAY 246 AND JEFFERSON PARWAY**  
**INTERSECTION CONTROL EVALUATION REPORT AND**  
**TRAFFIC IMPACT ANALYSIS REPORT**

- WHEREAS, the City authorized SEH Inc. to prepare an Intersection Control Evaluation Study for the Intersection of Trunk Highway (TH 246) and Jefferson Parkway; and,
- WHEREAS, the City goals of the study were to alleviate peak hour congestion, improve pedestrian and bike access, improve school ingress/egress, improve safety, and review adjacent intersection operation impacts; and,
- WHEREAS, the study has been completed and found five improvements that align with the goals of the study:
1. Install a roundabout at Jefferson Parkway and TH 246 with Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons at pedestrian crossings.
  2. Install Trail Underpass across Trunk Highway 246 with the extension of the Mill Towns Trail through this area.
  3. Install Sidewalk and marked crossing on the east side of TH 246 by the High School.
  4. Modify the pickup and drop off at Bridgewater Elementary due to vehicles backing out onto Jefferson Parkway during afternoon school pickup. Vehicles would now enter off Trunk Highway 246 and exit on to Jefferson Parkway.
  5. Extend left turn lane onto Raider Drive on Jefferson Parkway.

WHEREAS, the City wants to plan for implementation of the five identified improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THAT:

1. The City accepts the TH 246 and Jefferson Parkway Intersection Control Evaluation Report and Traffic Impact Analysis Report.
2. Council requests MnDot consider adding the Roundabout to their Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) in the year 2021 or as funding allows within their municipal agreement program. Also, that MnDot reviews other options for funding this improvement, including an advanced construction agreement with the City of Northfield.
3. The development of Mill Towns State trail through the City will provide an opportunity for residents and visitors to experience the City. Council will continue to evaluate a pedestrian underpass dependent upon further review of the Mill Towns State trail location in partnership with the MnDNR.
4. Council supports pursuing capital Safe Route to School Grants or other funding mechanism for the sidewalk along the east side of TH 246 and Crosswalk at the high school.
5. Council supports a safe walkable City, and pursuing a Safe Route to School Planning Grant in partnership with the School District will continue to foster the City's desire to improve alternative modes of travel to Schools.
6. The School District considers modifying the traffic flow for the pickup and drop-off at Bridgewater Elementary to alleviate peak hour backup issues on Jefferson Parkway.
7. The turn lane modification at Jefferson Parkway and Raider Drive be programmed into the City's 2018-2022 Capital Improvement Plan and coordinated it with another State-Aid project.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Northfield on this 21st day of March 2017.

ATTEST

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City Clerk

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Mayor

VOTE:  POWELL  COLBY  DELONG  NAKASIAN

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