OFFICIAL MEETING NOTICE

The City of Stoughton will hold a <u>Joint</u> meeting of the <u>Planning Commission and Public</u> <u>Safety Committee</u> on Wednesday August 20, 2014 at 6:00 pm, in the Fire Department Training Room, 401 E. Main Street, Stoughton WI.

AGENDA:

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Council Referral R-66-14 Stoughton Hospital request to discontinue a segment of Ridge Street and a segment of Church Street.
 - Recommendation to Council
- 3. Adjournment.

Donna Olson, Mayor – Chair, Planning Commission Tim Swadley – Chair, Public Safety Committee

8/14/14mps

Packets sent to:

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Mayor Donna Olson, Chair Ron Christianson, Vice-Chair

Eric Hohol

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Todd Krcma

Matt Hanna

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Stoughton Hospital Neighborhood

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"IF YOU ARE DISABLED AND IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CALL 608-873-6677 PRIOR TO THIS MEETING."

AN EXPANDED MEETING MAY CONSTITUTE A QUORUM OF THE COUNCIL.



CITY OF STOUGHTON DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT 381 East Main Street, Stoughton, WI. 53589

RODNEY J. SCHEEL DIRECTOR

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Date: August 14, 2014

To: Planning Commission Members & Public Safety Committee Members

From: Rodney J. Scheel

Director of Planning & Development

Michael Stacey

Zoning Administrator/Assistant Planner

Subject: August 20, 2014 Joint Planning Commission & Public Safety Committee Meeting

Summary.

Item #2 – Council Referral - Stoughton Hospital requests discontinuance of a segment of Ridge Street and a segment of Church Street. (R-66-14)

Discontinuance of a segment of Ridge Street and Church Street is requested to allow Stoughton Hospital to reconfigure the main parking lot for the hospital campus. A public hearing was held at the July 22, 2014 Council meeting. The Common Council referred this request back for a joint meeting with the Planning Commission and Public Safety Committee. Notices have been sent to the Stoughton Hospital Neighborhood including all property owners along Church Street and Ridge Street. The resolution and related materials are provided. A recommendation to Council is necessary.

CITY OF STOUGHTON, 381 E. MAIN STREET, STOUGHTON, WISCONSIN

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

AUTHORIZING DISCONTINUANCE OF A PUBLIC WAY FOR OF A PORTION OF RIDGE STREET AND CHURCH STREET

Committee Action: Planning Commission recommends approval - with the Mayor voting

Public Safety Committee recommends

Fiscal Impact: N/A

File Number: R- 66 -2014 Date Introduced: September 9, 2014

The City of Stoughton, Wisconsin, Common Council does proclaim as follows:

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2014 the City of Stoughton received a written petition from the owner of all the frontage of lots and lands abutting upon the portion of the public way sought to be discontinued shown on the attached Road Vacation Map; and

WHEREAS, the City received written petitions from the owners of more than one-third of the frontage of the lots and lands abutting on that portion of the remainder of the Ridge Street and Church Street; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission considered this request at their regular meeting on July 14, 2014; Joint meeting with the Public Safety Committee on August 20, 2014 and Special meeting on August 20, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council held a public hearing at their regular meeting on July 22, 2014; and

WHEREAS, upon receipt of the petition materials the City provided a copy of the petition materials to the Secretary of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, a Class 3 Notice was published on June 19, 2014, June 26, 2014 and July 3, 2014 indicating this resolution will be considered at the Common Council meeting on July 22, 2014; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 840.11, a Lis Pendens was filed with the Register of Deeds on June 5, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council finds that it is in the best interest of the City to discontinue these segments of Ridge Street and Church Street and the discontinued segments be conveyed equally to the adjacent parcels; and

