



## Legislation Text

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### **Conversion of SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to a two way street between SW 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue (NB)**

**This item is a request to convert SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Street from a one-way street to a two-way street between SW 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.**

SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Street is a one way northbound street from University Avenue to SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. When pedestrian traffic is heavy downtown, the Gainesville Police Department closes SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Street between West University Avenue & SW 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. This closure forces traffic to either make a "U" turn at the intersection of SW 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street or travel illegally southbound on SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to get to SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.

Converting SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to a two-way street between 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue will address the issues associated with the nightly street closure as well as improve traffic circulation in the southwest portion of downtown. Staff considered converting the entire segment of SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Street between University Avenue & 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to a two-way street but the intersection geometry and the traffic signalization improvement costs at West University Avenue and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street make this conversion not practical.

Funding in the amount of \$500 for the installation of a stop sign and associated pavement markings is available in the Traffic Operations Division Budget.

The City Commission: 1) approve the conversion of SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Street between 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to a two-way street; and 2) authorize the City Manager to implement the changes.