# VILLAGE OF OAK PARK TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2017-7:00 PM <br> COUNCIL CHAMBERS - VILLAGE HALL 

## AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Non-agenda Public Comment - up to 15 minutes
3. Agenda Approval
4. Approval of Draft Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes
4.1 Draft July 24, 2017 Transportation Commission meeting minutes
5. PETITION FOR INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES ON THE 1200 BLOCKS OF COLUMBIAN AND NORTH EUCLID AVENUES
5.1 Staff Agenda Item Commentary and Background Information
5.2 Petitions and Letter of Explanations
5.3 Written Public Testimony
5.4 Aerial View of the Petitioning Blocks
5.5 Various Traffic Devices on the 1200 Blocks Along North Avenue
5.6 Speed and Volume Data for the Petitioning Blocks and Adjacent Blocks
5.7 Bypass Movement Map and Peak Hour Volume Data
5.8 Data from Police Department Traffic Missions
5.9 Letter to Area Businesses and Residents
6. TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION 2018 WORK PLAN
6.1 Staff Agenda Item Commentary
6.2 Approved 2017 Transportation Commission Work Plan
6.3 Draft Template for 2018 Transportation Commission Work Plan
7. OTHER ENCLOSURES

OE1 Transportation Commission Meeting Calendar For August Thru October Of 2017
OE2 12 Months of P\&T Traffic Action Item Activity Summary August 2016 - July 2017
OE3 Village Board Actions on Trans Com Recommendations thru 07/24/2017
8. Adjourn

## DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Transportation Commission Monday, July 24, 2017
Council Chambers - Village Hall

## Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Chalabian called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.
Present: Jack Chalabian, Kyle Eichenberger, James Thompson, Roya Basirirad, Michael Stewart, Craig Chesney, Joel Schoenmeyer

Excused: None

Staff: Mike Koperniak, Mary Avinger, John Youkhana, Allison Von Ebbers
Parking Consultant: Julie Dixon and Jennifer Rentz of Dixon Resources Unlimited
The floor was opened to non-agenda public testimony.
Cathy Yen of 1021 S Grove stated she is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and offered her services to the Transportation Commission to help with communication to the businesses including help with surveys.

Greg Sorg of 510 Augusta stated he's lived in the Village since 1998 as well as managed and owned buildings since 1998 including the redevelopment of the old bank and laundromat at Austin and Lake to the Brew House. Mr. Sorg spoke about getting additional parking on North Blvd near Austin.

Brian Lantz of 305 Home spoke about congested parking around Marion and Randolph, especially on the south side of Randolph between Marion and Home. Mr. Lantz stated with parking on both sides all the way to Home it is very tight and thinks it's a hazard. Mr. Lantz also spoke about the difficulties of parking in front of his house for himself and guests and changes to parking regulations may have devalued his home. Mr. Lantz thinks quality of life is going down and Oak Park is being changed to Chicago between the developments and very dense parking zones.

Non-agenda public testimony was closed out.

## Approval of Tonight's Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Thompson motioned to defer the final review and approval of the traffic calming toolbox to another meeting. Commissioner Schoenmeyer seconded the motion but the motion was withdrawn.

A brief discussion was had about deferring the traffic calming toolbox agenda it | $0817-2$ |
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| $2 / 7$ | before Commissioner Eichenberger motioned to approve the agenda as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Chesney. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

## Approval of the Draft June 12, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Thompson motioned to approve the draft June 12, 2017, Transportation Commission meeting minutes as modified on page $4 / 6$ and was seconded by Commissioner Stewart. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

## CONTINUED REVIEW OF ORD 17-183 G 022117 (REFERRED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT ITS JUNE 5, 2017 MEETING)

John Youkhana, Interim Parking Services Director, opened the discussion with a brief review of the history and what happened at the last meeting before explaining staff's recommendations, some of which include making the seven parallel spaces in lot 119 "night" permit parking spaces to free up spaces during the day, and making 10 diagonal spaces in lot 81 to lot 120 for 24 hour spaces.

Commissioner Chesney asked how many spaces were created and sold on Pleasant Place and John Youkhana responded seven spaces were created and sold and went on to explain further staff's recommendations. Commissioner Chesney asked if diagonal spaces on the east side of Marion would be 24 -hours and John responded yes.

Commissioner Eichenberger asked John Youkhana to elaborate on metered space recommendations on Pleasant Place and John responded to his inquiry.

Commissioner Schoenmeyer asked about Mills Park Tower respond and John responded that staff asked Mills Park Tower to provide a clear and concise indication of what they wanted and was told that overnight parking is okay but keep parking open during the day.

The discussion continued about on-street parking in the area, parking on Mills Park Tower property, parking restrictions, and how permits are sold.

The floor was opened to public testimony.
David Kelm of 1025 Pleasant Place is a resident of Mills Park Tower and spoke about the meeting he had with 21 residents who voted on what they thought should happen as follows: 1. No change to current \#ID spaces for residents - 21 for 2. No meters on Pleasant Place - 18 for/3 against, 3. No overnight parking permits - 18 for/3 against, 4hour daytime parking restriction - 18 for $/ 3$ against, 5. Return Pleasant Place to unrestricted as before - 2 for/19 against. Mr. Kelm also spoke about creating more one-way streets in the area especially on Randolph (make it one-way eastbound) due to
tight conditions. Mr. Kelm thinks a loop around the area would help move traffic way eastbound on Randolph from Marion to Home, one way north on Home/Forest north of North Blvd to Ontario, one way westbound on Ontario to Marion and one way southbound on Marion to Randolph.

David Kralik of 526 Highland stated he is the chair of the Oak Park Housing Authority and oversees Mills Park Tower. Mr. Kralik stated he provided letter of support for staff's changes and explained there are 200 units in Mills Park Tower with only 40 permitted spaces on their property with a waiting list. Mr. Kralik stated they are the only public funded housing in the Village and spoke about the lack of abuse of unrestricted spaces in past years. Mr. Kralik stated spaces are used by service providers and visitors for Mills Park Tower residents.

Catherine Terrell of 208 S Maple stated she is a permit holder in lot 119 and spoke about the last meeting and thanked John Youkhana for the good sounding recommendation.

Mary O'Kiersey of 1025 Pleasant Place Apt 9C asked what the parking situation on Maple between Randolph and South Blvd. and Allison VonEbbers, Parking Restrictions Coordinator, explained the restrictions.

Barbara Uniek of 1025 Pleasant Place Apt 8A stated she is concerned about the 4-hour limits when her caregiver stays for five hours, five days a week. Ms. Uniek stated she can't walk far to get to a car and wants to have the street back the way it was.

Public testimony was closed out.
Commissioner Chesney stated he is concerned about changing diagonal spaces and wants to make sure everyone's needs are met. He asked about adding more spaces closer to Marion and closer to Mills Park Tower door and signage being placed on Pleasant Place. John Youkhana stated signs placed according to state mandate.

Commissioner Eichenberger stated he is also concerned about turning diagonal spaces on Marion to 24 -hour parking and thinks making it 24 -hour parking would reduce backing out maneuvers.

Commissioner Stewart stated he likes the solution John Youkhana found and reduced backing out especially for bicyclists. He is concerned about the loss of parking and was looking for replacement parking. Commissioner Stewart stated people are now dependent on the seven spaces either for caregivers or for 24-hour parking and is concerned that Mills Park Tower doesn't provide short term parking. Commissioner Stewart stated he supports a 3-hour limit on Pleasant Place.

The discussion continued with the Commission on staff's discussions with Mills Park Tower, unrestricted versus restricted time limits, overnight parking permit holders and
daytime parking, mentions of the Commission's own parking study done in the are 2014, and metered versus non-metered spaces.

Chair Chalabian spoke about the legitimacy of the Mills Park Tower residents, and stated he likes staff's recommendations. Chair Chalabian stated he is concerned with lack of cooperation from Mills Park Tower management and is concerned that YMCA was invited but didn't show up. He also spoke about the dynamic parking changing of the spaces on Pleasant Place and the Commission has opportunities to fix it right.

A brief discussion about 24-hour parking, shared parking, and metered parking systems took place.