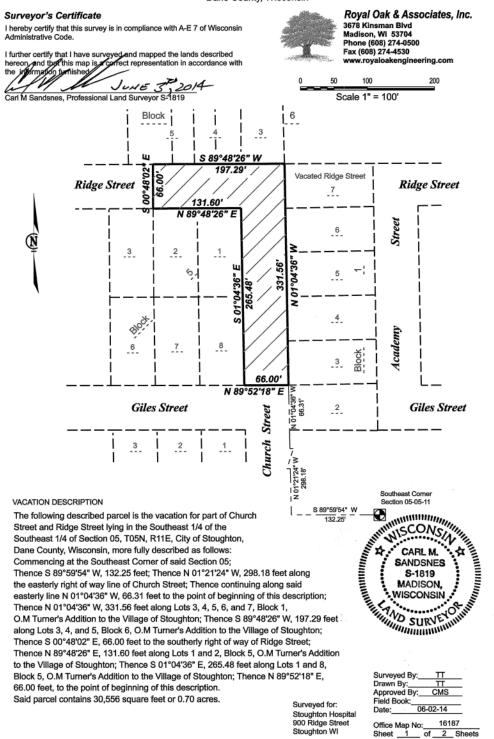
WHEREAS, the discontinued land shall bear the same zoning as the adjacent properties; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Stoughton Common Council, based upon the public hearing and evidence presented, and pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Sec. 66.1003, discontinues of the portions of Ridge Street and Church Street in the City of Stoughton, Dane County, Wisconsin, shown on the attached Road Vacation Map which is incorporated herein by reference, and that said portions shall be and hereby equally transferred to the adjacent parcels and assume the zoning of the adjacent parcel, and that this Resolution shall take effect upon adoption.

Council Action: Adopted	Failed	Vote	
Mayoral Action: Accept	Veto		
Donna Olson, Mayor	Date		
Council Action:	Override	Vote	

Road Vacation Map

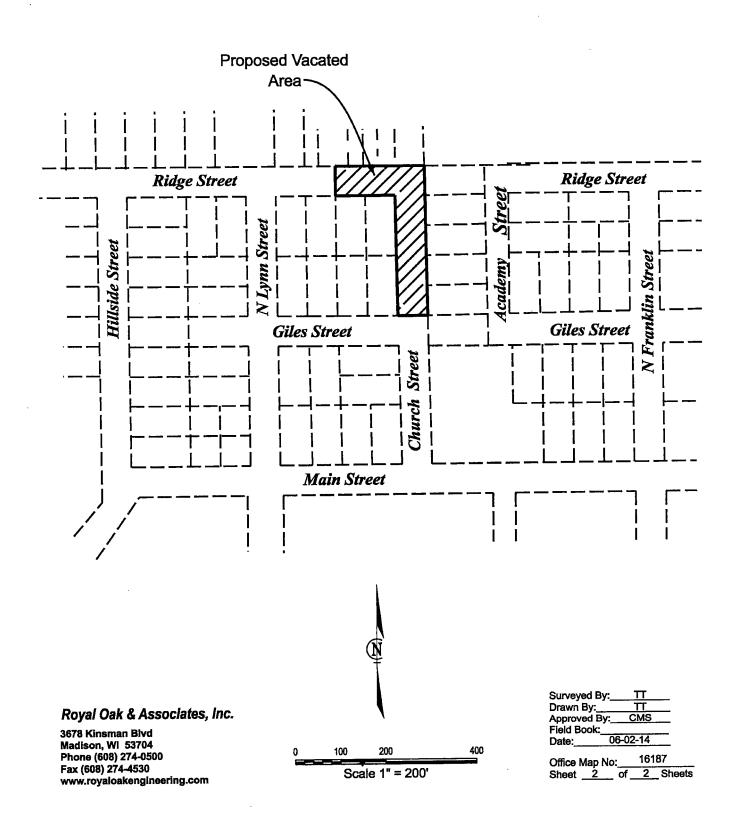
Part of Church Street and part of Ridge Street, lying in the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 05, T05N, R11E, City of Stoughton, Dane County, Wisconsin



