# VILLAGE OF OAK PARK <br> TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING <br> MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2019-7:00 PM <br> COUNCIL CHAMBERS - VILLAGE HALL 

## AGENDA

## This June 24, 2019 Transportation Commission meeting was not held due to the lack of a

 quorum. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 22, 2019. Agenda items 4, 5, and 6 listed below will be on the July 22nd meeting agenda.1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Non-agenda Public Comment - up to 15 minutes
3. Agenda Approval
4. Approval of Draft Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes
4.1 Draft May 30, 2019 Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes
5. PETITION FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF A TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICE ON THE 600 BLOCK OF N. EUCLID

AVENUE
5.1 Agenda Item Commentary and Background Information
5.2 Petition and Letter of Explanation
5.3 Written Public Testimony
5.4 Scoring Table for the 600 Block of North Euclid Avenue Petition
5.5 Aerial View of the 600 Block of North Euclid Avenue and Neighboring Area
5.6 Sketch of Traffic Controls in the Area
5.7 Speed \& Volume Data for the 600 Block of North Euclid Avenue and Adjacent Blocks
5.8 Collision Diagrams for the 600 block of North Euclid Avenue
5.9 Letter to Area Businesses and Residents
6. OTHER ENCLOSURES

OE1 $\quad 12$ months of P\&T traffic item activity summary: June 2018-May 2019
OE2 Village Board action on Trans Com recommendations thru 06/10/2019 inclusive
7. Adjourn

## Call to Order

Interim Chair pro-tem James Thompson called to the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
(No Public testimony)

Roll call
Present: Interim Chair pro-tem James Thompson, Garth Katner, Aaron Stigger, Meghan Moses, Roya Basirirad

Excused: Robert Taylor, Kyle Eichenberger
Staff: Jill Juliano, Will Gillespie, Jennifer Jones, Jewel Dillard

## Non-agenda Public testimony

There wasn't any non-agenda public testimony.

## Approval of Tonight's Meeting Agenda

Motion to approve by: Commissioner Stigger
Seconded by: Commissioner Katner

The motion to approve tonight's meeting agenda was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

Approval of the draft April 22, 2019, Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes
Motion to Approve by: Aaron Stigger
Seconded by: Rosa Basirirad

The draft April 22, 2019 meeting minutes as submitted were unanimously approved by a voice vote.
5. Petition for Implementation of a Traffic Calming Device on the 1150 block of Home Ave

Presented by: Jill Juliano

Jill stated the petition was submitted for 1150 Home ave, due to crashes, dangerous driving speeding and congestion going down 1150 Home ave.

## Public Testimony

Eugene White- Indicated that cars get on Roosevelt because of the heavy oncoming traffic, so they make a left going north and speed down Home Ave. Mr. White expressed his concerns for the safety of children and other residents, also stated that it's the customers leaving Jewels.

Randy Feather- Has young children and are concerned for their safety. Mr. Feather suggested that the 1150 block of Home Ave should have a speed bump or dead end to reduce speeding.

Nancy Fliehler- Ms. Fiehler says she sees potential for disaster; cars do not stop for walking pedestrians. Also stated that crossing signals on Home and Roosevelt do not work.

Angela Motonia- Witnessed crashes walking her children from daycare.

Harrison Bolton- Mr. Bolton says he has received a lot of trash and debris in his alley and yard because of the school.

## End of testimony

The Commission discussed:

- The commission discussed driving 30-35 mph down residential street isn't safe.
- Needs improved enforcement.
- 1150 block of Home is eligible for a speed bump or a choker. Residents will have to pay for speed bump or choker; costs will be 5-10 years on annual taxes.
- The commission will table the motion to collect more traffic data on 1150 block of Home Ave and Montessori school, with additional enforcement and mobile speed unit.
- The village will provide information about the speed bump so that residents can get together and get an idea of what they prefer to be on the 1150 block of Home, residents will also discuss costs.

Commissioner Stigger made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moses.

Ayes: Stigger, Moses, Basirirad, Katner, Thompson
Nays: none

The motion passed by a to 0 vote.