John Youkhana spoke about scheduling and timing of presenting to the Village Board of Trustees and the parking permit cycle.

Chair Chalabian stated he lives in the area and knows parking is difficult.
Commissioner Basirirad stated that based on existing parking, metered parking is not the solution for the seniors.

Commissioner Eichenberger thinks they should start with least restrictive and make it more restrictive and wants to know how they can monitor this to record changes.

Commissioner Stewart asked if parking is unrestricted during the day, what would be the incentive for night permit parkers to move during the day.

Commissioner Eichenberger stated the purpose of the recommendation is to address the problem the residents brought to the Commission regarding the seven spaces and motioned to direct staff to look at metered spaces south of Pleasant Place on Marion.

Commissioner Stewart motioned to swap 24-hour lot from 119 to lot 81, have meters during the day in lot 119 Monday - Saturday 8am - 6pm, and have overnight parking permits for lot 119. Commissioner Schoenmeyer seconded the motion.

The voice vote was as follows:
Ayes: Chalabian, Thompson, Eichenberger, Stewart, Basirirad, Schoenmeyer, Chesney Nays: None

The motion passed unanimously.
UPDATE ON THE VILLAGE WIDE PARKING STUDY, PARKING NEAR TRANSIT (CTA \& METRA LINES)

John Youkhana gave a brief presentation on the update of the parking study touching on previous information and how the Village Board of Trustees wants to take a fresh look at the areas.

Chair Chalabian stated he was concerned they were going to tackle 8 or 9 points but don't have much time. He asked if the Commission were okay with item A - No Parking 8-10am M-F standardizing parking. Chair Chalabian noticed no one in the audience and wanted to know where the public participation is. The Commission was supposed to be conducting public participation. Commissioner Stewart agreed.

John Youkhana briefly went through the bullet points for on-street daytime parking restrictions before turning it over to Julie Dixon from Dixon Resources Unlimited.

Julie Dixon and Jennifer Rentz of Dixon Resources Unlimited gave a presentation about doing a clean slate approach for the Y2, Y3, and Y4 zones. Ms. Rentz spoke about confusing and inconsistent signage and the need for change in ordinances. She went on to speak about resident frustration, ample overnight parking in certain areas, and the lack of consistent enforcement.

Julie Dixon spoke about a pay-station pilot program and license plate recognition. Ms. Dixon also suggested doing hands on stakeholder engagement in August and doing meetings in stages. Ms. Dixon she has spoken to many residents that have approached her while out doing inspections. She also stated she will report to the Commission on a monthly basis.

Commissioner Chesney asked about the increases in parking rates after three hours and John Youkhana responded that it comes from a specific business district.

Commissioner Stewart suggested making sure school is in session when doing the parking study.

Commissioner Eichenberger stated the clean slate approach sounds good in theory but not to get rid of things that are working. Ms. Dixon responded about approach.

Commissioner Basirirad asked if staff knew the number of spaces in each of the zones and John Youkhana responded he will get that information.

A discussion took place about the Village Board goals, the consultant's aggressive approach when only contracted through the end of the year, and the Transportation Commission's part in the community involvement process.

The floor was opened to public testimony.
Peter Morava of 11 Harrison stated he owns two businesses in Oak Park, one of which is in downtown and spoke about the needs of retail businesses for parking. Mr. Morava favors 3-hour parking restrictions. He also stated holiday retail season starts November $1^{\text {st }}$ and with construction that starts in late fall, it impacts businesses - should delay work until December 26th. There should be more transparency for construction in the business community and a timeline should be provided. Mr. Morava said the public
should be educated on projects as customers complain to businesses about park He also spoke about educating stakeholders and businesses about lost revenue due to low turnover. Mr. Morava also spoke about the need for better enforcement and the how the 3-hour parking restrictions helped.

Public testimony was closed out.
Commissioner Eichenberger stated that for the 2018 work plan the Commission should look at businesses and how to improve parking for them.

A brief discussion about parking and surface lots in downtown Oak Park being heavily used, driver turn overs, why people don't like to use garages, using pay stations, holiday parking, and construction issues was had.

Commissioner Schoenmeyer stated there needs to be a discussion with businesses about parking during holiday season.

John Youkhana stated they will bring this agenda item back at the August $28^{\text {th }}$ meeting.

## TRAFFIC CALMING TOOLBOX, FINAL COMMISSION REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Mike Koperniak went over the history of the traffic calming toolbox with the Commission siting examples in the agenda and the modifications made as requested from the Commission. Mike explained that staff needs the Commission to approve the traffic calming toolbox so it can be submitted to the Village Board of Trustees for approval.

Chair Chalabian asked if the Commission was good with how things were and everyone responded they were good with staff's recommendations before discussing who pays for what.

Commissioner Chesney motioned to approve staff's recommendation and Commissioner Schoenmeyer seconded the motion.

The voice vote was as follows:
Ayes: Chalabian, Thompson, Eichenberger, Stewart, Basirirad, Schoenmeyer, Chesney Nays: None

The motion passed unanimously.
Commissioner Eichenberger motioned to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Schoenmeyer.

The voice vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting.
The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 PM.

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Mary Avinger<br>Mary Avinger,<br>Administrative Secretary

## Village Of Oak Park

## Transportation Commission Agenda Item



Date: August 17, 2017
To: The Transportation Commission
From: Jill Juliano, Transportation Engineer $g \not$
Re: Background Information Related to the Petitions to Install Traffic Calming Devices on the 1200 blocks of Columbian Avenue and North Euclid Avenue

## Petition Submittal for the 1200 Block of Columbian Avenue

On May 5, 2017, the Village of Oak Park received a petition to install a traffic calming device on the 1200 block of Columbian Avenue. People representing $83.71 \%$ of the street frontage on the petitioning block signed the petition. The petition was certified as a valid petition.

Reasons provided for the petition are: vehicles traveling on the block at speeds in excess of the speed limit, the volume of traffic on the block is inordinately high, impacts on the general quality of life on the block and possible negative impact on housing values. The petitioners requested when the Village considers traffic calming devices in the area, their block be considered as well. Installation of traffic calming devices on adjacent blocks may increase the volume of traffic on their block. See Exhibit 5.2, pages 1-10 for a copy of the petition and the accompanying letter of explanation.

## Petition Submittal for the 1200 Block of North Euclid Avenue

Residents on the 1200 block of North Euclid Avenue initially contacted the Engineering Division in June 2016 as a result of the Village's Zoning Board approving variances for US Bank to reconstruct their branch on the southwest corner of North Avenue and Euclid Avenue. Residents were inquiring about the installation of a cul-de-sac on their block as they were concerned that issues already experienced on their block would only increase in intensity with the branch reconstruction to a full service branch and a larger driveway onto Euclid Avenue.

The issues listed by the residents included: speeding vehicles, cut-thru traffic, wrong way traffic (Euclid is ONE WAY northbound from the east-west alley to North Avenue), questionable activities occurring on the bank's property at all hours of the night and parking issues on the block by vehicles from the North Avenue businesses. Residents provided Engineering staff with documents previously provided to the Village Board regarding their concerns including a video of traffic violations to and from the US Bank from Euclid Avenue that occur on their block. (https://www.youtube.com/watch? V=V9IAG hHVk\&feature=youtu.be ).

Village staff met with several residents in June 2016 to discuss the residents' concerns and possible steps that could be taken to address issues related to the US Bank construction. After listening to their concerns, staff spoke of talking with US Bank to eliminate the driveway on Euclid Avenue as part of the reconstruction. This would force all vehicle traffic
to enter and exit the bank from North Avenue. [Subsequently, US Bank agreed to this change in their design.] Additionally, staff stated going through the petition process during the bank reconstruction when there is the possibility of change in traffic patterns due to a new bank configuration would not be advisable as decisions would be made on obsolete information. Staff also informed the residents at the meeting there is also a moratorium on accepting and processing cul-de-sac petitions.

Staff stated they would conduct a traffic study immediately to document the present traffic conditions. Once construction of the branch was completed, another traffic study would be completed and at that point a discussion of possible options would occur. A traffic study was conducted on June 14 and 15, 2016 for the 1200 blocks of North Euclid Avenue, North East Avenue, North Grove Avenue and Linden Avenue. See Exhibit 5.6, pages 2-3 for the summary of this traffic study.

