

February 28, 2006

TO: John Lamerato, Acting City Manager

FROM: Brian P. Murphy, Asst. City Manager/Services
Steve Vandette, City Engineer
John K. Abraham, Traffic Engineer

SUBJECT: Agenda Item – Traffic Committee Recommendations – February 15, 2006

At the Traffic Committee meeting of February 15, 2006, the following recommendations were made for City Council approval:

1. To recommend that fire lanes tow/away zones shown in the attached sketch be established at 100 East Maple Road (Item 6).
2. To recommend that fire lanes tow/away zones shown in the attached sketch be established at 272 Minnesota (Item 7).
3. To recommend that fire lanes tow/away zones shown in the attached sketch be established at 230 West Maple (Item 10).
4. To recommend that fire lanes tow/away zones shown in the attached sketch be established at 400 West Maple (Item 11).

A regular meeting of the Troy Traffic Committee was held Wednesday, February 15, 2006 in the Lower Level Conference Room at Troy City Hall. Ted Halsey called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call

PRESENT: Ted Halsey
Richard Kilmer
Gordon Schepke
Pete Ziegenfelder
Jonathan Shin, Student Representative

ABSENT: John Diefenbaker
Jan Hubbell
Katherine Tan, Student Representative

Also present: John Abraham, Traffic Engineer
Lt. Scott McWilliams, Traffic Safety Division, Troy Police Department
Lt. Robert Matlick, Fire Department

and Giovanni Vettraino, 457 W. South Blvd.
Cathy Vettraino, 457 W. South Blvd.
Mike Agnetti, 2977 Lovington

Resolution to Excuse Absent Members**RESOLUTION #2006-02-13**

Moved by Kilmer
Seconded Ziegenfelder

To excuse Mr. Diefenbaker and Ms. Hubbell as they are out of the state.

YES: All-4
NO: None
ABSENT: 2 (Diefenbaker, Hubbell)

MOTION CARRIED

2. Minutes – January 18, 2006**RESOLUTION #2006-02-14**

Moved by Kilmer
Seconded by Ziegenfelder

To approve the January 18, 2006 minutes as printed.

YES: All
NO: None
ABSENT: 2 (Diefenbaker, Hubbell)

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 457 West South Boulevard

Giovanni Vettraino and Cathy Anne Vettraino are requesting a waiver for the sidewalk at 457 West South Boulevard. The sidewalk ordinance requires that sidewalk be installed in conjunction with the development of this parcel due to a recent lot split, combined and replatted. The Public Works Department recommends denial of this waiver request. Petitioner has signed an "Agreement for Irrevocable Petition for Sidewalks."

Petitioners state that there are no other sidewalks in the area, the sidewalk would lead nowhere and connect to nothing.

This item first appeared on the January agenda. The petitioners were notified of the meeting but did not attend, and the committee was reluctant to make a decision until they were present. They attended this meeting, and explained that there are no other sidewalks near their property, and the properties on either side of theirs have berms in front. They would not object to installing a sidewalk if the other residents in the area do the same, but at this time, their sidewalk would connect to nothing.

Mr. Ziegenfelder asked the following questions of the petitioners:

1. Did you sign the "Agreement for Irrevocable Petition for Sidewalks?"
2. Do you know that the Traffic Committee can only grant a temporary waiver that is good for at most two years and at the end of those two years, a sidewalk may still be required to be installed?
3. Do you know that it is possible that the signer of the "Agreement for Irrevocable Petition for Sidewalks" may be liable for the cost of installing the sidewalk, even if they do not still own the property? We're checking with the City Attorney on this.
4. Did you know that a recent survey by the National Association of Realtors and the National Association of Home Builders found that after finding a community in which to live, these buyers rated the following amenities in order:
 1. Highway access
 2. Walking/jogging/bike pathways
 3. Sidewalks on both sides of the street

The petitioners answered all questions in the affirmative. They are willing to put in sidewalks if required, and if they connect to other sidewalks.