Presented by: Jennifer Jones
Jennifer Jones presented petition to remove daytime parking restrictions on 1150 s Elmwood. Jennifer also read emails from residents who live in the area, who stated their thoughts on removing the restrictions.

## Public Testimony

Christa Foster- Would like to find out are there other options for residents that live in the area. Ms. Foster also read a statement from her neighbor expressing she doesn't feel the need to remove all parking restrictions on the block because of Turano's that's nearby. In the past there were a lot of people parking on the block going to Turano's. The resident's are looking for a solution that's for residents only.

Sabrina Blackney- Ms. Blackney says she feel like if the Village was to take away the parking restrictions on the block is could be dangerous. She also went on to say that $\$ 74.00$ day permit is expensive and there she be a discount for residents.

August Bernahl- States that as a resident they should be able to park in front of their house without having to pay for a parking permit.

## End of Testimony

Will Gillespie- Parking Division Manager
Indicated that the petition that the residents of the 1150 S . Elmwood submitted, was to get rid of the parking altogether other than, putting in a petition to get the 2 hour parking for residents only.

## Jennifer Jones- Parking Restrictions Coordinator

Staff will research the most common time limit restriction in that area to determine exactly what type of parking permits the residents need, such as 2 hour parking limit or a permit for residents on the 1150 S Elmwood. The Commission decided to postpone the petition until better solution could be found.

Commissioner Moses made a motion to deny this petition. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Basirirad.

Ayes: Moses, Basirirad, Katner, Stigger, Thompson
Nays: none

The motion passed 5 to 0 .

Interim Chair pro-tem Thompson pointed out that if it turned out that the residents did in fact want what was originally petitioned for then they would have to start the petition process all over again.

Bases on this, Commissioner Moses made a motion to instead table this item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Katner.

Ayes: Moses, Katner, Basirirad, Stigger, Thompson
Nays: none

The motion passed 5 to 0 .
7. Progress on the Parking Pilot Program \& 8. Unified Parking Technology Implementation

Will Gillespie- Parking Division Manager
Gave a presentation covering the following

- Parking Pilot status update- Installed new signs, and pay stations. Extended the time limit for 6 pm to 8pm, additional night time parking on Madison, Marion and Pleasant.
- New Customer online portal- Residents are now able to renew Vehicle License and Parking permit online. Residents can also contest and pay a ticket online.


## Public Testimony

Claire Mason- Lives in pilot area and said there has been no education on the new Parking Pilot Program. She also says the kiosk pay stations doesn't take quarters, and not everybody has a credit card or mobile phone. Meters should also be checked more often.

Interim Chair pro-tem Thompson suggested that the Village's FYI newsletter needs to include updates on Parking Pilot and need customer's feedback on Pilot areas and recommends that the Village of Oak Park needs to send notification to all residents in Parking Pilot area explaining all of the changes and deliberately soliciting the resident's opinions for review by the Village Board.

Commissioner Basirirad made a motion that the Village of Oak Park needs to send notification to all residents in Parking Pilot area explaining all of the changes and deliberately soliciting the
resident's opinions for review by the Village Board. The motion was seconded by Commissid Katner.

Ayes: Basirirad, Katner, Moses, Stigger, Thompson
Nays: none

The motion passed 5 to 0 .

Interim Chair pro-tem Thompson read a letter from a Ms. Walton who wants to know what parking programs are available for persons with low income. Will Gillespie responded that this issue has come up before and that it might require Village Board action. A discussion about this ensued.

There was a discussion about the Commissioner's attending the Village's Day in the Village to man the Transportation Commission booth.