Upon receipt of notification letter that traffic calming petitions from the 1200 block of North East Avenue and 1200 block of Linden Avenue were going to be reviewed by the Transportation Commission at its April 24, 2017 meeting, residents from the 1200 block of North Euclid Avenue contacted staff concerned about why other blocks' petitions are to be reviewed when they were told there was a moratorium on petitions.

Staff responded there was still a moratorium on cul-de-sacs and traffic diverters. The 1200 block of North East Avenue submitted their petition in 2015 but data could not be collected until after the moratorium was in place. The residents on that block understanding there was still a moratorium on cul-de-sac and traffic diverter petitions asked their petition move forward as a petition for calming device to be recommended by the Transportation
Commission to address issues noted in their letter of explanation. Finally, staff mentioned construction at US Bank was not yet complete so any traffic study completed at that time may not capture the effects of the changes to the US Bank layout and operations.

Staff stated after construction is complete at the US Bank site, and allowing time for traffic to return to a steady state, a traffic study would be conducted for the 1200 block of North Euclid Avenue (including any change in traffic based on the new US Bank configuration) and the neighboring 1200 blocks of Columbian Avenue, Linden Avenue and North East Avenue.

At that time, residents living on the 1200 block of North Euclid Avenue mentioned their concern about vehicles trying to bypass traffic queues due to the Oak Park Avenue/North Avenue signal and turning onto their block via LeMoyne Parkway. Residents commented on the volume and speed of the bypass traffic on their block and safety concerns related to it.

Based on the information provided by the 1200 block of North Euclid Avenue, not only was a 24 hour volume and speed study conducted on the 1200 blocks of North Euclid Avenue, Linden Avenue, Columbian Avenue and North East Avenue; but also peak hour movement study was conducted to determine the amount of bypass traffic from Oak Park Avenue onto Euclid Avenue via LeMoyne Parkway. These studies were conducted on Thursday, May 25, 2017. See Exhibit 5.6, page 1 for the summary of the volume and speed traffic study.

Source data for the 2017 volume and speed study is in Exhibit 5.6 pages 5 through 34. See Exhibit 5.7, pages 1-2 for a map and source data for the bypass study.

On July 7, 2017, the Village of Oak Park received a petition from the 1200 block of North Euclid Avenue related to the traffic issues on their block. People representing $64.78 \%$ of the street frontage on the petitioning block signed the petition. The petition was certified as a valid petition.

Reasons for the petition included: morning and afternoon rush hour traffic backs up on northbound Oak Park Avenue, drivers wishing to go eastbound on North Avenue turn off Oak Park Avenue and onto Euclid/Linden/Columbian to avoid the Oak Park Avenue/North Avenue traffic signal and the related queue; speeding vehicles; and apps such as Waze and Google Maps have made the bypass problem worse. See Exhibit 5.2, pages 11-12 for a copy of the petition and the accompanying letter of explanation.

See Exhibit 5.3 for written public testimony received by the Village of Oak Park regarding this item. Exhibit 5.4 are the aerial views of the 1200 blocks of Columbian Avenue and North Euclid Avenue. See Exhibit 5.5 for the existing cul-de-sacs, diverters, one-way streets, etc. on the 1200 blocks along North Avenue between Harlem Avenue and Austin Boulevard. This exhibit shows the traffic limiting devices that have been employed along North Avenue.

A directional twenty-four hour traffic volume and speed study was conducted on Thursday, May 25, 2017 for the 1200 blocks of North Euclid, Linden, Columbian, and North East Avenues. See Exhibit 5.6 page 1 for a summary of the results. [Similar data was collected in the area for years 2016 and 2015. This data is also included in Exhibit 5.6.]

Reviewing the 24-hour volumes for all four blocks, the two-way average daily traffic (ADT) is 432 vehicles, 792 vehicles, 1,260 vehicles and 1,407 vehicles for the 1200 block of North Euclid Ave, 1200 block of Linden Avenue, 1200 block of Columbian Avenue and the 1200 block of North East Avenue, respectively. The volume on the 1200 block of North Euclid Avenue is well below the 800 to 1,200 vehicle range for typical daily volume on residential streets within the Village of Oak Park and the 1200 block of Linden Avenue is near the typical lower limit for a residential road.

The 1200 block of Columbian Avenue is near the typical upper limit for a residential road (1,260 vehicles). However there is a traffic signal at the north end of the 1200 block of Columbian Avenue. It is expected more traffic would be attracted to this block as a way to travel to or across North Avenue, a major arterial, with the protection of the Columbian Avenue and North Avenue traffic signal. The Village is in the process of reclassifying the 1200 block of Columbian Avenue as collector and the 1200 block of North East Avenue as residential.

The 1200 block of North East Avenue is above the typical upper daily volume limit for a residential road ( 1,407 vehicles). Through the majority of the Village, East Avenue is classified as a collector street. This means it is expected that vehicles would drive on East

Avenue rather than on nearby residential north-south streets. Many drivers may continue traveling to North Avenue via East Avenue even though the road's classification changes from collector to residential at the 1200 block. The driver would not necessarily be aware of change in classification when driving on the street. [Volumes on a typical collector street in the Village ranges from 3,000 to 10,000 vehicles.]

When transitioning from collector to residential classifications on a particular street, the number of vehicles on a particular block may not immediately fall within the typical range for a particular street classification. Rather vehicle volumes would also transition over a number of blocks. Other streets that have this same phenomenon include: Kenilworth Avenue, Randolph Street, Home Avenue, Pleasant Street, and Wisconsin Avenue.

As a result, there does not appear to be an issue with the volume of traffic traveling on the 1200 blocks of Columbian Avenue and North Euclid Avenue.

Regarding vehicular speeds, it is an accepted traffic engineering practice to set the speed limit to the 5 mile per hour (mph) increment above or below the 85th percentile speed. Village Staff holds the opinion that the majority of drivers will drive at or near the posted speed limit. In addition, it is an accepted fact that the speed indicated on speedometers can vary up to 2 percent above or below the actual speed of the vehicle.

By definition, the 85th percentile speed is the speed at which 85 percent of the vehicles are traveling at or less than. Conversely, 15 percent of the vehicles will be traveling faster than the 85th percentile speed. It has already been stated that speed limits are typically set to the 5 mph increment above or below the 85th percentile speed. This implies that it is expected that approximately 15 percent of vehicles will be traveling faster than the speed limit, if the speed limit is in the 5 mph increment below the 85th percentile speed.

Turning to vehicle speeds on the four blocks studied, 85th percentile speeds ranged from 23 mph and 29 mph (blocks between LeMoyne Parkway and the east-west alley). Only southbound traffic on Euclid Avenue has an 85th percentile speed lower than the 25 mph speed limit. All other 85th percentile speeds for the four blocks range between 26 mph and 29 mph . As a result, it appears there may be some speeding occurring on the 1200 blocks of Columbian Avenue and North Euclid Avenue as well as the two other blocks in the study.

Because residents on the 1200 block of North Euclid Avenue expressed concerns about vehicles bypassing the traffic signal at Oak Park Avenue and North Avenue, turning movement data related to certain specific movements was collected during the morning and evening peak hours (7AM-9AM and 4PM-6PM).

Residents on the 1200 block of North Euclid Avenue observed vehicles turning right from Oak Park Avenue onto LeMoyne Parkway eastbound, then turning left from LeMoyne Parkway onto Euclid Avenue northbound to North Avenue thereby avoiding the queue of vehicles waiting to travel through the Oak Park Avenue and North Avenue signalized intersection. As a result, a series of video cameras were installed to capture vehicles
movements from the Oak Park Avenue and LeMoyne Avenue intersection to the Euclid Avenue and North Avenue intersection. See Exhibit 5.7 page 2 for the movement data collected for the bypass traffic during the AM and PM rush hours.

Data was collected only during the peak hours as this would be the time when queues are longest waiting for the Oak Park Avenue and North Avenue traffic signal and thus the largest number of vehicles may try to bypass the traffic signal via LeMoyne Parkway to Euclid Avenue; that is, the highest rate of bypass traffic.

