



Staff Report

Subject: Three-way Stop Sign Controlled Intersection at Ramsey Lane and Ballwin Commons Drive

Department/Program: Ballwin Police Department

Recommendation: Convert Temporary Three-way Stop to a Permanently Stop Sign Controlled Intersection.

Explanation:

We are asking the Board of Aldermen to consider directing the Ballwin City Attorney to draft an ordinance for the installation of three permanent stop signs at the three-way intersection of Ramsey Lane and Ballwin Commons Drive. One permanent stop should be posted on Southbound Ramsey Lane at intersecting Ballwin Commons Drive. A second permanent stop sign should be posted Northbound Ramsey Lane at intersecting Ballwin Commons Drive. Lastly, the third permanent stop sign should be posted on Eastbound Ballwin Commons Drive at intersecting Ramsey Lane.

As the Board is aware, temporary signage has been in place at this location for a prolonged period to support major bridge reconstruction in the area. As a result of the lengthy temporary placement, the public has been **conditioned** to now stop at this intersection. Making the signage permanent would not impact the norm that has been present for many months. Stop Signs are designed to control right-of-way at intersections, and also enhance locations where elevated pedestrian traffic is realized. Over the past several months I have spent time observing this location. I have concluded the amount of pedestrian traffic from the Pointe at Ballwin Commons and adjacent residential areas, in conjunction with motor vehicle traffic volume on Ramsey Lane, warrants this permanent measure.

Stop signs are not designed and should never be used as a speed control method. They are ineffective in that manner and such an approach would be the catalyst for stop sign proliferation all throughout Ballwin. Therefore, my recommendation is based on the very obvious motor vehicle volume on Ramsey Lane, in conjunction with this locations proximity to a major recreational facility.

Board discussion and consideration of my recommendation is greatly appreciated.

Submitted By: Chief Kevin Scott

Date: July 15, 2019