Motion to adjourn by: Aaron Stigger
Seconded by: Meghan Moses
Meeting ended at 9:23pm
Meeting adjourned

Respectively submitted

## Dewel Dillard

Jewel Dillard
Customer Service Representative
Parking Services

## Village Of Oak Park

## Transportation Commission Agenda Item

| Item Title:Petition for the Implementation of a Traffic Calming Device on the 600 Block <br> of North Euclid Avenue |
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| Review Date: $\quad$ June 24, 2019 |
| Abepared By: $\quad$Jill Juliano <br> On December 7, 2018, the Village of Oak Park received a petition to install a traffic calming <br> device on the 600 block of North Euclid Avenue. Resident concerns include: speeding <br> vehicles, cut thru traffic (alternative route to Oak Park Avenue), and aggressive driving by <br> frustrated drivers trying to make up for lost time. |
| At tonight's meeting, staff will present the collected traffic data, and public testimony will be <br> taken. The Transportation Commission may concur with staff's recommendation or make a <br> different recommendation. |
| Staff Recommendation(s): |
| Staff is recommending to implement a mid-block choker (pinch-point) on the 600 block of |
| North Euclid Avenue. |
| Supporting Documentation Is Attached |

## Memorandum

Date: June 19, 2019
To: The Transportation Commission
From: Jill Juliano, Transportation Engineer $g \not$
Re: Background Information Related to the Petition for the Implementation of a Traffic Calming Device on the 600 block of North Euclid Avenue

On December 7, 2018, the Village of Oak Park received a petition to install a traffic calming device on the 600 block of North Euclid Avenue. Residents representing 91.14\% of the street frontage on the petitioning block signed the petition. The petition was certified as a valid petition. Only one property did not have a representative signing the petition. According to the letter of explanation, that property is vacant and the owner is unknown. Therefore all properties on the block with a known resident or owner have signed the petition.

Reasons provided for the petition include: speeding vehicles, cut thru traffic (alternative route to Oak Park Avenue), and aggressive driving by frustrated drivers trying to make up for lost time. See Exhibit 5.2 for a copy of this petition and accompanying letter of explanation.

See Exhibit 5.3 for written public testimony received by the Village of Oak Park regarding this item. There are 7 emails in support of the petition and 2 emails that are neutral to the petition but comment that other blocks should be included in this traffic calming discussion or mention other issues that should be addressed.

A directional twenty-four hour traffic volume and speed study was conducted on Thursday, May 23, 2019 for the 600 blocks of North Euclid, Linden, and Fair Oaks Avenues and the 500 block of North Euclid Avenue. See Exhibit 5.7 page 1 for a summary of the results. Source data is also included in Exhibit 5.7 pages 2-13.

Collision diagrams for the intersections of Euclid Avenue \& lowa Street and Euclid Avenue \& Augusta Street were generated. See Exhibit 5.8 for the two collision diagrams.

Next, staff completed a scoring table for the traffic calming petition. See Exhibit 5.4 for the scoring table. A numerical score is calculated for six measures that are the typical reasons for a petition to be submitted. The maximum possible score is 100 points. A minimum score of 25 points is required to bring a petition before the Transportation Commission.

Total score for the 600 block of North Euclid Avenue petition is 49 points. The score for this petition exceeds the minimum score necessary to submit the petition to the Transportation Commission for review and recommendation.

See Exhibit 5.5 for digital aerial photographs of the 600 block of North Euclid Avenue and neighboring area. This block is one block to the east of Oak Park Avenue and two blocks north of Chicago Avenue.

## Memorandum

Exhibit 5.6 displays the traffic control devices on lowa Street between Oak Park Avenue and Ridgeland Avenue as well as the other following east-west streets: Chicago Avenue and Augusta Street.

Reviewing the 24-hour volumes for the four blocks studied (Exhibit 5.7), the two-way average daily traffic (ADT) ranged from a low of 774 vehicles ( 600 block of Fair Oaks Avenue) to a high of 975 vehicles ( 600 block of Linden Avenue). The volumes for all blocks in this study are below the 800 to 1,200 vehicle range for typical daily volume on residential streets in the Village of Oak Park.

Note: data collection was also attempted on the 600 block of North East Avenue. On the first attempt, the detection equipment was found detached from the data collection box. Staff thought the equipment might have accidently become separated. In a successive attempt, again detection equipment was disconnected from the data collection box and the nails used to keep the equipment in place were removed. As a result, data was not collected on the 600 block of North East 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 85 th 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.