When comparing the total volume of peak hour traffic (ADT data) to the bypass traffic volumes (see data on the bypass map Exhibit 5.7 page 2), the percentage of bypass traffic is approximately $50 \%$ during the peak hours of 7AM-9AM and 4PM-6PM. The number of bypass traffic on the block are 27 vehicles and 48 vehicles during the 7AM-9AM and 4PM6PM time periods, respectively. The total number of vehicles (local and non-local) on the 1200 block of North Euclid Avenue is not considered to be more than expected for a residential road in the Village.

Next, enforcement data for the 1200 blocks of North Euclid Avenue, Linden Avenue, Columbian Avenue and North East Avenue was provided by the Police Department. The data was for traffic missions completed in 2016 and so far in 2017. Please see Exhibit 5.8 for a summary of the data.

Included in the summary is the number of vehicle stops, citations issued and total number hours spent on enforcement. Information on why a vehicle was stopped or the type of citation issued was not available.

The lion's share of vehicles stopped (80.0\%) and citations issued (85.7\%) occurred on Euclid Avenue. However those figures are in line with the amount of enforcement hours spent on Euclid Avenue (79.8\%) when compared to the sum of enforcement hours for all four blocks. Please also note, in general the majority of the traffic missions conducted by the Police Department are in response to complaints from residents.

Based on the studies conducted by the Village, there seems to be a speeding issue on the 1200 blocks of Columbian Avenue and North Euclid Avenue. To address this issue, Village Staff recommends the implementation of mid-block chokers, also known as pinch-points, on the 1200 blocks of Columbian Avenue and North Euclid Avenue.

Staff is recommending the mid-block placement of the calming device for the 1200 block of North Euclid Avenue because it is northbound vehicles that are the speeding issue on the block and placing the calming device at the east-west alley will not affect the speeds of northbound traffic on the 1200 block of Euclid Avenue between LeMoyne Parkway and the east-west alley. Note: the Euclid Avenue and LeMoyne Parkway intersection is all-way STOP controlled.

Staff is recommending the mid-block placement for the traffic calming device on Columbian Avenue as well because placing it adjacent to the east-west alley will be too close to the intersection resulting in a possible obstruction of traffic at the intersection and as a result drivers may drive aggressively to travel through the intersection.

NOTE: Village management has made the decision that the petitions for the four 1200 blocks (North East Avenue, Columbian Avenue, Linden Avenue and North Euclid Avenue) should be reviewed together as a single item to provide a comprehensive review of the area and decisions based on the area holistically. While the petitions will all be included in one item, it is intended to list the Transportation Commission recommendations for each of the four blocks separately. Additionally, the petitions will be scheduled for the same Village Board meeting as the proposed Traffic Calming Toolbox. This will give the Village Board context on the Transportation Commission's recommendations as well as showing the recommendations are consistent with alternatives included in the proposed Traffic Calming Toolbox. It is anticipated staff will submit the petitions and toolbox for a September Village Board meeting agenda.

PETITION FOR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

We, the undersigned, respectfully petition the Transportation Commission to recommend to Park Board of Trustees that traffic regulations be established in the 1200
$\qquad$ block of $\qquad$ in the Village of Oak Park, Illinois.

We further petition the Commission to regulate traffic in this manner: $\qquad$

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This petition should be signed by residents representing at least( $51 \%$ of the street frontage. where the traffic regulations are being requested. Also, ATTACH A LETTER EXPLAINNGG WHY THIS PETITION IS BENG REQUESTED.
Return to: The Transportation Commission, Attention: Jill Juliano, The Village of Oak Park, Public Works Center, 201 South Boulevard, Oak Park, IL. 60302

The Transportation Commission is an advisory body to the Village Board of Trustees and meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Village Hall to discuss matters relating to parking and traffic. Upon receipt of your completed signed petition, the circulator will be advised as to when the Commission will meet to review this petition.

We, the undersigned, respectfully petition the Transportation Commission to recommend to the Park Board of Trustees that traffic regulations be established in the 1200 block of North Euchre in the Village of Oak Park, Illinois.

We further petition the Commission to regulate traffic in this manner: $\qquad$ Seer attached

* = This petition is being circulated by: (list name, address and telephone number)


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Why the 1200 block of $N$. Euclid is submitting a petition for traffic problems

For the past two years (and as far back as 1987) the residents of the 1200 block of north Euclid have been attempting to work with the Village to resolve a continuing traffic problem on our block.

NOTE: The residents of the 1200 block of $N$ Euclid acknowledge that we are not the only block with traffic issues and would hope that the Village would develop a COMPREHENSIVE plan that would truly make our streets safe.

In a nutshell, during both morning/afternoon rush "hours", traffic backs up on northbound Oak Park Avenue. Drivers wishing to turn right (east) on North Avenue will turn off of Oak Park Avenue and cut down Euclid/Linden/Columbian to avoid the backup. The continuing growth in the use of traffic apps such as Waze and Google Maps have made this problem worse. Up to 100 cars an hour will do this during heavy traffic periods.

Residents have attended Village Board meetings, met with village staff, met with OP Police, written letters, emails and produced videos to explain our situation and ask for help.

At EVERY point in our discussions we have either been told to wait or that the solutions we requested (cul-de-sac, speed bumps, diverters either weren't "allowed" or weren't effective).

After two years, cars continue to speed down our block with the idea of avoiding the light at North and Oak Park.
WE NEED A REAL SOLUTION. (As do Linden, Columbian, and East).
2 ideas (that overcome ALL of the objections raised by village staff/fire/public works):

1. Eliminate the ability for cars to turn right (east) from OP Ave to Le Moyne (Use concrete) Make the 1100 block of Euclid one-way south. This doesn't impact fire/police/street cleaning/snow plows/leaf collection and would not be expensive to implement. (the 1100 blocks of Linden, Columbian could also be made one way).
2. Put a stop light at the north end of 1200 N Euclid block (south of the alley) it would resemble the traffic metering lights seen on expressway ramps. The red light would only impact traffic going north on Euclid Avenue. The length of the light could vary by time of day/traffic volume. The idea would be to make it take just as long to use Euclid to get to eastbound North Avenue as it would to take Oak Park Ave. For those who ignore the red light there could be a camera that would issue $\$ 100$ tickets, with a sign stating that fact. This solution would also be relatively inexpensive and customizable over time and wouldn't impact anything other than drivers speeding down our block.

Those are just two additional ideas that have not been proposed by the village. In fact, no solution at all has been proposed by the village.

Help us, please!
The residents of 1200 N Euclid

May 5, 2017
Transportation Commission
Village of Oak Park
201 South Boulevard
Oak Park, IL 60302
Attention: Ms. Jill Juliano
RE: Petition from 1200 Block of Columbian
Dear Transportation Commission:
Attached please find a completed petition from the 1200 block of Columbian requesting the Village install a "bump out" or other traffic calming device at the north end of the street. The petition has been signed by over $75 \%$ of the households on the block. The Block has felt strongly for many years that the traffic on Columbian travels at an unusually high and dangerous rate of speed. The volume of traffic is inordinately high as well. In 1990 in fact, the Block met with the Village (Village Engineer, Mr. Jim Burdick) about these issues as well as some parking issues. We implore the Village to consider our request.

Our layperson's observations indicate that cars rush northbound to try to make the traffic light at North Avenue. These cars travel well over the 25 mile per hour speed limit. With a significant number of children living on the block (particularly at the north end), this rush creates a potentially dangerous situation for any child playing outside along the walkway. Southbound, traffic also can be seen traveling at high rates of speed, possibly in a rush to drop off children at St. Giles or just as a cut through in lieu of using Oak Park Avenue. The high rates of speed impact the general quality of life on the street and can have a long term negative impact on housing values.

The ancedotal cvidence discussed above is supported by the Village's own traffic study performed in November 2015. The attached diagram from the Village shows that during their study, the Village found that the volume of cars on Columbian was nearly double that of Linden to the west and $15 \%$ higher than East Avenue to the east. More importantly, the average rate of speed on Columbian was 28 miles per hour. This figure is well above the satisfactory level and as high or higher than the speeds on Linden and East. The 1200 Block of Columbian feels that, as the Village considers traffic calming devices in the area, our block is in the direst need of measures to slow traffic on our block. Finally, during the Commission's meeting to discuss traffic calming devices for East and Linden, the Commission mentioned that the bump outs on Woodbine have not a had a material impact on traffic counts. If this is true, then the installation of bump outs on Columbian should not have a material impact on our adjacent neighbors on Linden and East.

