



To: Jim Marino, Town Manager & President and Members of Town Council
From: Staff of Public Works
Meeting: July 7, 2025
Re: Stop Signs on Camellia Drive

Background

Public Works is recommending removing the existing raised crosswalks on Camellia Drive. The raised crosswalks are causing standing water, maintenance issues, and hazardous conditions. Public Works is proposing to tear out the existing raised crosswalks and install permanent stop signs at the referenced locations below.

Public Works is proposing to place stop signs at the following intersections:

- Camellia Drive and Elmwood Drive
- Camellia Drive and Walnut Drive
- White Oak Avenue and Cardinal Court
- White Oak Avenue and Wren Court

Methodology

SEH performed a comprehensive evaluation of the crosswalks on Camellia Drive. Their recommendation is to remove the raised crosswalks because they present maintenance concerns. There is an accumulation of debris in the channel curb grates, causing frequent cleaning of the channel curb grates. The retrofitting of the crosswalks with the existing curbs has created ponding problems. The standing water poses a particular safety risk during winter months when it freezes, creating hazardous conditions for both drivers and pedestrians. This design is unsatisfactory for this location due to the existing grade on the roadway. The removal of the crosswalks will be done by the Public Works department. The installation of permanent stop signs will also be done by the Public Works department. An ordinance is required to install the stop signs and to allow the police department to enforce them.

Recommendation

By motion and roll call vote, hear proposed Ordinance 1986 to amend the general provisions of Chapter 54, Traffic and Vehicles, of the Munster code of ordinances pertaining to additional stop signs on first reading, and schedule second reading for July 21, 2025.