



Date of Council Meeting: September 13, 2016

**TOWN OF LEESBURG
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

Subject: No U-Turn at Battlefield Parkway and Fieldstone Drive NE.

Staff Contact: Renée M. LaFollette, Director, Public Works and Capital Projects
Calvin K. Grow, Transportation Engineer, Public Works and Capital Projects

Council Action Requested: Approve the installation of a “No U-turn” sign at Battlefield Parkway and Fieldstone Drive NE with a follow-up report from the Standing Residential Traffic Committee (SRTC).

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the Town Council approve the installation of a “No U-turn” sign on Battlefield Parkway and Fieldstone Drive NE and that this item be referred to the Standing Residential Traffic Committee (SRTC) to complete a follow-up report.

Commission Recommendation: This issue has not been reviewed by the Standing Residential Traffic Committee.

Fiscal Impact: None

Work Plan Impact: None

Executive Summary: Town Council requested a motion to install a “No U-turn” sign on westbound Battlefield Parkway at Fieldstone Drive NE because some drivers commuting on westbound Battlefield Parkway are using a U-turn movement at this intersection to facilitate faster access to northbound Route 15 Bypass.

Background: The frequent afternoon traffic backup on Route 15 North Bypass is due to the limited roadway capacity of U.S. Route 15 north of the Leesburg Town limits. Queues on the northbound lanes of Route 15 Bypass routinely extend to a point just north of Edwards Ferry Road. To avoid waiting to turn right onto Route 15 Bypass from Battlefield Parkway, some motorists are crossing the intersection and making U-turns at the next intersection, Fieldstone Drive NE. Drivers then proceed east back to the Route 15 Bypass intersection, where they make a left turn at the signal. Several Council Members have expressed concerns about the U-turns at Battlefield Parkway and Fieldstone Drive NE and have requested a motion to direct staff to install a “No U-turn” sign on westbound Battlefield Parkway at Fieldstone Drive NE. Currently there are no safety issues with the U-turn movement at this location. Staff is concerned that posting the “No U-turn” signage may cause the U-turns to move into the neighborhood at Fieldstone Drive NE and Ambrosia Place within Exeter or to the intersection of Battlefield Parkway and Plaza Street where there is a higher level of pedestrian traffic. However, based on the interest of Council, staff will recommend the installation of the “No U-Turn” sign at the intersection of Battlefield Parkway and Fieldstone Drive NE and request that the Standing Residential Traffic Committee (SRTC) study the area after the installation and report back to Town Council with any further recommendations.

In conjunction with the “No U-Turn” signage, the Town will also be installing “Don’t Block the Box” signage and striping at the Battlefield Parkway and Route 15 Bypass intersection. The Town Attorney agrees that Virginia Code § 46.2-1300, allows the Town to erect signs or markers on the highway showing the general regulations applicable to the operation of vehicles on such highways. Signage indicating fines for this violation up to \$250 will also be included.

Attachments:

1. Draft Motion
2. Map of intersection

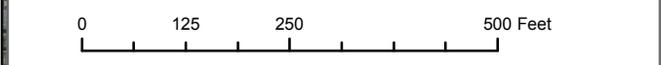
DRAFT MOTION – No U-Turn at Battlefield Parkway and Fieldstone Drive NE

I move that the Town Council direct staff to install a “No U-turn” sign on westbound Battlefield Parkway at Fieldstone Drive NE and that the Town Council request the Standing Residential Traffic Committee (SRTC) to study the area regarding cut through traffic on Battlefield Parkway and Fieldstone Drive NE and report back to the Town Council.

**No U-Turn Sign
Intersection of Battlefield Pkwy
and Fieldstone Drive**



No U-Turn Sign



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