We humbly request you consider our petition as soon as possible. As a resident of the block for over 20 years, I feel this high speed traffic on our block has gone on far too long.


## 5/4/2017

Brian P. Racine, P.E.
1204 Columbian Ave
Oak Park, IL

Ms. Jill Juliano, P.E.
Transportation Engineer
Village of Oak Park
201 South Boulevard
Oak Park, IL 60302

## Dear Ms. Juliano,

I am writing on behalf of the petition to install traffic calming devices on the 1200 block of Columbian Avenue. As a resident of the 1200 block for the past five years, we have personally witnessed a noticeable increase in the vehicle speeds traveled on Columbian Avenue between Le Moyne Parkway and North Avenue. As a parent of two small children, I am deeply concerned for their safety along with the safety of other children who play outside on our block. I am requesting that our petition be considered in conjunction with the previously submitted petitions from the 1200 blocks of East Avenue and Linden Avenue.

Please consider the following information in support of our request:

- The $85^{\text {th }}$ percentile speed observed on the traffic study conducted on November 17, 2015 (Attachment A) is equal to the speed that was observed on East Ave. Subsequent traffic studies were conducted on June 14, 2016 and June 15, 2016 which show an increase in $85^{\text {th }}$ percentile speed for both East and Linden Avenues. As data was not included for Columbian Avenue on the above-referenced June studies, one can only assume that there was a similar increase to the $85^{\text {th }}$ percentile speed during this time period. Additional traffic studies may be required to confirm a correlated speed pattern between these three adjacent streets.
- Similar to the observed speed data provided in the attached traffic reports (Attachment A), please note that the 24-hr traffic counts (ADT) for Columbian Avenue appear to be greater than the ADT observed on East Avenue. This information should also be considered prior to reviewing the criteria for traffic calming devices on East and/or Linden Avenues. Additional studies may be required to assess the impacts of installing a traffic calming device on East and/or Linden Avenues.
- The installation of traffic calming devices on both Linden and East Avenues may increase the ADT on Columbian Avenue if traffic calming devices are omitted. Based off the observed ADT of 1,180 on November 17, 2015, only a small increase in ADT will push Columbian Avenue beyond the Village's residential street traffic volume range (800-1200 ADT). The potential increase should be considered in conjunction with current traffic volumes when evaluating the criteria for each street.

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| Thank you for your time and consideration regarding the installation of traffic calming devices on the 1200 block 0 | $7 / 12$ |
| Columbian Avenue and the adjacent streets. I hope the Village will consider evaluating East, Columbian, and Linden |  |

Avenues concurrently and that your findings warrant the installation of traffic calming devices on all three streets. I look forward to your response regarding our petition.

## Regards,



Brian P. Racine, P.E.
Resident
1204 Columbian Ave


 school at St Giles. With the children 's safety in mind we would strongly oppose any type of traffic calming devices on the adjacent north/south streets as the traffic would certainly divert to our street. Please pass on our vehement objection to this for the sake of the safety of our children who walk and play on our sidewalks.
Thank you.
Drs. Mary and Dean Schraufnagel

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:

AT\&T [tjd1954@att.net](mailto:tjd1954@att.net)

Clearly the 1200 blocks of Oak Park have a traffic concern. Multiple 1200 blocks have petitioned this planning committee for the traffic calming devices. The most recent example is this petition for Columbian and Euclid. The commission needs to address the concerns of all 1200 blocks collectively and stop having Oak Park neighbors upset and angry with their adjoining blocks. Put traffic calming devices on every 1200 block and stop inciting anger between good friendly neighbors.
Tom and Karen Doherty 1216 Linden Ave home 708-247-2026 Sent from my iPhone

From:
Sent:
To:
Cc: Subject:

Fletcher, Janine [JFletcher@KelleyDrye.com](mailto:JFletcher@KelleyDrye.com)
Monday, July 24, 2017 10:37 AM
Transportation
'Tyrone Thomas'
East Ave Traffic Calming Device

To Whom it May Concern:
A traffic calming device on the 1200 block of East Ave is essential the safety of the neighborhood. The block is filled with young children. Because Oak Park has previously blocked traffic on several other streets neighboring North Ave, it has caused a dramatic increase of traffic on East Ave. and other streets that aren't blocked off. Oak Park shouldn't "pick and choose" which streets are safe for children. Oak Park has a duty to protect all its residents. Oak Park is able to do so with the high tax revenue it collects from the residents, including those living on East Ave. Our tax dollars should go toward projects like this, which keep blocks of children safe for years to come.

Sincerely,
Janine Fletcher \& Tyrone Thomas

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From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:

Aakash Desai [aakashd76@gmail.com](mailto:aakashd76@gmail.com)
Monday, July 24, 2017 2:00 PM
Transportation; Lisa Desai
Traffic calming device 1200 Euclid

Dear Transportation Commission,
Thank you for taking the time to consider a traffic calming device on the 1200 block of North Euclid. I live on the corner of Euclid and LeMoyne. We have 3 children 5 and under. On the 1100 and 1200 blocks alone there are over 40 young children.

I am home most of the time with the kids so I see a lot. From about 4-6pm the traffic outside our house is very dangerous. Cars turn off of Oak Park when it gets congested onto LeMoyne then on to Euclid or Linden to get back on to North Avenue. These cars are in a hurry and often do not stop at the stoplight for more than a quick second. There are so many children out playing and this puts all of them at risk.

The morning is also busy but not near as busy as the later afternoon. If you only put a device on the 1200 block this will NOT solve the problem. I have found that most cars go down to Linden to avoid the traffic light congestion at Euclid and North. You need some kind of calming device on both Euclid AND LeMoyne to avoid the cars that fly through here trying to get back on North avenue.

I hope it doesn't take a child getting hit by a car to make some changes.
Sincerely,
Lisa Desai
1140 N Euclid Avenue

From:
Michael Marinoff [m.marinoff@gmx.de](mailto:m.marinoff@gmx.de)
Sent:
Saturday, August 12, 2017 9:58 AM
To:
Subject:

Transportation
Traffic calming device 1200 Linden Ave

Dear Jill
I've received your letter about the oncoming Commission meeting for the petition of Columbian and North Euclid.

I'm wondering why the Linden petition isn't on the agenda for the same meeting and would like to request so.

Thank you very much
Michael Marinoff
1228 Linden Ave, Oak Park

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:

Megan Murray Elsener [meganelsener@gmail.com](mailto:meganelsener@gmail.com)
Monday, August 14, 2017 2:04 PM
Transportation
Re: 1200 N Euclid and 1200 N Columbian Traffic Calming Issues

To the Transportation Commission and Jill Juliano-
I am unable to attend the meeting on Monday, August 21st, but would like to express my thoughts on the traffic calming issues.

I am a resident of the 1200 block of N. Euclid ( 1212 N. Euclid) and have noticed a severe safety concern on our block. Many people use our block as a short-cut to get around the light at Oak Park Ave and North Ave-- instead using 1200 Euclid as a quicker way to get to North Ave. During morning and afternoon rush hour especially, it's shocking to see how many cars speed down our block to turn right onto North. There are many families with small children on the block, as well as elderly residents, and this speeding short-cut if a serious concern. We've even noticed as a block that traffic apps, like Waze, use our block as a shortcut for it's users. In the past year, we've even seen CITY BUSES come down the street using that same shortcut.

We already have unwanted and non-local traffic at the north end of the block because of the US Bank there. As a block, we are unified in our desire for some sort of traffic calming solution. Unlike Columbian, which has a traffic light, we have no way to stop cars from speeding down our street and being a hazard to our residents. It would be a shame if nothing is done and some sort of tragedy would occur as a result of this.

Please take into consideration the concerns of the 1200 Euclid Block, which have been expressed now for the past few years. Thanks so much for your time.

