
**THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**RESOLUTION
NUMBER 2017-018**

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VERMONT STREET AS A FEDERAL AID URBAN MINOR
COLLECTOR ROUTE.**

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WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Blue Island have heretofore established a continuing Community Development Program to promote the welfare of the City of Blue Island; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the City of Blue Island that existing vehicular traffic be maintained and, where necessary, be rehabilitated to enhance the value of all properties and means of ingress and egress within the City of Blue Island; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of said policy the Mayor and City Council of the City of Blue Island deem it appropriate to request to reclassify Maple Avenue from 119th Street to Vermont Street as a Federal Aid Urban ("FAU") route;

WHEREAS, the City understands the importance of FAU routes as they are eligible for Federal funding as Federal Grant funding provides 80% of the cost of an approved project;

WHEREAS, the City understands that FAU designation would not impact Blue Island's ability to control traffic, vehicles, signals or speed on Maple Avenue as it would remain a local road;

Whereas, the appropriate city officials have considered and reviewed the functional classification revision request attached as Exhibit A and find the same to be in the best interests of the City;

NOW AND THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1: AGREEMENT FORM AND TERMS AUTHORIZED

The terms and conditions as shown in the Agreement attached as Exhibit A to this Resolution are hereby approved.

SECTION 2: AUTHORIZATION OF AGENT TO EXECUTE AND ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGREEMENT

The City Council further authorizes the Mayor or his designee to execute any and all documentation that may be necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution. The officers, employees, and/or agents of the City shall take all action necessary or reasonably required by the City to carry out, give effect to, and consummate the intent of this Resolution.

SECTION 3: EFFECTIVE DATE

This resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval as required by law.

ADOPTED this 25th day of April, 2017, pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

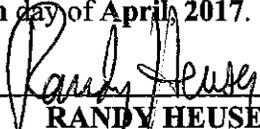
	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT	ABSTAIN
Alderman Hawley			X		
Alderman Poulos	X				
Alderman Vieyra	X				
Alderman Bilotto	X				
Alderman Rita	X				
Alderman Donahue			X		
Alderman Carr	X				
Alderman Slattery	X				
Alderman Ostling	X				
Alderman Pittman	X				
Alderman Johnson			X		
Alderman Frausto			X		
Alderman Thompson			X		
Alderman Johanson	X				
Mayor Vargas					
TOTAL	9		5		

APPROVED by the Mayor on April 25, 2017.



DOMINGO F. VARGAS
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND,
COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS

ATTESTED and Filed in my office this
25th day of April, 2017.



RANDY HEUSER
CITY CLERK

**City of Blue Island
Maple Avenue
Appendix A
Functional Classification Revision Request Template**

1. Name(s) of proposed roadway to be reclassified: **Maple Avenue**
2. Name of agency requesting revision (roadway jurisdiction): **City of Blue Island**
3. Contact information (name, title, address, phone and email):
**Jason Berry, AICP
Deputy Director of Community Development
13051 Greenwood Avenue
Blue Island, IL 60406
(708) 396-7146**
4. Council(s) of Mayors:
Southwest Conference of Mayors, Kelsey Mulhausen, Program Coordinator
5. County(ies) of proposed roadway to be reclassified: **Cook County**
6. Township(s) of proposed roadway to be reclassified: **Worth Township**
7. Additional roadway jurisdiction(s), if any, of the proposed roadway to be reclassified: **N/A**
8. Current functional classification for this roadway: **Local Street**
9. Proposed functional classification for this roadway: **Minor Collector**
10. The IDOT key route designation number for this roadway: **0-2040**
(This number is available on the IDOT Getting Around Illinois website. The key route designation number is the Key Route Type, a hyphen, and the Key Route Number off the map.)
11. Endpoints of proposed roadway to be reclassified
 - North or East endpoint: **119th Street**
 - North or East endpoint road's functional classification: **9-1585**

 - South or West endpoint: **Vermont Street**
 - South or West endpoint road's functional classification: **9-1594**
12. Length of proposed roadway to be reclassified: **1.5 miles**

13. Current Average Annual Daily Traffic (AADT):

2550 Vehicles / Day

Traffic counts conducted February 21, 2017 between 0600 hrs. and 1900 hrs.

Raw data for each count is supplied as part of this submittal.

Study was performed at three intersections (Maple and Vermont, 123rd St, and 127th St)

The traffic count type was Miovision video counts.