Looking at the 85th percentile speeds for the 500 \& 600 blocks of North Euclid Avenues, and the 600 blocks of Linden and Fair Oaks Avenues, the directional speeds for the blocks in this study ranged between 27 and 31 miles per hour (mph).

While each block in this study has vehicles traveling in excess of the posted speed limit (25 $\mathrm{mph})$; only on the 600 block of North Euclid Avenue is the percentage of vehicles exceeding the posted speed limit above 50\% (50.9\% for northbound traffic, $56.3 \%$ for southbound traffic, and 52.9\% for the bi-directional traffic). Based on the collected data, it appears there may be a speeding issue on the 600 block of North Euclid Avenue.

Next, thirty-six months of vehicle crash reports covering the period of January 2016 through December 2018 were reviewed for the 600 block of North Euclid Avenue. Please see Exhibit 5.8 for the collision diagrams.

In 1998, the intersection of Euclid Avenue and Iowa Street was studied as part of the Village-wide traffic study. At that time, the number of reported crashes at the intersection in the 36 month period totaled zero, while the average daily traffic was 1,497 vehicles. The 1998 crash rate for the intersection was calculated to be 0.000 accidents per million entering vehicles (Acc/MEV).

The intersection crash rate is then compared to the critical crash rate for the particular section of the Village's area-wide traffic study. For the north middle section of the area-wide traffic study (North Boulevard up to but not including Augusta Street and Harlem Avenue to Austin Boulevard), the critical crash rate is $0.860 \mathrm{Acc} / \mathrm{MEV}$. If an actual accident rate exceeds the critical crash rate then it is highly probable that the accidents were caused by factors other than chance.

No action was taken as a result of the 1998 crash rate for the Euclid Avenue and Iowa Street intersection; as it was lower than the critical crash rate. However to implement an alternating pattern of north-south STOP signs and east-west STOP signs at successive intersections on lowa Street from Oak Park Avenue to Ridgeland Avenue; the traffic controls at Euclid Avenue and lowa Street were changed from east-west STOP signs to north-south STOP signs on March 29, 2000.

For the thirty-six months ended December 31, 2018, the number of reported crashes that occurred at the Euclid Avenue and lowa Street intersection totaled one. It was a right angle collision in 2018. The average daily traffic for the intersection as determined as part of the Village's 1998 area-wide traffic study was 1,497 vehicles. From this data, the 2018 crash rate for the Euclid Avenue and lowa Street intersection is calculated to be 0.610 accidents per million entering vehicles (Acc/MEV). The 2018 crash rate for the intersection ( 0.610 Acc/MEV) is again lower than the critical crash rate for this section of the area-wide traffic study (0.860 Acc/MEV).

In 1997, the intersection of Euclid Avenue and Augusta Street was studied as part of the Village-wide traffic study. At that time, the number of reported crashes at the intersection in the 36 month period totaled two, while the average daily traffic was 6,113 vehicles. The 1997 crash rate for the intersection was calculated to be 0.299 accidents per million entering vehicles (Acc/MEV).

The intersection crash rate is then compared to the critical crash rate for the particular section of the Village's area-wide traffic study. For the northern section of the area-wide traffic study (Augusta Street to North Avenue and Harlem Avenue to Austin Boulevard), the critical crash rate is 0.686 Acc/MEV. If an actual accident rate exceeds the critical crash rate then it is highly probable that the accidents were caused by factors other than chance.

No action was taken as a result of the 1997 crash rate for the Euclid Avenue and Augusta Street intersection; as it was lower than the critical crash rate.

For the thirty-six months ended December 31, 2018 , the number of reported crashes that occurred at the Euclid Avenue and Augusta Street intersection totaled two. Both crashes
occurred in 2016. The average daily traffic for the intersection as determined as part of the Village's 1997 area-wide traffic study was 6,113 vehicles. From this data, the 2018 crash rate for the Euclid Avenue and Augusta Street intersection is calculated to be 0.299 Acc/MEV. The 2018 crash rate for the intersection ( 0.299 Acc/MEV) is again lower than the critical crash rate for this section of the area-wide traffic study ( 0.686 Acc/MEV).