Best,
Megan Elsener
1212 N. Euclid

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:
Attachments:

Kathleen Haney [khaney48@gmail.com](mailto:khaney48@gmail.com)

Dear Ms. Juliano and Members of the Transportation Commission:
Please accept the attached letter regarding the petitions to install Traffic Calming Devices at the 1200 blocks of N. Euclid and Columbian at LeMoyne.

We feel very strongly that Calming Devices be positioned to slow down the traffic and to curtail the drivers illegally crossing N. Oak Park Ave. after coming west on LeMoyne.

Thank you.
Sincererly,
Kathleen and Thomas Haney
1140 N. Oak Park Ave.
Oak Park, IL. 60302
khaney48@gmail.com

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Ms. Jill Juliano, P.E.
Transportation Engineer
Village of Oak park
Public Works Ctr.
201 South Boulevard
Oak Park, IL. 60302
Dear Members of the Transportation Commission:
As residents of the 1100 block of $N$. Oak Park Ave. on the east side of the street, we are definite proponents of the calming devices under consideration. If we had our druthers due to the close proximity of the calming devices, we would strongly encourage the placement on the 1200 block of N . Euclid over the one in the 1200 block of Columbian.

Our home is located on the SE corner of N. Oak Park Ave. and LeMoyne. On a daily basis we experience several cars going west on LeMoyne, cutting across N. Oak Park Ave. and continuing down LeMoyne. Many times the cars race across N. Oak Park Ave. to get to the other side. In addition, the cars speed down LeMoyne, one block, and turn north on Euclid in order to beat the light at North and N. Oak Park Ave. and pick up North to go east. Something has to change OR someone is going to be killed either a driver, passenger, or pedestrian (possibly, a child because there are so many children in the neighborhood.)

We wish we could be with you in person to further express the power of the words we have written.
Sincerely,
Kathleen and Thomas Haney
1140 N. Oak Park Ave.
Oak Park, IL. 60302








## Fish Transportation Group 801 Sout Blva Suite 5

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Oak Park Euclid Avenue
North Ave - Alley

## Fish Transportation Group <br> 

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Oak Park
Euclid Avenue
Alley - Le Moyne Avenue

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Village of Oak Park
Origin \& Destination Study
Origin East Leg of Oak Park Avenue \& LeMoyne
Destination Euclid \& North Avenue

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\text { Date } \quad 5 / 25 / 2017
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Origin East Leg of Oak Park Avenue \& LeMoyne
Destination Euclid \& North Avenue

From Oak Park Ave onto From EB LeMoyne Unto Vehicle By Passing Oak

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Origin: East Leg of East-West Alley \& Oak Park Avenue
Destination: Euclid Avenue

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|  |  | 4b | 4c | 5 |
|  | From LeMoyne Left Turn Into North-South Alley | Right Turn From NorthSouth Alley onto EastWest Alley | From East-West Alley to Euclid | From Oak Park Ave onto East-West Alley to Euclid |
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# 0817-2 <br> Police Department Traffic Missions 1200 Blocks of N Euclid, Linden, Columbian, N East Avenue 

July 2016, April through June 2017 Peak Hour Missions<br>Various missions focused on 1200 blocks of North Euclid, Linden, Columbian and North<br>East Avenues based on resident complaints of motorists diverting onto their blocks to avoid back-ups at the North Avenue/Oak Park Avenue traffic signal, speeding traffic and STOP sign violations.

Euclid Avenue
44 vehicle stops
24 citations issued
47.25 total enforcement hours

Linden Avenue
3 vehicle stops
2 citations issued
7 total enforcement hours

Columbian Avenue
3 vehicle stops
2 citations issued
3 total enforcement hours

## East Avenue

5 vehicle stops
0 citations issued
2 total enforcement hours

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| The Village of Oak Park | 708.383 .6400 |
| Village Hall | Fax 708.383 .9584 |
| 123 Madison Street | TTY 708.383.0048 |
| Oak Park, Illinois 60302-4272 | village@vil.oak-park.il.us |

August 9, 2017
TO: BUSINESSES ON THE 6501, 6535, 6601, 6621, 6701 \& 6729 BLOCKS OF NORTH AVENUE

## RE: PETITIONS TO INSTALL TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES ON THE 1200 BLOCK OF COLUMBIAN AVENUE AND THE 1200 BLOCK OF NORTH EUCLID AVENUE

Dear Business Owner:
The Village of Oak Park received a petition to install a traffic calming device on the 1200 block of Columbian Avenue. Subsequently, the Village of Oak Park received a petition to install a traffic calming device on the 1200 block of North Euclid Avenue. Due to their proximity, the petitions for traffic calming devices on the 1200 blocks of Columbian and North Euclid Avenues will be reviewed together by the Transportation Commission at its upcoming August 21st meeting.

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Sincerely,
THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK

## Gill Guliano

Jill Juliano, P.E.
Transportation Engineer
Village of Oak Park
Public Works Center
201 South Boulevard
Oak Park, IL 60302
ugust 9, 2017
TO: RESIDENTS OF THE 1100 \& 1200 BLOCKS OF N. EAST AVE., COLUMBIAN AVE., LINDEN AVE., FAIR OAKS AVE., N. ELMWOOD AVE., N. EUCLID AVE., N. OAK PARK AVE. (EAST SIDE)

RE: PETITIONS TO INSTALL TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES ON THE 1200 BLOCK OF COLUMBIAN AVENUE AND THE 1200 BLOCK OF NORTH EUCLID AVENUE

Dear Resident:
The Village of Oak Park received a petition to install a traffic calming device on the 1200 block of Columbian Avenue. Subsequently, the Village of Oak Park received a petition to install a traffic calming device on the 1200 block of North Euclid Avenue. Due to their proximity, the petitions for traffic calming devices on the 1200 blocks of Columbian and North Euclid Avenues will be reviewed together by the Transportation Commission at its upcoming August 21st meeting.

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Jill Juliano, P.E. Transportation Engineer

Village of Oak Park
Public Works Center
201 South Boulevard
Oak Park, IL 60302

Village Of Oak Park | $0817-2$ |
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| $1 / 1$ | Transportation Commission Agenda Item

| Item Title: Develop The Draft 2018 Transportation Commission Work Plan |
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| Review Date: $\quad$ August 21, 2017 |
| Prepared By: $\quad$ Michael Koperniak |
| Abstract (briefly describe the item being reviewed): |
| Every year the Village's commissions and committees develop work plans for the <br> coming year. These plans are reviewed and approved by the Village Board of Trustees. <br> The approved work plans outline the activities that the Village Board wants each <br> commission and committee to perform. <br> The draft plans will be submitted to the Village Manager's Office later this year for <br> review and approval by the Village Board early next year. |
| Included with this agenda item is a copy of the approved 2017 Transportation <br> Commission work plan and a blank template for the draft 2018 work plan. The draft <br> 2018 work plan lists the Commission's 2017 accomplishments as of August 2017. |
| Staff Recommendation(s): |
| Develop a list of four to six items to include on the draft 2018 work plan. The <br> Commission may want to carry over some 2017 work items into 2018. |
| Supporting Documentation Is Attached |

Approved 2017 Work Plan for Transportation Commission

## 2017 Initiatives and Ongoing Projects

| ENABLING LANGUAGE | PROJECT | OUTCOMES | TIMEFRAME | COST (if any) |
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| Recommendations | Continue to review the following issues brought before the Commission and make recommendations to the Village Board: <br> - Parking <br> - Traffic <br> - Cul-de-sac and other street closing petitions <br> - Transportation related items referred by the Board from other Commissions <br> - Various school traffic plans | - Improved utilization and efficiency of onstreet and off-street parking resources <br> - Improved level of safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motor vehicles as they move about in the public right-of-way. <br> - Improved level of safety for school children walking to and from school | These are recurring annual projects | from <br> Transportation Commission fund = \$2,400/year for mailing notifications + \$1,000/year for agenda printing costs + \$6,000/year for traffic consultant studies + \$600/year for staff webinar training |
| Recommendations | Develop traffic calming toolbox for use in traffic calming | - Provide a known list of accepted options to address traffic problems on streets | Started in 2016 and finish in first quarter of 2017 |  |

