

**Memorandum  
Public Works Department**



**To:** City Manager  
**Subject:** Dedicated Right Turn Lane at 44<sup>th</sup> Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
**Date:** March 31, 2014  
**Number:** 2014-072

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**SOURCE OF REQUEST:**

Scott Christiansen, President  
LRC Developers, Inc.  
350 44<sup>th</sup> Street  
Rock Island, IL 61201

**NATURE OF REQUEST:**

The Traffic Engineering Committee received a request from Scott Christiansen, President, LRC Developers, Inc., to install a right turn lane heading west bound on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue at 44<sup>th</sup> Street.

**MANUAL ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES WARRANTS:**

Not Applicable

**CONTACTS WITH RESIDENTS:**

None

**TRAFFIC STUDY INFORMATION:**

It was determined that this area meets the requirements to dedicate a right turn lane for west bound traffic on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue at 44<sup>th</sup> Street.

**COST:**

The cost to the city is minimal.

Painting will be done during the City's construction season.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Traffic Engineering Committee recommends that the City Council approve the request and direct the city attorney to prepare the necessary paperwork.

**Submitted by:** Randall D. Tweet, Public Works Director  
Traffic Engineering Committee

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**Approved by:** Thomas Thomas, City Manager

4/25-2013



ROCK ISLAND  
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December 16, 2013

Scott Christiansen, President  
LRC Developers, Inc.  
350 44<sup>th</sup> Street  
Rock Island, IL 61201

SUBJECT: Traffic Flow on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Dear Scott Christiansen,

The Traffic Engineering Committee reviewed your request regarding the traffic flow for west bound traffic on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue coming from Moline into Rock Island.

At this time the Traffic Engineering Committee is going to wait until the Spring to revisit the request. We will need to wait until that time to paint the right turn lane during our construction season.

Sincerely,

Michelle Martin  
Assistant to the Public Works Director  
Traffic Engineering Committee



## Fwd: intersection improvement

**Mike Kane** <kane.mike@rigov.org>  
To: Michelle Martin <Martin.Michelle@rigov.org>

Fri, Dec 6, 2013 at 6:59 AM

Michelle

Please add this to the next TEC agenda for further discussion.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **SCOTT CHRISTIANSEN** <scott.christiansen1@gmail.com>  
Date: Fri, Dec 6, 2013 at 6:57 AM  
Subject: intersection improvement  
To: Mike Kane <kane.mike@rigov.org>  
Cc: Jeff Nelson <jnelson@qcmetrolink.com>

Mike,

I have not spoke to you in a few months, so I thought I would check in with you to see if there has been any more internal discussions on the improvement of the intersection of 44th street and 4th avenue?

You are probably aware that the new Metrolink facility will be operational near the end of February which will have approximately 100 employees. These employees will exclusively using this intersection. You may have heard by now that Hill & Valley will be relocating to our property. This project will be bringing close to another 200 employees.

As you may recall, we made a request several months ago to have, at a minimum, 4th avenue changed to a three lane road and the right lane, heading west from Moline, changed to a right turn only.

I would like to ask that the city engineers revisit their previous opinion that there was not a need for this. With a \$55 million dollar investment taking place in Columbia Park and over 500 employees, including McLaughlin Body, MetroLink and Hill & Valley, I think it is worthy of further discussion on how we can all work together to improve traffic flow.

I would appreciate any help that you could provide us with initiating this conversation. i would also like to support the suggestion, that I believe was originated from Metrolink, that 4th avenue be renamed to River Drive. I believe that this would make complete sense since there is such a small section of 4th avenue remaining.

Please let me know if you feel a meeting should be had with the city, us and Metrolink for further discussions.

I appreciate any help that you can provide.

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5/31/2013

To: Mike Kane

Re: Request to help with traffic flow

Mike,

I am writing you this letter to request help from the city of Rock Island with traffic flow around our property, specifically the west bound traffic on 3<sup>rd</sup> avenue coming from Moline entering Rock Island.

This street is a busy road that tends to get congested when a train is blocking the intersection. It has been several years since the city has repainted the railroad crossing sign on the street, so people do not stop where they should and continue to block our driveways.

As the new Metrolink facility continues towards completion, it becomes increasingly important that the city assists us in any way possible with our traffic flow. We are requesting that the west bound traffic on 3<sup>rd</sup> avenue be converted to two lane traffic with the north lane being designated as right turn only so that people do not block our driveway, which will also be the entry for the Metrolink employees.

I have attached a google map picture to show the road I am referring to. Please feel free to call me at anytime to further discuss our request.

Regards,

Scott Christiansen  
President



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