Road Vacation Map

Part of Church Street and part of Ridge Street, lying in the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 05, T05N, R11E, City of Stoughton, Dane County, WIsconsin

Overall Area Map



Purpose of Request to Vacate a Portion of Church and Ridge Streets

In early 1990s, Stoughton City officials including Mayor Johnson exhorted and petitioned hospital to remain in the Eastside, the landlocked nature of the campus notwithstanding. The mayor wanted a balanced and commercially healthy Eastside to counterbalance commercial and residential development in other quadrants of City. Stoughton Hospital obliged and heavily invested in present site since then.

The proposed development and plans are a necessity if Stoughton Hospital is to continue to prosper and grow over the decades in future. The overall impact should be much more positive than negative, given limited traffic that will invade, skirt the hospital campus and use our main streets as a thoroughfare which poses a definite danger to pedestrians, vehicles needing to access hospital, parking lots etc. Street, safety, and expanded offsite parking improvements will be major benefits.

Neighbors have shown tentative support for the project provided adequate signage is provided at Cooper's Causeway and for the truck route at the intersection of Hillside and Ridge Streets. The city is asked to consider neighborhood requests for additional signage as appropriate. This need for additional signage was made clear at a hospital sponsored listening session.

The opportunity to better connect the hospital campus with surrounding green spaces, walking trails and access to city bicycle pathways is an added benefit of this project. When approved this project will help assure modern, state of art healthcare, continuation of open medical staff, diversification philosophies; and consistent with the original plans agreed upon by the City and Hospital dating back to the early 1990's.



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June 5, 2014

The following description is a road vacation description for part of Church Street and part of Ridge Street located in the City of Stoughton, Wisconsin.

Road Vacation Description

The following described parcel is the vacation for part of Church Street and Ridge Street lying in the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 05, T05N, R11E, City of Stoughton, Dane County, Wisconsin, more fully described as follows:

Commencing at the Southeast Corner of said Section 05; Thence S 89°59'54" W, 132.25 feet; Thence N 01°21'24" W, 298.18 feet along the easterly right of way line of Church Street; Thence continuing along said easterly line N 01°04'36" W, 66.31 feet to the point of beginning of this description; Thence N 01°04'36" W, 331.56 feet along Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, Block 1, O.M Turner's Addition to the Village of Stoughton; Thence S 89°48'26" W, 197.29 feet along Lots 3, 4, and 5, Block 6, O.M Turner's Addition to the Village of Stoughton; Thence S 00°48'02" E, 66.00 feet to the southerly right of way of Ridge Street; Thence N 89°48'26" E, 131.60 feet along Lots 1 and 2, Block 5, O.M Turner's Addition to the Village of Stoughton; Thence S 01°04'36" E, 265.48 feet along Lots 1 and 8, Block 5, O.M Turner's Addition to the Village of Stoughton; Thence N 89°52'18" E, 66.00 feet, to the point of beginning of this description.

Said parcel contains 30,556 square feet or 0.70 acres.

May 26, 2014

Donna Olson, Mayor 381 E. Main Street Stoughton, WI 53589

Mayor Olson,

I am a resident of North Lynn Street and recently attended a meeting at the Stoughton Hospital regarding the proposed parking lot renovations. I was informed that the hospital—with city support—intends to close off Ridge Street and that hospital parking would no longer be accessible via Ridge Street. I was also told that the reason was due to the high volume of traffic and safety concerns. Ridge Street is extremely high traffic area traffic directly related to hospital staff, patients, visitors and Dean Clinic staff and patients who use Coopers Causeway as a short-cut from the north side of the city.

If Ridge Street is closed preventing access to hospital parking it will force traffic to use North Lynn Street to access Giles Street to gain access to the hospital parking area. If high traffic is a safety concern for the hospital, it is certainly a safety concern for the residents living on North Lynn Street. North Lynn Street is an older, quiet neighborhood and it is grossly unfair for the residents of Lynn Street—and the neighborhood in general—to bear the burden of excessive hospital and Dean Clinic traffic should this proposal go forward.