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14. Spacing:

- Provide the name of and distance to the next adjacent roadway (to the north or east) with the same classification as the subject road's proposed functional classification:

Longwood Drive – 0.50 miles east (at 119th Street)

- Provide the name of and distance to the next adjacent roadway (to the south or west) with the same classification as the subject road's proposed functional classification:

76th Avenue – 6.25 miles west

15. Indicate if you are proposing to change (downgrade) the functional classification of any adjacent roadways to accommodate the spacing requirements for your primary proposed functional classification revision:

The proposed spacing of minor arterials adjacent to Maple Avenue is in keeping with the guidance provided for fully developed urban areas, therefore no downgrades are proposed for adjacent roadways.

(Provide key route designation number and endpoints as well as road name and proposed change.)

16. Provide current and planned Traffic Signalization along proposed route:

Current traffic signal locations are as follows, and no changes are proposed:

Maple Avenue (0-2040) at Vermont Street (9-1594)

Maple Avenue (0-2040) at 127th Street (2-344)

Maple Avenue (0-2040) at 123rd Street (9-1588)

A map is also provided per the guidance below.

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17. Provide current and planned Stop Sign Control on proposed route and on the cross-streets: (Mark locations on the map with an octagon or similar; use the same symbols and write "future" by the planned signs.)

The existing stop sign locations along Maple Avenue are as follows and no changes are proposed:

- Maple Avenue and New Street (2-way stop on New St.)
- Maple Avenue and York Street (4-way stop)
- Maple Avenue and High Street (2-way stop on High St.)
- Maple Avenue and Union Street (4-way stop)
- Maple Avenue and Walnut Street (2-way stop on Walnut St.)
- Maple Avenue and Oak Street (1-way stop on Oak St. – 3 leg intersection)
- Maple Avenue and Prairie Street (2-way stop on Prairie St.)
- Maple Avenue and Birdsall Street (4-way stop)
- Maple Avenue and Lewis Street (1-way stop on Lewis St. – 3 leg intersection)
- Maple Avenue and Cochran Street (4-way stop)
- Maple Avenue and Collins Street (4-way stop)
- Maple Avenue and Orchard Street (2-way stop on Orchard St.)
- Maple Avenue and Grunewald Street (2-way stop on Grunewald St.)
- Maple Avenue and 122nd Place (1-way stop on 122nd Pl. – 3 leg intersection)
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- Maple Avenue and 121st Place (1-way stop on 121st Pl. – 3 leg intersection)
- Maple Avenue and 121st Street (4-way stop)
- Maple Avenue and 120th Place (1-way stop on 120th Pl. – 3 leg intersection)
- Maple Avenue and 120th Street (3-way stop – Maple Ave. one way northbound)
- Maple Avenue and 119th Street (1-way stop on Maple Ave. – 3 leg intersection)

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18. Major Traffic Generators along the proposed reclassified route:

Each signalized intersecting street along Maple Avenue generates high traffic (Vermont St., 127th St., 123rd St., 119th St.). Whittier Elementary School is located at the intersection of Maple Avenue and Vermont Street. The Blue Island Medical Center is located at the intersection of Maple Avenue and York Street. Also, located nearby on Vermont is Blue Island City Hall, Police Department and a large US Post Office branch location. Dwight D. Eisenhower School and Blue Island Memorial Park, located nearby on 127th Street, are also large traffic generators.

19. Justification for the proposed revision based on definitions, characteristics and spacing guidance provided:

Maple Avenue between Vermont Street and 119th Street serves a critical role in the area road network, gathering traffic from the numerous intersecting local roads and funneling this traffic to the intersecting arterial streets - Vermont Street, 127th Street, 123rd Street, and 119th Street.

The Maple Avenue corridor contains three signalized intersections, and stop controlled intersecting local streets. There are numerous traffic generators in the corridor in addition to the busy intersecting streets, including two schools, Blue Island City Hall, Police and Fire Department Headquarters, medical center and post office.

Traffic counts were conducted as part of this analysis at three major intersections in this corridor. Each location yielded similar ADT numbers for Maple Avenue, at 2,550 vehicles per day. This traffic volume is well within the volume guidelines presented in the Functional Classification Criteria Manual.

The proposed classification of Maple Avenue as a Minor Collector will bring the area roadway network closer to the Federal Highway Administration guidance for fully developed urban areas. There are no north/south streets with minor collector status in the project area that duplicate the extents of the Maple Avenue corridor.

For these reasons, the functional classification of Maple Avenue is proposed to be changed to Minor Collector.

("To establish federal funding eligibility" is NOT a justification.)

20. Provide any additional (optional) information or justification:

Maple Avenue currently intersects four existing FAU routes, Vermont Street, 127th Street, 123rd Street, and 119th Street.