RESOLUTION #2006-02-15

Moved by Kilmer

Seconded by Schepke

1. WHEREAS, City of Troy Ordinances, Chapter 34, Section 8(D) allows the Traffic Committee to grant temporary waivers of the City of Troy Design Standards for Sidewalks upon a demonstration of necessity; and

WHEREAS, Giovanni Vettrano and Cathy Anne Vettrano have requested a temporary waiver of the requirement to construct a sidewalk on the property because there are no other sidewalks in the area, the sidewalk would lead nowhere and connect to nothing; and

WHEREAS, the Traffic Committee has determined the following:

- a. A variance will not impair the public health, safety or general welfare of the inhabitants of the City and will not unreasonably diminish or impair established property values within the surrounding area, and
- b. A strict application of the requirements to construct a sidewalk would result in practical difficulties to, or undue hardship upon, the owners, and
- c. The construction of a new sidewalk on the property line would lead nowhere and connect to no other walk, and thus will not serve the purpose of a pedestrian travel-way.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Traffic Committee grants a two-year waiver of the sidewalk requirement for the property at 457 West South Boulevard, which is owned by Giovanni Vettrano and Cathy Ann Vettrano.

YES: All-4
 NO: None
 ABSENT: 2 (Diefenbaker, Hubbell)

4. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 1122 Woodslee

Mike Agnetti is requesting a waiver for the sidewalk at 1122 Woodslee. The sidewalk ordinance requires that sidewalk be installed in conjunction with the development of this parcel due to a recent lot split, combined and replatted. The Public Works Department recommends denial of this waiver request. Petitioner has signed an "Agreement for Irrevocable Petition for Sidewalks."

Petitioner states that there are no other sidewalks in the area, the sidewalk would

lead nowhere and connect to nothing. Also, there is a drainage ditch in the way, and there are four other new houses in the area without sidewalks. Woodslee is also a dead end street with little pedestrian traffic.

Mr. Ziegenfelder asked the following questions of the petitioner:

1. Did you sign the “Agreement for Irrevocable Petition for Sidewalks?”
2. Do you know that the Traffic Committee can only grant a temporary waiver that is good for at most two years and at the end of those two years, a sidewalk may still be required to be installed?
3. Do you know that it is possible that the signer of the “Agreement for Irrevocable Petition for Sidewalks” may be liable for the cost of installing the sidewalk, even if they do not still own the property? We’re checking with the City Attorney on this.
4. Did you know that a recent survey by the National Association of Realtors and the National Association of Home Builders found that after finding a community in which to live, these buyers rated the following amenities in order:
 1. Highway access
 2. Walking/jogging/bike pathways
 3. Sidewalks on both sides of the street

The petitioner answered all questions in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION #2006-02-16

Moved by Kilmer

Seconded by Schepke

1. WHEREAS, City of Troy Ordinances, Chapter 34, Section 8(D) allows the Traffic Committee to grant temporary waivers of the City of Troy Design Standards for Sidewalks upon a demonstration of necessity; and

WHEREAS, Mike Agnetti has requested a temporary waiver of the requirement to construct a sidewalk on the property because there are no other sidewalks in the area, the sidewalk would lead nowhere and connect to nothing; and

WHEREAS, the Traffic Committee has determined the following:

- a. A variance will not impair the public health, safety or general welfare of the inhabitants of the City and will not unreasonably diminish or impair established property values within the surrounding area, and
- b. A strict application of the requirements to construct a sidewalk would result in practical difficulties to, or undue hardship upon, the owners, and

c. The construction of a new sidewalk on the property line would lead nowhere and connect to no other walk, and thus will not serve the purpose of a pedestrian travel-way.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Traffic Committee grants a two-year waiver of the sidewalk requirement for the property at 1122 Woodslee, which is owned by Mike Agnetti.

YES: All-4
NO: None
ABSENT: 2 (Diefenbaker, Hubbell)

5. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 1134 Woodslee

Mike Agnetti is requesting a waiver for the sidewalk at 1134 Woodslee. The sidewalk ordinance requires that sidewalk be installed in conjunction with the development of this parcel due to a recent lot split, combined and replatted. The Public Works Department recommends denial of this waiver request. Petitioner has signed an “Agreement for Irrevocable Petition for Sidewalks.”

Petitioner states that there are no other sidewalks in the area, the sidewalk would lead nowhere and connect to nothing. Also, there is a drainage ditch in the way, and there are four other new houses in the area without sidewalks. Woodslee is also a dead end street with little pedestrian traffic.