I am adamantly opposed to the closing of Ridge Street and I would respectfully ask that other options be explored. Certainly stops signs at the corners of Ridge and Church Street would be beneficial, as would speed bumps. Closing Ridge Street is not the answer, as it only pushes the problem onto the residents of North Lynn Street.

Sincerely,

Julie Peterson

220 N. Lynn Street

Stoughton, WI 53589

Julie Peterson

873-8191

CC: Paul Lawrence, Alderperson District 2

Ron Christianson, Alderperson District 2

Michael Engelberger, Alderperson District 2



CITY OF STOUGHTON

From the Mayor's Office

May 30, 2014

Julie Peterson 220 N Lynn Street Stoughton WI 53589

Dear Julie,

I have received your letter and concerns regarding the potential changes surrounding renovations at Stoughton Hospital. We are anticipating a petition from the hospital to vacate part of Ridge and Church Streets. I will have your letter included with those materials as they are reviewed by city committee(s) and the Common Council.

Thank you for sharing your concerns.

Sincerely,

Donna L. Olson, Mayor

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City of Stoughton 608-873-6677

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CC: Paul Lawrence

Ron Christianson

Michael Engelberger

Terry Brenny, Stoughton Hospital

Planning Director Scheel



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June 10, 2014

Mark Gottlieb, P.E. WisDOT Secretary 4802 Sheboygan Ave. 120B Madison, WI 53705

RE: Discontinuance of a Public Way - Stoughton, WI

Dear Mr. Gottlieb:

The City of Stoughton has received petitions for the discontinuance of a portion of Ridge Street and Church Street within the City of Stoughton. Pursuant to s. 66.1003 are providing you a copy of the petition materials since STH 51 is within one-quarter mile of the segments being petitioned for discontinuance. We have also included the Public Hearing Notice for the date that the City Common Council will be considering this issue.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Rodney Scheen