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| ENABLING LANGUAGE | PROJECT | OUTCOMES | TIMEFRAME | COST (if any) |
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| Recommendations | Review updating the design and placement of parking related signs in the Village contingent upon the sign updating project being funded in 2017. (this item is carried over from 2016 work plan) | Provide input as needed to finalize implementation of the Village's unified onstreet parking signage | Finish in 2017 |  |
| Recommendations | Review way finding signs for downtown parking garages (this is carried over from 2016 work plan) | Provide input as needed to finalize implementation of the Village's way-finding signage plan as it relates to Downtown Oak Park parking garages. | Finish in 2017 |  |
| Recommendations | Work with Village Board of Trustees on comprehensive parking study | - Standardize effective hours of restrictions <br> - Eliminate conflicting parking restrictions <br> - Improve use of shared parking resources | Completion dependent on Village Board's schedule |  |
| Recommendations | Review 1st season usage of Divvy Bike program | - Ascertain the usage and effectiveness of the Village's Divvy Bike program <br> - Consider if expanding the program is warranted <br> - Expand public awareness of the benefits of bicycle usage <br> - Enhance Public Awareness on the safety issues and benefits of bike usage | Complete by the end of the 3rd quarter of 2017 |  |

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| ENABLING LANGUAGE | PROJECT | OUTCOMES | TIMEFRAME | COST (if any) |
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| Recommendations | Review results of overnight permit parking recommendations in $\mathrm{Y} 2, \mathrm{Y} 3$, and Y 4 overnight on-street permit parking zones | - Standardize effective hours of restrictions <br> - Eliminate conflicting parking restrictions <br> - Improve use of shared parking resources <br> - Increase the supply of parking spaces | Six months after implementation |  |
| Recommendations | Receive updates on PACE's and CTA's flag to posted stop policy in the Village and on bus stop accessibility in general | - Coordinate with all public transit agencies to facilitate bus stop spacing within the village. <br> - Enhance bus stop accessibility for all users, by making all bus stops to fully comply with ADA standards. <br> - Provide the minimum bus stop length, based on the respective public transit agency requirements. | Complete by third quarter of 2017 |  |
| Recommendations | Review update of Village's Bicycle plan and its implementation | - Make Village more bike friendly <br> - Review plan implementation as streets get resurfaced <br> - Review how bike plan interacts with Village's 5-year capital improvement plan program | Complete by second quarter of 2017 |  |
| Recommendations | Traffic signal and speed control devises on arterial and collector streets | - Reduction in red light violations <br> - Reduction of speeding adjacent to parks and/or schools | Complete by fourth quarter of 2017 |  |
| Recommendations | Review Safe Walking Routes to School | - Improve the pathway of students and other pedestrians to/from the respective school <br> - Determine if changes to the existing plan(s) are warranted. | Complete by fourth quarter of 2017 |  |

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2016 Completed Initiatives

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|  | Review petition to <br> upgrade to all-way <br> stop signs at the <br> Thomas and <br> Lombard <br> intersection | This intersection was upgraded to all-way stop <br> signs in June 2016 |
|  | Review petition to <br> upgrade to all-way <br> stop signs at the <br> Jackson and <br> Cuyler <br> Intersection | Instead of upgrading to all-way stop signs, <br> Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) <br> lights were installed on Jackson in August 2016 <br> to warn motorists of pedestrians crossing <br> Jackson |
|  | Review petition to <br> upgrade from two- <br> way to all-way stop <br> signs at the <br> Intersection of <br> Berkshire street <br> and Columbian <br> avenue | This intersection was upgraded to all-way stop <br> signs in April 2016 |
|  | Petition to make <br> the <br> 1000 block of <br> Columbian avenue <br> one way <br> southbound only <br> during school hours | Denied.Review of St. <br> Catherine / St. <br> Lucy School <br> pedestrian and <br> traffic safety plan | | VBOT approved school pedestrian and traffic |
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| safety plan was implemented in August 2016 |$\quad$| Petition for all-way |
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| stop signs at Grove |
| and Berkshire |$\quad$| Reviewed by the Transportation Commission |
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| and awaiting review by the VBOT in October |
| 2016 |

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|  | Develop traffic <br> calming toolbox for <br> use in traffic <br> calming | The Commission discussed this item at five <br> meeting as of August 2016. The Commission <br> will continue working on this in 2016 and finish <br> in early 2017 |
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|  | Finish parking <br> study of Y2, Y3, <br> and Y4 overnight <br> on-street permit <br> parking zones | The Commission discussed this item at three <br> meeting in 2016. Staff conducted required <br> studies, surveys, and analysis. <br> Recommendation scheduled to be submitted to <br> the VBOT in the 4th quarter of 2016 |
|  | Determine if the <br> need exists for a <br> comprehensive <br> rewrite / update of | Reviewed by the Transportation Commission in <br> January 2016. No recommendations were <br> given. |
| all existing |  |  |
| permitted and |  |  |
| unpermitted |  |  |
| parking restriction |  |  |
| resolutions / |  |  |
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| ordinances by |  |  |
| means of an ad- |  |  |
| hoc committee. If |  |  |
| needed, the actual |  |  |
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| would take place |  |  |
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## Instructions for completing Work Plan

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2018 Initiatives and Ongoing Projects
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| ENABLING LANGUAGE | PROJECT | OUTCOMES | TIMEFRAME | COST (if any) |
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| Recommendations | Continue to review the following issues brought before the <br> Commission and make <br> recommendations <br> to the Village <br> Board: <br> - Parking <br> - Traffic <br> - Cul-de-sac and other street closing petitions <br> - Transportation related items referred by the Board from other Commissions <br> - Various school traffic plans | - Improved utilization and efficiency of onstreet and off-street parking resources <br> - Improved level of safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motor vehicles as they move about in the public right-of-way. <br> - Improved level of safety for school children walking to and from school | These are recurring annual projects | from <br> Transportation Commission fund = \$2,400/year for mailing notifications + \$1,000/year for agenda printing costs + \$6,000/year for traffic consultant studies + $\$ 600 /$ year for staff webinar training |
| Recommendations | Investigate ways to improve parking in business areas |  |  | suggested by Commissioner Eichenberger at 07/24/2017 Tran Com meeting |


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2017 Completed Initiatives as of August 2017

| ENABLING LANGUAGE | PROJECT | OUTCOMES |
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| Recommendations | Develop traffic calming toolbox for use in traffic calming | The Commission developed a draft traffic calming toolbox over 12 meetings ( 5 in 2016 and 7 in 2017). Is scheduled for review by the Village Board of Trustees at its September 5, 2017 meeting |
| Recommendations | Work with Village Board of Trustees on comprehensive parking study | The parking study is on-going. The Commission has reviewed portions of the study at five of its meetings. |
|  | Petition for traffic calming devise on the 1200 blocks of N East and Linden Avenues | The Commission reviewed this over several meetings and made recommendations. The recommendation will be presented to the VBOT for review at one of its September thru December 2017 meetings |
|  | Petition to upgrade to all-way stop signs at Linden and Superior | VBOT approved a Motion at its 07/17/2017 meeting to concur with the Commission recommendation to up-grade to all-way stop signs |
|  | Petition to upgrade to all-way stop signs at Forest and Greenfield | The Commission reviewed this and made recommendations. The recommendation will be presented to the VBOT for review at one of its September thru December 2017 meetings |
|  | Review of Ord 17183_G_022117 (referred by the VBOT at its 06/05/2017 meeting) | The Commission reviewed this over two meetings and made three recommendations. The recommendation will be presented to the VBOT for review at one of its September thru December 2017 meetings |
|  | Review of parking and traffic related impacts of the Rush Oak Park Hospital Plan Development | This item was reviewed by the Commission on 07/31/2017 and its recommendations will be presented to the Plan Commission for consideration at its meeting in late August or early September |

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TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