In conclusion, there does not appear to be a problem with vehicle crashes on the 600 block of North Euclid Avenue.

Based on the analysis of the collected data, Village staff recommends the implementation of a mid-block pinch-point (choker) on the 600 block of North Euclid Avenue to mitigate the elevated speeds that vehicles travel on the block.

In the letter of explanation, the residents expressed an interest in the possible implementation of rumble strips on their block. Village staff has the following concerns regarding use of this measure: possible damage or removal of the strips by snow plows during the winter season and noise generated by vehicles traveling over the strips on the block.

Oak Park Board of Trustees that traffic calming measures be implemented:
on the $\qquad$ block of $\qquad$ North Euclid Avenue
at the intersection of $\qquad$ and $\qquad$ in the Village of Oak Park.

Traffic problems to be remedied by the use of traffic calming measures include:

- Excessive vehicle crashes
- Excessive vehicle speeds

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( rank these in order of importance with 1 being most problematic and 5 being least problematic)

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

Only one signature per property is required.


Return to: The Transportation Commission, Attention: Jili Jưfano, 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. The Transportation Commission's public website is:
www.oak-park.us/your-government/citizen-commissions/transportation-commission

# Residents of the 600 Block of N. Euclid Avenue 

November 20, 2018

Village of Oak Park<br>Transportation Commission<br>VIllage Hall<br>123 Madison Street<br>Oak Park, IL 60302

## To Whom It May Concern:

We write to request that the Village of Oak Park identify and implement the appropriate traffic calming measure(s) in the 600 block of North Euclid.

As residents, we have experienced a worrying number of vehicles traveling at dangerous speeds in excess of the speed limit on our block, particularly Northbound. This public danger needs to be addressed immediately for a number of obvious health and safety reasons, including there being a number of families with older persons and/or young children, as well as an OPRFHS bus stop at the north end of the block at Augusta Avenue and Euclid Avenue.

It has been our observation that there are a number of apparent causes for why people are speeding dangerously on our block. Primarily, they relate to motorists utilizing Euclid as a means of avoiding Oak Park Avenue, using our block as a "time-saving" alternative route. While one might think that the difficulty of crossing traffic at Chicago Avenue and the stop sign for North/South traffic at the intersection of Iowa Avenue and Euclid Avenue, at which many drivers frankly do not stop fully if at all, would be a deterrent. However, it would appear that for certain drivers these "obstacles" are only a frustration and cause them to accelerate even more on our block in order to make-up this "lost" time. (It has also been observed that with no stop sign east/west at lowa and Euclid, there are also a number of drivers speeding on lowa between Oak Park Avenue and Linden.) This dynamic also appears to exist for drivers that turn right off westbound Chicago Avenue onto northbound Euclid Avenue in order to avoid the light/ intersection at Oak Park Avenue and Chicago Avenue. Further, a Village official commented that the greater width of the street on our block can also cause drivers to feel more comfortable traveling at excessive speeds, thereby exacerbating the problem.

For historical reference, while we do not have access to recent, specific traffic data for our block, residents do recall that there have been several serious accidents with material property damage at the intersection of Euclid and lowa, one of which led to the placement of the north/ south stop signs on Euclid Avenue at lowa Avenue. Unfortunately, however, there was another accident with property damage within the last year, and again it seems to only exacerbate some drivers' frustrations that are utilizing Euclid as a cut-through as described above. Additionally, residents recall a dog being killed by a speeding driver in front of 620 N . Euclid a few years ago.

