

Section 2B.07 Multiway Stop Applications

Support:

Multiway stop control can be useful as a safety measure at intersections if certain traffic conditions exist. Safety concerns associated with multiway stops include pedestrians, bicyclists, and all road users expecting other road users to stop. Multiway stop control is used where the volume of traffic on the intersecting roads is approximately equal.

The restrictions on the use of STOP signs described in Section 2B.05 also apply to multiway stop applications. Guidance:

The decision to install multiway stop control should be based on an engineering study.

The following criteria should be considered in the engineering study for a multiway STOP sign installation:

- A. Where traffic control signals are justified, the multiway stop is an interim measure that can be installed quickly to control traffic while arrangements are being made for the installation of the traffic control signal.
- B. A crash problem, as indicated by 5 or more reported crashes in a 12-month period that are susceptible to correction by a multiway stop installation. Such crashes include right- and left-turn collisions as well as right-angle collisions.
- C. Minimum volumes:
 - The vehicular volume entering the intersection from the major street approaches (total of both approaches) averages at least 300 vehicles per hour for any 8 hours of an average day, and
 - The combined vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle volume entering the intersection from the minor street approaches (total of both approaches) averages at least 200 units per hour for the same 8 hours, with an average delay to minor-street vehicular traffic of at least 30 seconds per vehicle during the highest hour, but
 - If the 85th-percentile approach speed of the major-street traffic exceeds 65 km/h or exceeds 40 mph, the minimum vehicular volume warrants are 70 percent of the above values.
- D. Where no single criterion is satisfied, but where Criteria B, C.1, and C.2 are all satisfied to 80 percent of the minimum values. Criterion C.3 is excluded from this condition.

Option:

Other criteria that may be considered in an engineering study include:

- A. The need to control left-turn conflicts;
- The need to control vehicle/pedestrian conflicts near locations that generate high pedestrian volumes;
- C. Locations where a road user, after stopping, cannot see conflicting traffic and is not able to reasonably safely negotiate the intersection unless conflicting cross traffic is also required to stop; and
- D. An intersection of two residential neighborhood collector (through) streets of similar design and operating characteristics where multiway stop control would improve traffic operational characteristics of the intersection.



City of Lawrence, Kansas Traffic Engineering Division Crash Diagram



Location: 4th Street & Maine Street Date: **2006** 060302 060913 060921 060120 061001 Notes: 9/20/2007



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ALL WAY Stop Warrant Worksheet



Date: September 2007 Location: 4th Street & Maine Street

Time	Maine Street								4th Street						
Period	NBLL	NB	NBRL	SBLL	SB	SBRL	Total	EBLL	EB	EBRL	WBLL	WB	WBRL	Total	Total
12-01		5			10		15		7			2		9	24
01-02		7			11		18		2			1		3	21
02-03		6			6		12		3			1		4	16
03-04		6			4		10		3			1		4	14
04-05		9			3		12		0			3		3	15
05-06		41			6		47		5			0		5	52
06-07		147			27		174		41			9		50	224
07-08		206			57		263		137			39		176	439
08-09		231			94		325		121			16		137	462
09-10		221			107		328		105			35		140	468
10-11		178			129		307		122			28		150	457
11-12		176			177		353		120			29		149	502
12-01		247			173		420		77			25		102	522
01-02		259			128		387		124			31		155	542
02-03		205			154		359		146			29		175	534
03-04		214			228		442		181			43		224	666
04-05		154			190		344		127			37		164	508
05-06		146			155		301		143			60		203	504
06-07		106			80		186		81			32		113	299
07-08		65			82		147		53			16		69	216
08-09		52			60		112		36			10		46	158
09-10		44			34		78		30			9		39	117
10-11		26			22		48		18			2		20	68
11-12		18			21		39		10			3		13	52
Totals	0	2769	0	0	1958	0	4727	0	1692	0	0	461	0	2153	6880

The Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) requies an average of 300 vehicles per hour entering the intersection from the main street for each of 8 hours of a day, and an average of 200 entering from the minor street during the same 8 hours.

Average entering volume on main street for 8 highest hours = 367

Average minor street volume for same 8 hours = 164

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