Mr. Ziegenfelder asked the following questions of the petitioner:

1. Did you sign the “Agreement for Irrevocable Petition for Sidewalks?”
2. Do you know that the Traffic Committee can only grant a temporary waiver that is good for at most two years and at the end of those two years, a sidewalk may still be required to be installed?
3. Do you know that it is possible that the signer of the “Agreement for Irrevocable Petition for Sidewalks” may be liable for the cost of installing the sidewalk, even if they do not still own the property? We’re checking with the City Attorney on this.
4. Did you know that a recent survey by the National Association of Realtors and the National Association of Home Builders found that after finding a community in which to live, these buyers rated the following amenities in order?
 1. Highway access
 2. Walking/jogging/bike pathways
 3. Sidewalks on both sides of the street

The petitioner answered all questions in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION #2006-02-17

Moved by Kilmer

Seconded by Schepke

1. WHEREAS, City of Troy Ordinances, Chapter 34, Section 8(D) allows the Traffic Committee to grant temporary waivers of the City of Troy Design Standards for Sidewalks upon a demonstration of necessity; and

WHEREAS, Mike Agnetti has requested a temporary waiver of the requirement to construct a sidewalk on the property because there are no other sidewalks in the area, the sidewalk would lead nowhere and connect to nothing; and

WHEREAS, the Traffic Committee has determined the following:

- a. A variance will not impair the public health, safety or general welfare of the inhabitants of the City and will not unreasonably diminish or impair established property values within the surrounding area, and
- b. A strict application of the requirements to construct a sidewalk would result in practical difficulties to, or undue hardship upon, the owners, and
- c. The construction of a new sidewalk on the property line would lead nowhere and connect to no other walk, and thus will not serve the purpose of a pedestrian travel-way.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Traffic Committee grants a two-year waiver of the sidewalk requirement for the property at 1134 Woodslee, which is owned by Mike Agnetti.

YES: All-4

NO: None

ABSENT: 2 (Diefenbaker, Hubbell)

MOTION CARRIED

REGULAR BUSINESS**6. Establish Fire Lanes at 100 E. Maple Road**

Section 8.28, Chapter 106, Troy City Code, provides for the establishment of fire lanes on private property. The Fire Department recommends that the fire lanes shown on the attached sketch be provided to allow proper deployment of and travel by emergency vehicles (fire, police, medical).

RESOLUTION 2006-02-18

Motion by Kilmer

Seconded by Ziegenfelder

Recommend that the fire lanes/tow away zones shown in the attached sketch be established at 100 E. Maple Road.

YES: All-4
NO: None
ABSENT: 2 (Diefenbaker, Hubbell)

MOTION CARRIED

7. Establish Fire Lanes at 272 Minnesota

Section 8.28, Chapter 106, Troy City Code, provides for the establishment of fire lanes on private property. The Fire Department recommends that the fire lanes shown on the attached sketch be provided to allow proper deployment of and travel by emergency vehicles (fire, police, medical).

RESOLUTION 2006-02-19

Motion by Kilmer
Seconded by Ziegenfelder

Recommend that the fire lanes/tow away zones shown in the attached sketch be established at 272 Minnesota.

YES: All-4
NO: None
ABSENT: 2 (Diefenbaker, Hubbell)

MOTION CARRIED

8. Establish Fire Lanes at 336 Minnesota

Section 8.28, Chapter 106, Troy City Code, provides for the establishment of fire lanes on private property. The Fire Department recommends that the fire lanes shown on the attached sketch be provided to allow proper deployment of and travel by emergency vehicles (fire, police, medical).

There was discussion about parked vehicles on the side of the building possibly blocking access by emergency vehicles. Mr. Schepke also said there are unprotected gas meters along the proposed fire lane route. He is concerned that vehicles could crash into them and cause an explosion or fire. He would like to see 4" cement posts installed there as protection.

RESOLUTION 2006-02-20

Motion by Kilmer
Seconded by Ziegenfelder

To table this item until the next meeting to give Lt. Matlick time to investigate.

YES: All-4
NO: None
ABSENT: 2 (Diefenbaker, Hubbell)

MOTION CARRIED

9. Establish Fire Lanes at 342 Minnesota

Section 8.28, Chapter 106, Troy City Code, provides for the establishment of fire lanes on private property. The Fire Department recommends that the fire lanes shown on the attached sketch be provided to allow proper deployment of and travel by emergency vehicles (fire, police, medical).