Director of Planning & Development

City of Stoughton

Rodney J. Scheel

From: Rodney J. Scheel

Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2014 6:47 AM

To: Greg Leck; Karl Manthe

Cc: Donna Olson

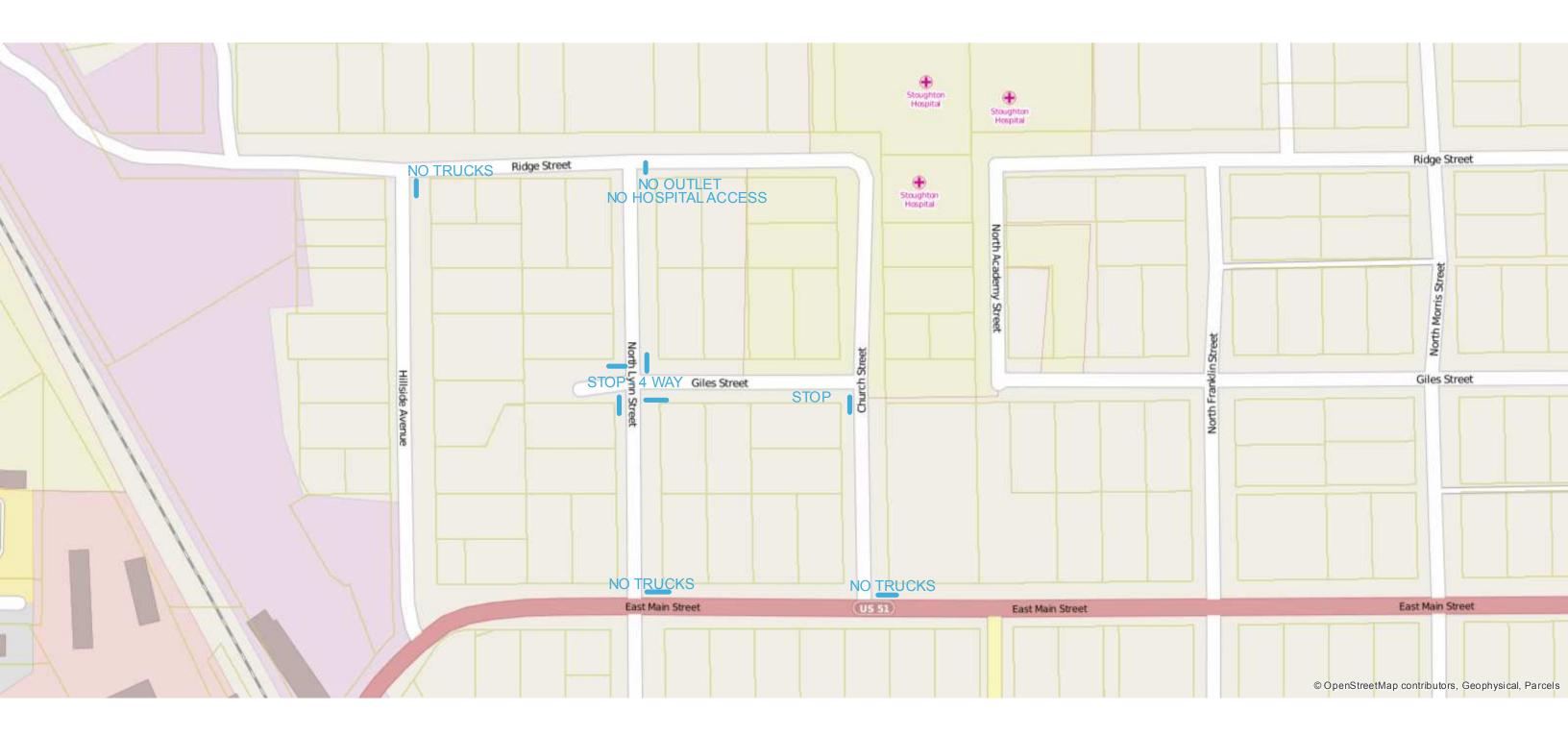
Subject:Traffic Control RecommendationsAttachments:Traffic Control Recommendations.pdf

To facilitate discussion, I have prepared a proposed traffic control scheme for signage north of Main Street between Hillside and Church Street. Please see the attached and comment. The goals are as follows:

- No Truck signage on Main at Church and Lynn are intended to direct truck traffic to Hillside where the street has been reconstructed to better accommodate such vehicle. Trucks cannot negotiate turns from Church to Ridge if the street remains open. It should not be necessary for trucks to use Lynn to reach Ridge Street.
- No Truck signage on Ridge at Hillside. It should not be necessary for trucks to use Ridge Street east of
 Hillside. In addition, trucks at Main and Church cannot make the turn to the east due to the pedestrian safety
 island and trucks at Lynn and Main cannot make the turn to the west due to the pedestrian safety island.
- Create a Four-way Stop at Lynn and Giles Street. This should improve driver and pedestrian safety due to visibility and grade issues as well as discourage drivers from using Lynn Street as a "cut through" to/from Ridge Street. It would make this route inconvenient for non-neighborhood drivers and over time will likely discontinue using it.
- Install Stop sign on Giles at Church. Promotes safe entrance into Hospital facility using Church Street.
- Install Stop signs at Hillside at Ridge and Lynn at Ridge. There are currently Yield signs at these locations, but converting them to Stop signs will further limit non-neighborhood use and improve safety. If Ridge is vacated as proposed by the Hospital, it may not be as necessary to install a Stop sign on Lynn at Ridge since there will be little to no traffic using Ridge east of Lynn Street.
- Parking restrictions are not shown on the concept, but it may be appropriate to limit parking to facilitate safe movement of truck traffic using Hillside and the west end of Ridge streets.