2nd poll taken on 06/27/2016 availability poll taken on 05/25/2017

Transportation Commission meeting availability confirmed at 6/12/2017

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| poll on | members | Aug 21 | Aug 28 | Sep 11 | Sep 25 | Oct 9 | Oct 23 |  |
| 05/31/17 | Chesney | y | y | y | y | y | y | absent |
| 05/25/17 | Chalabian | y | $y$ | y | y | y | y | absent |
| 05/25/17 | Eichenberger | y | y | y | y | y | y | ok |
| 05/25/17 | Stewart | ? | y | y | y | n | y | ok |
| 05/29/17 | Schoenmeyer | n | $y$ | y | y | n | y | ok |
| 05/26/17 | Thompson | y | y | y | y | y | y | ok |
| 05/25/17 | Basirirad | y | y | y | y | y | y | ok |
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| Project No. | Date Opened | Opened By | Date Closed | Petition <br> mailed <br> out <br> on | $\begin{gathered} \text { Petition } \\ \text { received } \\ \text { on } \end{gathered}$ | Action Item Description | Name <br> Address <br> Phone Number | Commission Recommendation Village Board Action Final Disposition |  |
| 1364 | 08/01/16 | JAJ |  |  |  | Traffic issues on Marion St south of South Blvd |  |  |  |
| 1365 | 08/04/16 | JAJ | 08/05/16 |  |  | Request for existing traffic data on Oak Park Ave near residence |  | No Trans Com involvement necessary iil.com |  |
| 1366 | 08/08/16 | JAJ |  |  |  | Interested in traffic speed reduction options for 1100 block of Home Ave |  |  |  |
| 1367 | 08/23/16 | JAJ |  | 08/24/16 | 10/19/16 | Request for STOP signs at Harvey \& LeMoyne |  |  |  |
| 1368 | 08/29/16 | MJK |  | n/a |  | Resident request for flashing lights on Ridgeland at Ontario |  |  |  |
| 1369 | 08/31/16 | MJK |  | 08/31/16 |  | request to install stop sign at Erie and Taylor |  | potential Trans Com item |  |
| 1370 | 08/31/16 | MJK |  |  |  | morning traffic controls at Madison and East caused by Fenwick trafficdeal with |  |  |  |
| 1371 | 09/01/16 | JAJ |  |  |  | concerns about safety at Lombard \& Superior (2 accidents in a week's time) |  |  |  |
| 1372 | 08/29/16 | JAJ |  |  |  | parking and traffic issues on the 200 to 400 blocks of $N$ Kenilworth |  |  |  |
| 1373 | 09/06/16 | JAJ |  | 09/23/16 | 10/19/16 | Request for STOP sign petition for Forest /Greenfield intersection (near Lindberg Park) |  |  |  |
| 1374 | 09/06/16 | JAJ |  |  |  | requesting multiple crosswalks / signage on Chicago between OPA \& Ridgeland - for peds \& OPRF kids |  |  |  |
| 1375 | 09/08/16 | JAJ | 09/08/16 |  |  | Request for NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER signage at the NW corner of Division \& Kenilworth |  | no Trans Com involvement necessary <br> TWO \# 12494 written on 09/08/2016 |  |
| 1376 | 09/07/16 | JAJ |  | 09/28/16 |  | Request for all-way STOP signs at Home/Lexington intersection |  |  |  |
| 1377 | 09/09/16 | JAJ |  |  |  | Request for STOP sign petition for Kenilworth/Greenfield intersection |  |  |  |
| 1378 | 09/09/16 | JAJ |  |  |  | Request for speed bumps in alley |  |  |  |
| 1379 | 09/13/16 | JAJ |  |  |  | Request for crosswalk on Ridgeland at Adams |  |  |  |
| 1380 | 09/14/16 | JAJ |  |  |  | Request for enhanced safety at OPA/Van Buren crosswalk |  |  |  |
| 1381 | 09/14/16 | JAJ |  | 09/23/16 | 10/18/16 | Petition for all-way STOP signs at East Ave \& Division St intersection |  |  |  |
| 1382 | 09/21/16 | JAJ |  |  |  | Request for additional SCHOOL ZONE signage at St Giles School |  | no Trans Com involvement necessary |  |
| 1383 | 09/22/16 | JAJ | 09/22/16 |  |  | Refresh crosswalk pavement markings at the Washington/Wisconsin intersection |  | no Trans Com involvement necessary |  |
| 1384 | 09/21/16 | JAJ |  |  |  | Reopening of Euclid/Harvard \& Euclid/Fillmore STOP Sign petitions |  | formerly PF \#1243-no action in over 1 year. |  |
| 1385 | 09/23/16 | JAJ |  |  |  | Request for speed bump or cul-desac on 1150 block of Home Ave |  |  |  |
| 1386 | 09/27/16 | MJK | 08/08/17 | 09/27/16 | 10/06/16 | requested stop sign petition for an unnamed Incation |  | Trans Comm recommendation 045-22-2017 <br> VBOT Adopted Ord 09-05-2017/Emer Police | Powe |





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| $\begin{array}{\|c} \text { Project } \\ \text { No. } \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Date } \\ \text { Opened } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Opened } \\ \text { By } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c} \text { Date } \\ \text { Closed } \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Petition } \\ \text { mailed } \\ \text { out } \\ \text { on } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c} \begin{array}{c} \text { Petition } \\ \text { received } \\ \text { on } \end{array} \\ \hline \end{array}$ | Action Item Description | Name <br> Address <br> Phone Number | Commission Recommendation Village Board Action Final Disposition |  |
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## President and Board of Trustees

I. Call to Order

Village President Pro Tem Tucker called the Meeting to order at 6:34 P.M.

## II. Roll Call

Present: 4- Village Trustee Tucker, Village Trustee Moroney, Village Trustee Boutet, and Village
Trustee Andrews
Absent: 3- Village Trustee Button, Village Trustee Taglia, and Village President Abu-Taleb

## III. Consideration of Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session to Discuss Pending Litigation and Purchase, Lease or Sale of Property.

It was moved by Village Trustee Andrews, seconded by Village Trustee Moroney, to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) - litigation; 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) - purchase or lease of property and 5 ILCS 120./2(c)(6) - sale of property. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: 4- Village Trustee Tucker, Village Trustee Moroney, Village Trustee Boutet, and Village Trustee Andrews

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 3- Village Trustee Button, Village Trustee Taglia, and Village President Abu-Taleb

## V. Reconvene to Regular Meeting in Council Chambers and Call to Order

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:35 P.M.

## VI. Roll Call

> Present: 6 - Village Trustee Button, Village President Abu-Taleb, Village Trustee Tucker, Village  Trustee Moroney, Village Trustee Boutet, and Village Trustee Andrews Absent: 1 - Village Trustee Taglia

## VII. Agenda Approval

It was moved by Village Trustee Andrews, seconded by Village Trustee Button, to approve the Agenda. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.

## VIII. Minutes

A. MOT 17-200 Motion to Approve Minutes from June 19, 2017 Regular Meeting, June 30, 2017 Special Meeting and July 10, 2017 Special Meeting of the Village


## XVI. Consent Agenda

Village President Abu-Taleb noted that Item H on the Consent Agenda is a motion to refer a Planned Development application from Rush Oak Park Hospital regarding their new emergency room to the Plan Commission for public hearing. He acknowledged that this is a significant investment in the community and expressed appreciation to Rush Oak Park Hospital's commitment to the Village.

## Approval of the Consent Agenda

It was moved by Village Trustee Tucker and seconded by Village Trustee Andrews to approve the items under the Consent Agenda. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: 5- Village President Abu-Taleb, Village Trustee Tucker, Village Trustee Moroney, Village Trustee Boutet, and Village Trustee Andrews

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2- Village Trustee Button, and Village Trustee Taglia
H. MOT 17-177

A Motion to Refer to the Plan Commission for Public Hearing a Special Use Planned Development Application for an Emergency Room Building with Allowances for Lot Coverage/Landscaping and Setbacks Located at 520 South Maple Avenue as Required Pursuant to Section 2.2.3(C) of the Village Zoning Ordinance and a Referral to the Transportation Commission for its Review of Proposed Traffic Modifications to Maple Avenue associated with the Proposed Planned Development

This Motion was approved.
I. MOT 17-194 A Motion to Refer to the Plan Commission for Public Hearing an Amendment to an Ordinance Granting a Special Use Permit, Rezoning Application for 535 Wenonah Avenue and the Vacation of an Alley Requested by Rush Oak Park Hospital to Allow for an Expansion of a


This Resolution was adopted.


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