This property adjoins 336 Minnesota, and the same concerns exist here with parked vehicles on the side of the building possibly blocking access by emergency vehicles and unprotected gas meters along the proposed fire lane route.

RESOLUTION 2006-02-21

Motion by Ziegenfelder
Seconded by Kilmer

To table this item until the next meeting to give Lt. Matlick time to investigate.

YES: All-4
NO: None
ABSENT: 2 (Diefenbaker, Hubbell)

MOTION CARRIED

10. Establish Fire Lanes at 230 W. Maple

Section 8.28, Chapter 106, Troy City Code, provides for the establishment of fire lanes on private property. The Fire Department recommends that the fire lanes shown on the attached sketch be provided to allow proper deployment of and travel by emergency vehicles (fire, police, medical).

RESOLUTION 2006-02-22

Motion by Kilmer
Seconded by Ziegenfelder

Recommend that the fire lanes/tow away zones shown in the attached sketch be established at 230 W. Maple.

YES: All-4
NO: None
ABSENT: 2 (Diefenbaker, Hubbell)

MOTION CARRIED

11. Establish Fire Lanes at 400 W. Maple

Section 8.28, Chapter 106, Troy City Code, provides for the establishment of fire lanes on private property. The Fire Department recommends that the fire lanes shown on the attached sketch be provided to allow proper deployment of and travel by emergency vehicles (fire, police, medical).

RESOLUTION 2006-02-23

Motion by Kilmer

Seconded by Ziegenfelder

Recommend that the fire lanes/tow away zones shown in the attached sketch be established at 400 W. Maple.

YES: All

NO: None

ABSENT: 2 (Diefenbaker, Hubbell)

MOTION CARRIED

12. Visitors' Time

No one else wished to address the committee.

13. Other Business

Lt. McWilliams discussed traffic concerns in and around businesses on Crooks north of Big Beaver. This has been an ongoing problem for several years. The driveway at the shopping area there is 60 feet wide instead of the standard 30 feet, and there are conflicts with entering and exiting traffic. Officers have been monitoring the area and confirm the concerns. Lt. McWilliams wants to restrict left turns, especially during the 7-9 am and 4-6 pm busy times, in and out of the driveways.

The traffic engineer said the City has been in discussions with the property owners for many years, and some improvements to the parking lot elevations were completed, but further action is needed. Some of the business owners have been cooperative, but others are reluctant to make any changes. Further attempts will be made to enlist more cooperation. This subject will be placed on next month's agenda for further action.

Lt. McWilliams reported that he received a letter from an attorney for Beaumont Hospital regarding safety of pedestrians crossing Dequindre, and a request for additional enforcement. In the last month or so they have been performing some directed enforcement and issuing citations for jaywalking, speeding and other violations. There are two facilities, one on each side of Dequindre. Employees are required to park in the east side lots and cross Dequindre to get to the hospital on the west side. There are ongoing concerns with vehicles turning in and out of the west parking lot being in conflict with pedestrians crossing the street. There have been crashes, and two pedestrians have been hit. The hospital administration wants to increase safety and is willing to work with the city to ensure it.

The hospital is willing to pay for a dedicated left turn lane and flashing lights; however, Dequindre is a county road and the last time we checked regarding the light, the Road Commission felt no changes were warranted. The hospital runs shuttles between the facilities and is planning to add a pedestrian bridge over Dequindre and move some entrance/exit driveways in their long-term master plan.

The final issue discussed was turnaround lane openings. All of them are only meant to legally accommodate one lane of traffic, but they are built wider to allow trucks enough space to turn. When two cars are side-by-side there are often conflicts with each other while entering traffic lanes. Lt. McWilliams reported some locations with a number of traffic crashes of a sideswipe nature. They could be marked with painted yellow lines or hatching, but most of them are county roads, and in the past, the Road Commission has been unwilling to commit to maintaining the markings. The traffic engineer said we would try it at a few locations, and Lt. McWilliams said he will run some crash statistics and find a few high-crash locations where it can be tried out.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

RESOLUTION 2006-02-24

Motion by Halsey

Seconded by Kilmer

To nominate Pete Ziegenfelder as chairman of the committee for the coming year.

YES: All-4

NO: None

ABSENT: 2 (Diefenbaker, Hubbell)

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2006-02-25

Motion by Ziegenfelder

Seconded by Kilmer

To nominate Ted Halsey as vice-chair of the committee for the coming year.