Your feedback is appreciated.

Rodney Scheel
City of Stoughton
Director of Planning & Development
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Michael Stacey

Cc:

From: Michael Stacey

Sent: Tuesday, August 05, 2014 4:08 PM

To: Donna Olson; Eric Hohol; Greg Jenson; Matt Hanna; Ron Christianson; Scott Truehl; Todd

Krcma (tkrcma@gmail.com); Tim Swadley; Paul Lawrence; Thomas Majewski; Greg Leck;

Pat O' Connor Rodney J. Scheel

Subject: Hospital Plan

Attachments: Hospital Area Traffic Modification Alternative.docx; Traffic Calming at Madison

Intersection.docx

TO: Stoughton City Planning Commission Members and Public Safety Committee Members

My wife and I have lived in Stoughton for over 35 years at the same location on Roosevelt Street. Obviously we like living here or we would have moved. We both were directors of state programs with our offices in Madison. While most of my orientation has been to the state and federal level I was involved in several planning efforts while Helen was mayor and am interested in how we plan for the future. Over my now lengthy time in Stoughton I am periodically taken aback by the "small ball" thinking that occurs and the seeming difficulty of decision making. I started my career in Rock County as a community organizer so I am fully aware of the importance of citizen input and involvement in decision making. But in directing the state's low income energy programs I am also aware of the importance of making decisions even knowing that they won't please everyone.

The Hospital request reminded me of the effort back in the mid 80's to build a new library on the Rock River at Water and Washington Streets which would have required closing those streets to thru traffic. Some business people moaned, some people worried about kids being near the water and some didn't like that it would be a long walk to the bakery for coffee and donuts. The referendum then failed and the old library was redone and expanded. This ultimately cost more than the cost would have been for the new library which would have greatly contributed to improvement along the river and its increased use as a community asset.

Now the Council seems to think that a few people who live near the hospital should have an out of proportion say in what is decided relative to the hospital which serves the entire community. I realize they have concerns which should be considered and mitigated if possible but they should not override what is best for the city and community as a whole. So a few people have to go a few more blocks to get to the hospital. They could walk if they wanted. We have to drive all the way across town as do most residents. Maybe the hospital should move to the old Yahara School Site so I don't have to drive so far (just kidding).

We use N. Division and Ridgeway Streets to get to the hospital all the time. With the hospitals proposal we are less likely to go that way and I would surmise that would be true for other folks as well. I would suggest you actually close off Ridgeway's access to Water Street (see map attached); somewhat similar to how Barberry Road is cut off on the West Side between the City and the Town. This would certainly reduce the traffic through the neighborhood west of the hospital and would also resolve many of the other issues about the

railway underpass which crop up from time to time. Now this would inconvenience me and my wife but I can easily accept that for the greater good.

Some people were concerned about traffic on N. Lynn Street. It should be relatively easy to put a traffic slowing circle at the corner with Giles Street. They are used in several residential areas in Madison (see attachment) and would be in keeping with the treatment in the median strip of S. Lynn Street with the fountain and all. However, if you cut off Ridgeway Street this wouldn't be necessary since there wouldn't be any thru traffic.