Reclassifying this corridor will bring increased continuity of the roadway network in the area, and bring the roadway network closer in line with Federal Highway Administration guidelines for route spacing. This reclassification will allow the City of Blue Island to make improvements to this route, improving this important corridor for many road users.

21. Attach Support Resolutions & Letters:

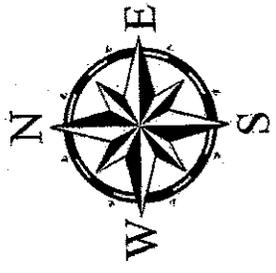
1. Local Council of Mayors or Councils of Mayors resolution(s) of support (required)

2. Affected neighboring jurisdictions' letters of support (required)

No neighboring jurisdictions will be affected by this proposed functional classification revision.

3. Requesting municipality's resolution of request (optional)

The Blue Island City Council Meeting resolution requesting the proposed functional classification revision for Maple Avenue is requested.

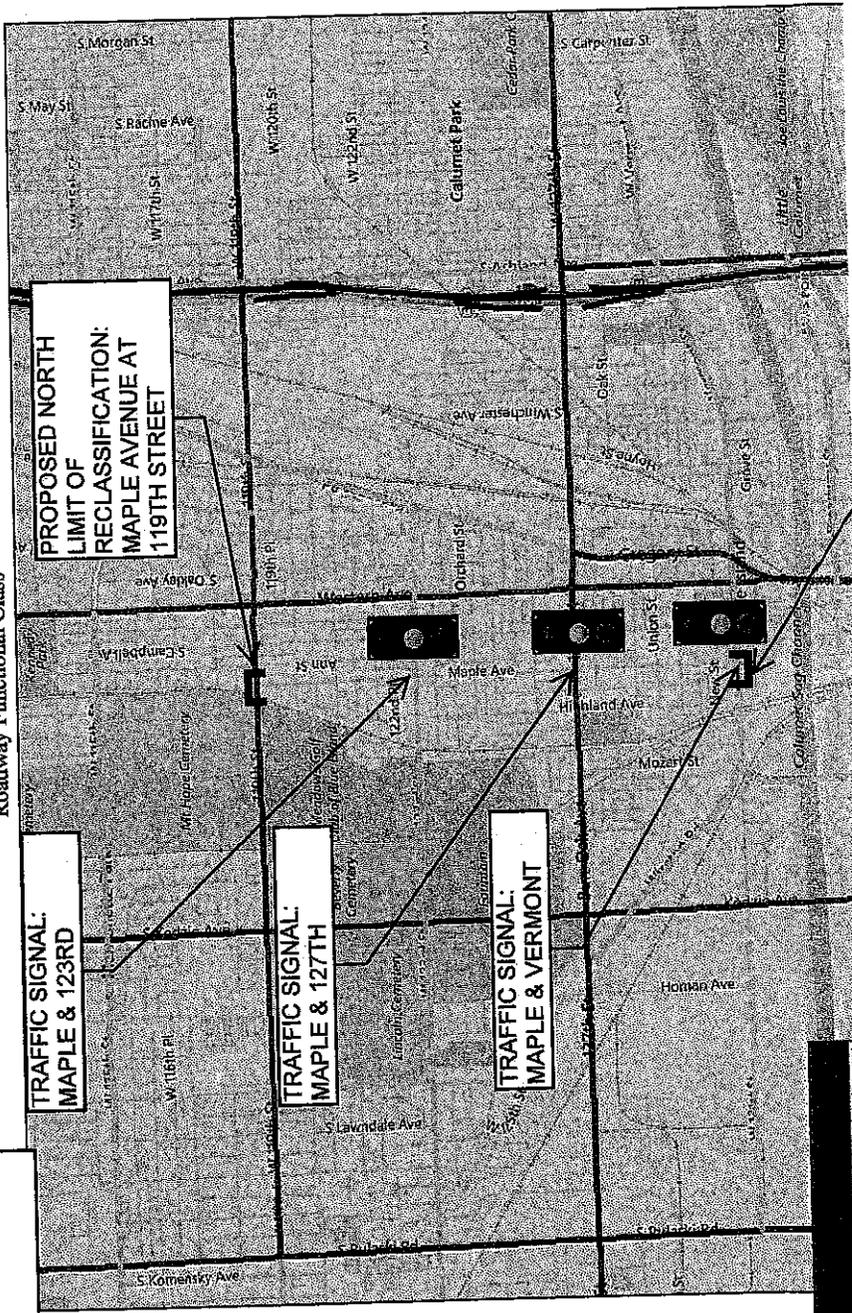


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EXISTING TRAFFIC SIGNAL LOCATIONS