YES: All-4

NO: None

ABSENT: 2 (Diefenbaker, Hubbell)

MOTION CARRIED

14. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2006.



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100 E Maple

Fire Lane Posting

Map Legend:

- LAKES
- BOUNDARY LINE
- MAJOR ROADS
- I-75
- ROAD NAMES
- PARCEL
- AERIAL PHOTOS

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Map Scale: 1" = 216'

Map Date: April 5, 2001

Data Date: January 2001



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256 - 272 Minnesota
Fire Lane Posting

Map Legend:

- LAKES
- BOUNDARY LINE
- MAJOR ROADS
- I-75
- ROAD NAMES
- PARCEL
- AERIAL PHOTOS

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SnapShot

336 -342 Minnesota
Fire Lane Posting

Map Legend:

- LAKES
- BOUNDARY LINE
- MAJOR ROADS
- I-75
- ROAD NAMES
- PARCEL
- AERIAL PHOTOS

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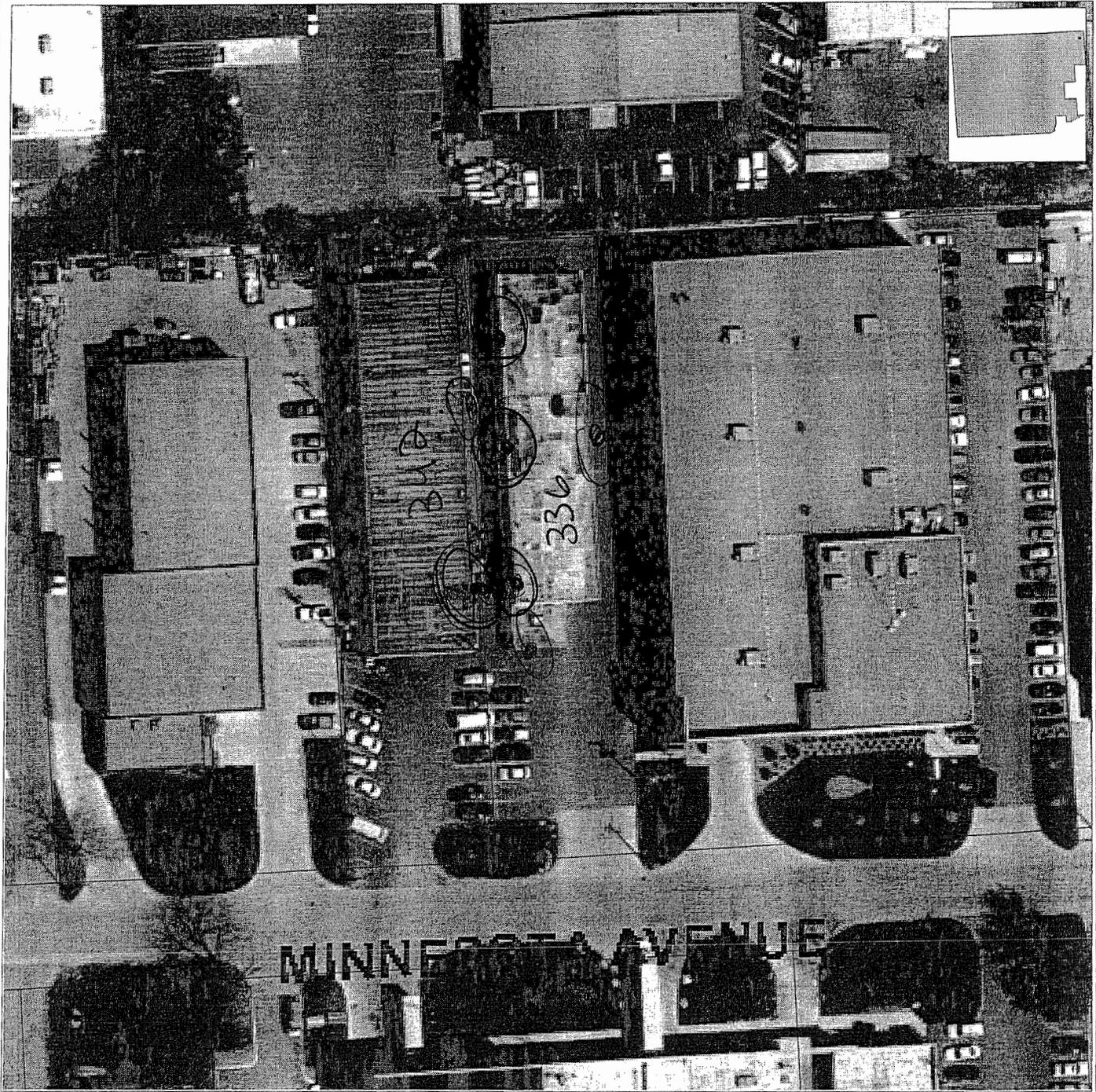
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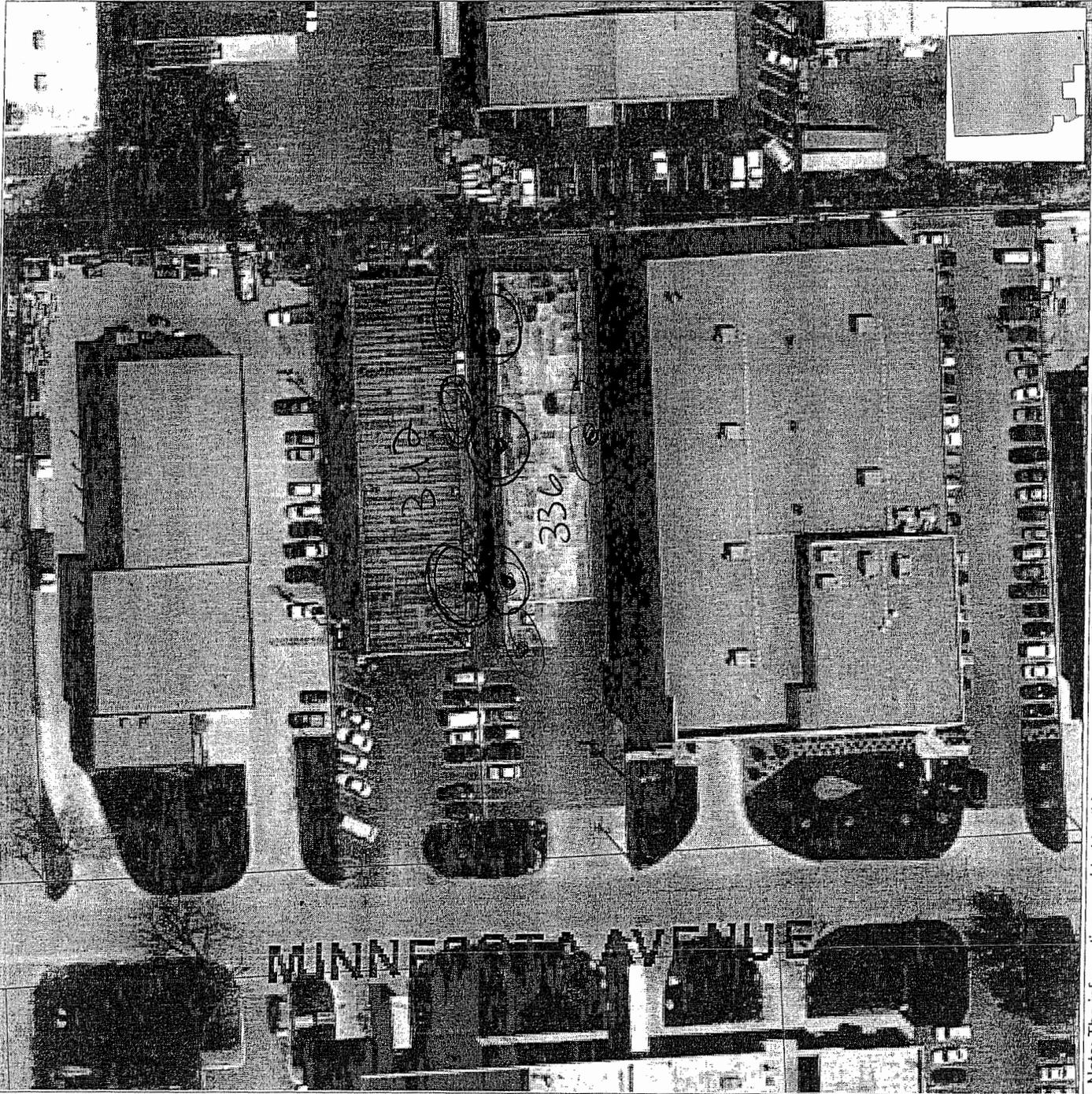
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336 - 342 Minnesota