Steven Tryon 873-5956

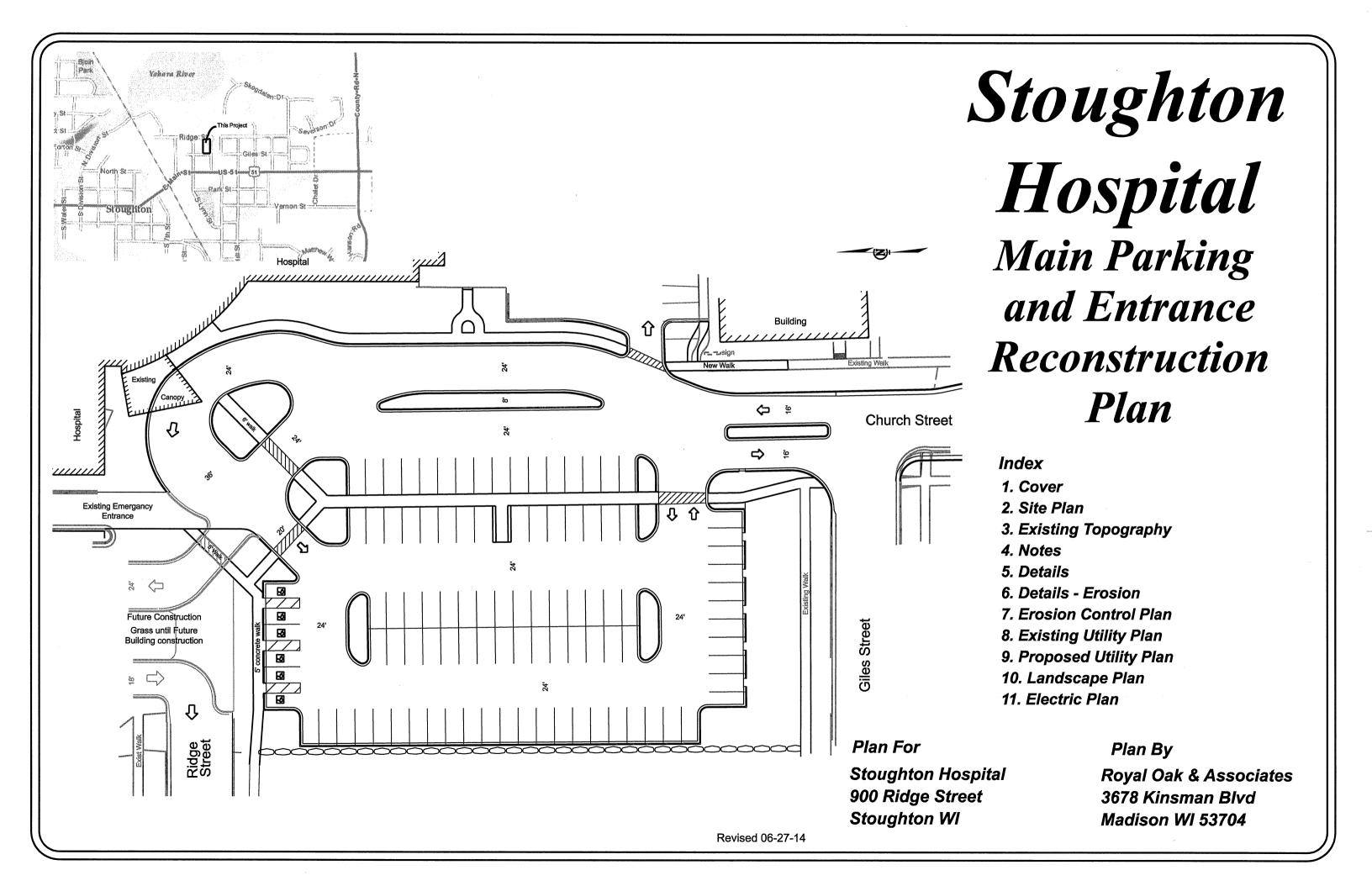
Hospital Area Traffic Modification Alternative