Roadway Functional Class



**PROPOSED NORTH
LIMIT OF
RECLASSIFICATION:
MAPLE AVENUE AT
119TH STREET**

**TRAFFIC SIGNAL:
MAPLE & 123RD**

**TRAFFIC SIGNAL:
MAPLE & 127TH**

**TRAFFIC SIGNAL:
MAPLE & VERMONT**

**PROPOSED SOUTH
LIMIT OF
RECLASSIFICATION:
MAPLE AVENUE AT
VERMONT STREET**

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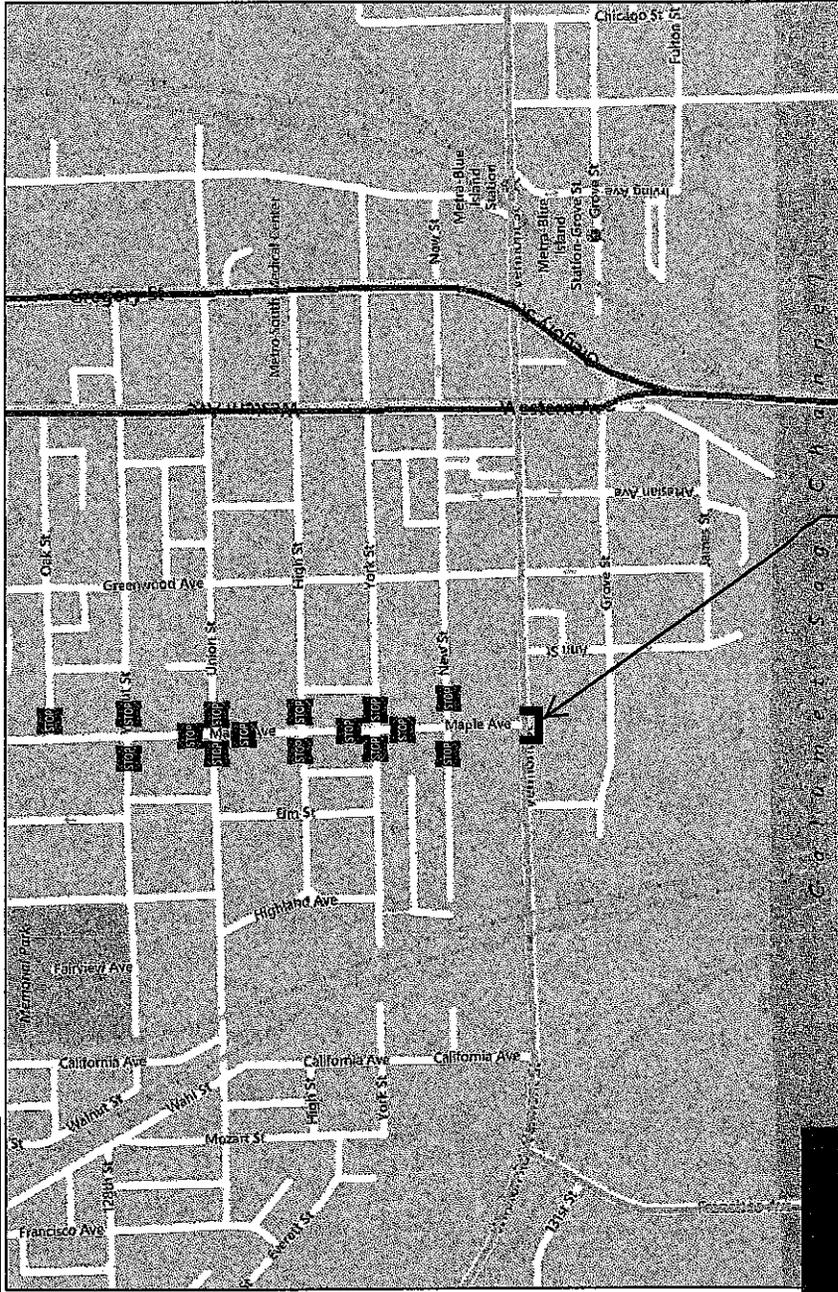
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- Minor Arterial
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- National Highway System

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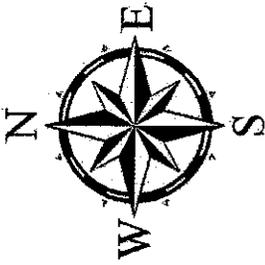
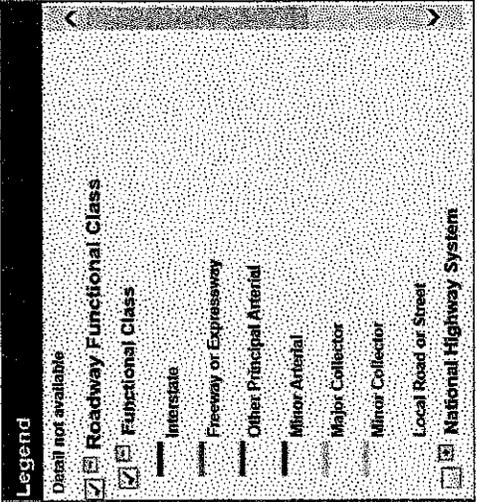
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MAP 1 OF 3**