Fire Lane Posting

Map Legend:

- LAKES
- BOUNDARY LINE
- MAJOR ROADS
- I-75
- ROAD NAMES
- PARCEL
- AERIAL PHOTOS



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230 W Maple

Fire Lane Posting

Map Legend:

- LAKES
- BOUNDARY LINE
- MAJOR ROADS
- I-75
- LABEL
- ROAD NAMES
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- AERIAL PHOTOS

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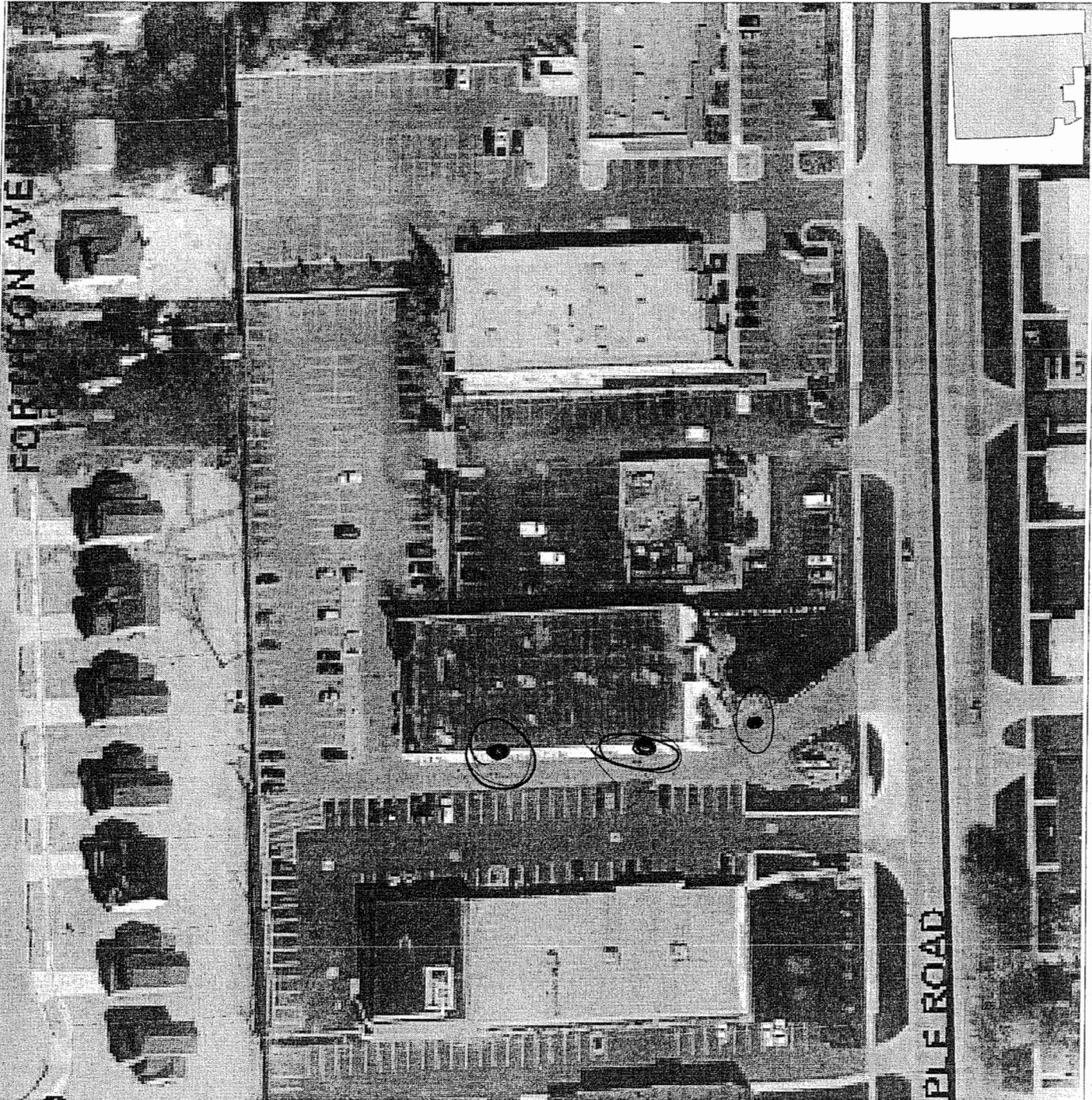
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400 W Maple
Fire Lane Posting