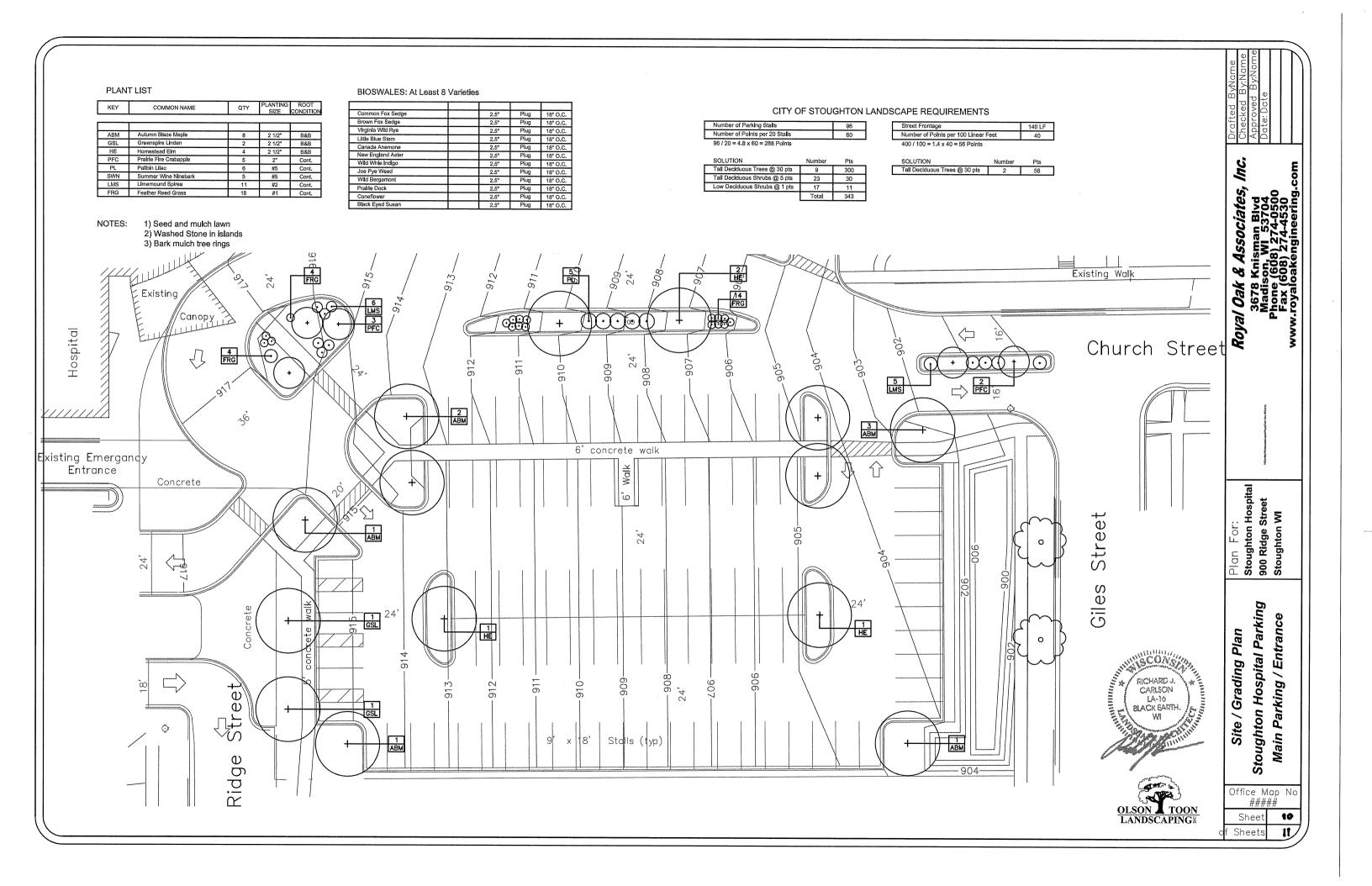


Traffic Calming at Intersection

Glenway Street and Hammersley Avenue in Madison, WI







Certified Survey Map

Lots 1 - 7, Block 1, Lots 1 - 6, Block 2, Lots 1, 2, 7, 8, Block 5 of O.M. Turner's Addition to the Village of Stoughton, lying in the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 05, Lots 3 and 4, Halversons Addition to Stoughton, Lot 1 Certified Survey Map 11458, lying in the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 04, all in T05N, R11E, City of Stoughton, Dane County Wisconsin.

