

First Street & Birch Avenue Intersection



November 12th, 2024 - COW Meeting

Council received initial report on the Vision Zero grant (\$14,000) funded project and facilitated discussion with traffic engineer P. Truch.

Areas of concern included:

- Larger Vehicles & Downtown Access
- Business Deliveries
- Snow Removal
- Installation & Maintenance Costs
- Best Practices for pedestrian Safety
- Pedestrian and driver responsibility



November 26th, 2024 - COW Meeting

Council supportive of improvements but requested alternative to the installation of "bollard" style barriers. Endorsed removal of turning lanes and working with traffic engineer to finalize design.



September 9th, 2025 - Regular Meeting

Staff provided Council with an update on final design prior to installation.

- Utilizing rubber speed bumps to create the pedestrian bump out
- Removal of turning lanes to reduce the number of vehicles at stop & create additional parking in the downtown area
- Area will require hand shoveling



October 15th, 2025 - Intersection completed

- Rubber speed bumps installed - Functioning as designed - causes traffic to utilize the center of the intersection to turn and not cut corners.
- Line painting completed
- Additional line painting to be completed 2026



Purpose of improvements was to add another layer of safety at the intersection and reduce instances of near misses between pedestrians and motorist.