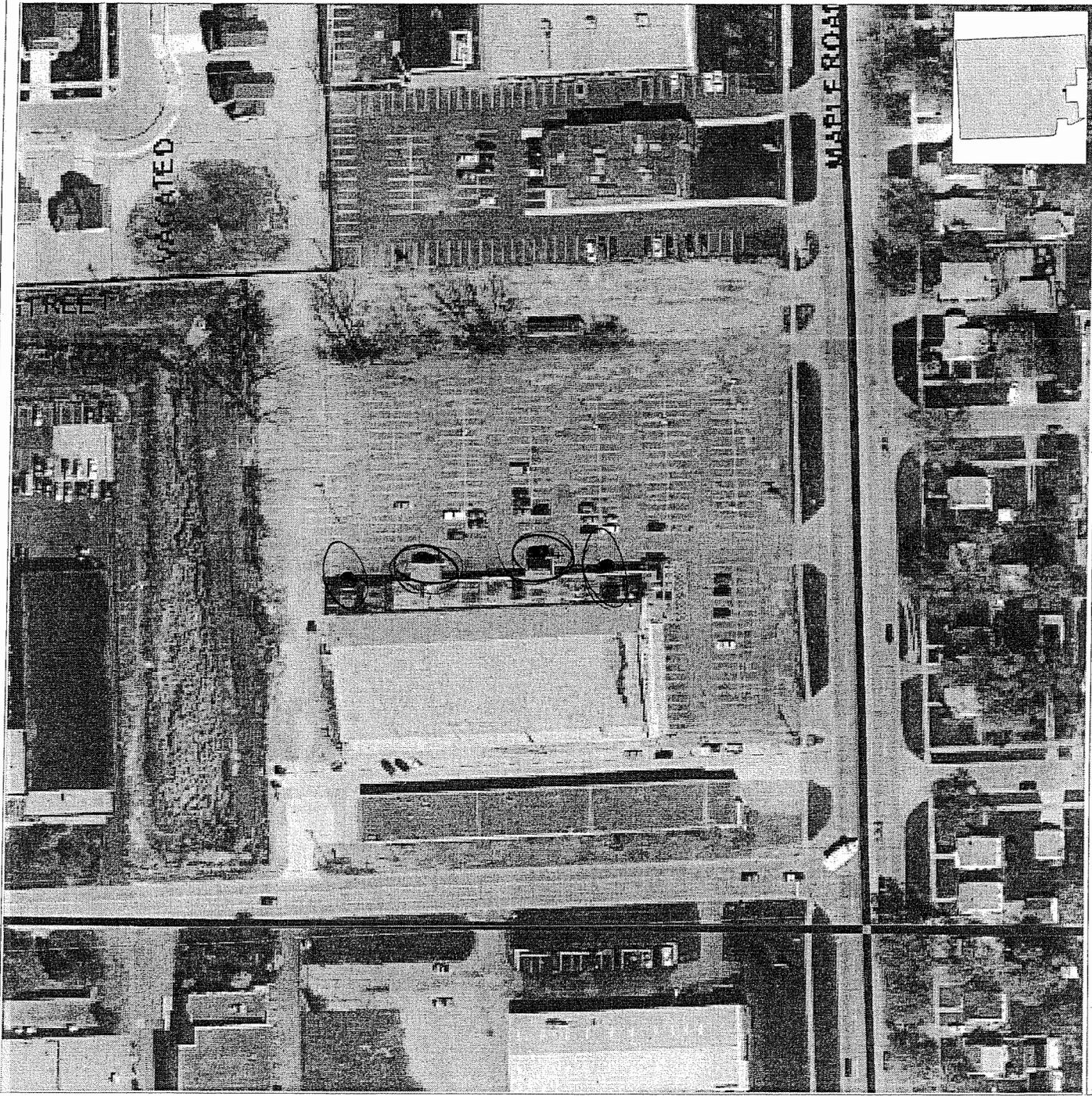
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Thunder BUS LANES



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