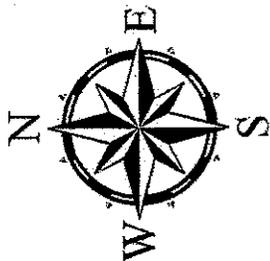
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**PROPOSED SOUTH LIMIT
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**EXISTING STOP SIGN LOCATIONS
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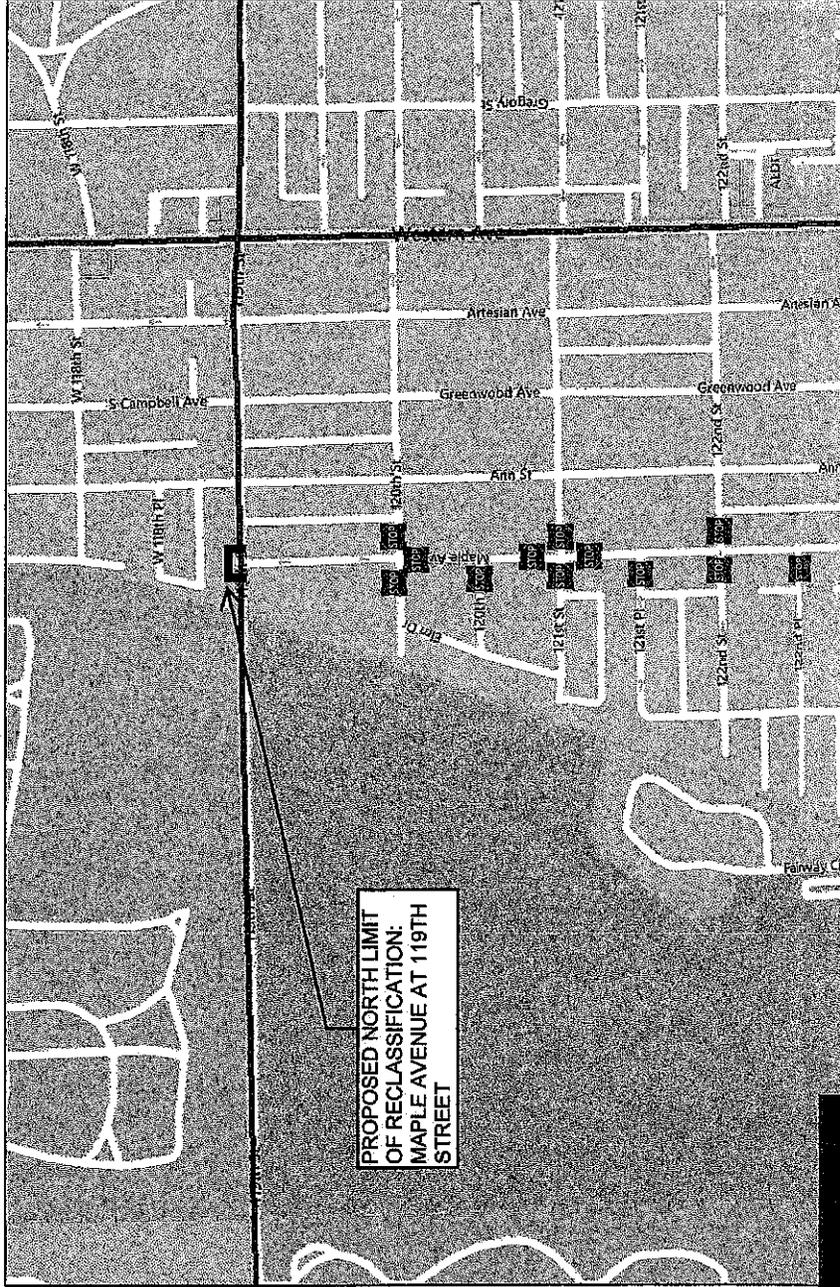
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EXISTING STOP SIGN LOCATIONS
MAP 3 OF 3

Roadway Functional Class



PROPOSED NORTH LIMIT
OF RECLASSIFICATION:
MAPLE AVENUE AT 119TH
STREET

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