Upon the suggestion of the Engineering Division, we contacted our Resident Beat Officer, Officer Verge, to request increased supervision for our block. Officer Verge was helpful and responsive, placing a speed trailer facing northbound traffic at 620 N . Euclid Avenue for a few days, as an admittedly temporary measure. The display of the drivers speed did appear to have a positive effect on reducing speeds, as many drivers were observed to slow down when their speed was displayed. Not surprisingly, however, during the three days that the monitor was in place, residents also observed a significant number of vehicles registering the "Slow Down" response for speeds over 30 MPH , even though again there is a stop sign less than one half

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| $3 / 3$ | children are being driven to or from school, the broader observation has been that there are cars speeding at all times of the day and night, and that there is no discernible demographic of motorist that is the predominant cause.

One last note in terms of the unanimity of support by the neighborhood for this petition. Of the 13 properties on the block, 12 have signed this petition, with the only remaining property being unoccupied with a shell corporation owner with no known individual with whom to discuss the matter. Consequently, we would respectfully request that this petition be considered for scoring purposes as having $100 \%$ adoption, as all 12 identifiable individual owners occupying residences on the block have signed the petition.

In terms of potential solutions, there are several that would seem to merit consideration:

1. First, it would certainly help if more was done to relieve the congestion on Oak Park Avenue, and to a lesser extent Chicago Avenue. It bears noting that both of these major arterial streets are 25 MPH , the same speed limit as Euclid, a residential street. There is also concern about the timing of these lights with nearby lights, and whether they encourage traffic to keep moving instead of purposefully slowing them down. Were those streets moving better, or if the speed limit of our street was less than Oak Park Avenue and Chicago Avenue, perhaps motorists would not feel the need, nor sense the opportunity, to use residential streets such as ours to make better time.
2. For Euclid Avenue, as speed tables and speed bumps are apparently not an option in this part of Oak Park, there is interest in exploring rumble strips, as these would seem to be the most similar available measure, and cause greater vibration to the driver the faster they travel over them.
3. A suggestion has also been made by one Village official that a "pinch point" could be helpful in this circumstance. While there are concerns that they can surprise motorists and provide less room for them to avoid collision with pedestrians, bicyclists and other cars, it may merit further consideration.
4. It also bears noting that it is the understanding of the residents from several Village officials that there is little value in static signage as a stand alone solution, though perhaps it could be helpful if employed as a supplement to one or more of the other devices.
5. We are certainly also interested to hear what other recommendations the Engineering Division or Traffic Commission may have (perhaps even to consider some other changes that have been voiced such as speed cameras, making the street one way south or putting in a cul de sac), upon the completion and analysis of their collected traffic data for our block.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter, and we look forward to working with the Engineering Division, the Transportation Commission and the Village Board to identify and implement the appropriate traffic calming measure(s) to address this increasingly dangerous situation.


Residents of the 600 Block of N. Euclid Avenue

| Juliano, Jill |  | $0619-1$ <br> 5.3 |
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| From: | Victoria Lowdon | $1 / 10$ |
| Sent: | Saturday, June 15, 2019 10:12 AM |  |
| To: | Transportation |  |
| Subject: | Traffic Calming Measures/Petition |  |

Hello there,
I live on the 500 block of Euclid Avenue and Chicago Avenue. I am also a mother of two small kids. I have to mention the increase in motorists on Chicago Avenue, including people speeding and major congestion. When I turn onto Chicago Avenue to take my kids to school it is so busy and to be honest, quite scary at how fast some people are driving, people trying to cross over Chicago Avenue while on Euclid, and over all just busy. I have lived on our street, same house since 2011. Although the traffic was still busy at that time, I feel like Chicago Avenue has become a super highway and I fear for any pedestrian that has to cross or even walk along Chicago Avenue. Not to mention my kids school, Holmes Elementary is along one of the busiest sections. We have witnessed 3 accidents on our corner of the same nature, someone trying to cross Euclid over Chicago Avenue, it's a death trap in my opinion. Forget about pedestrians trying to cross, it's very dangerous most anytime of the day. I wanted to not only convey my concerns at how bad this has become but also to figure out from a city planning perspective how can we alleviate and disperse all of the cars coming through Oak Park. My impression is that many people try to avoid Lake street due to all the new construction. Can anyone tell me if once the construction of the high-rises on Lake are complete, that the traffic flow will be better? Is this being taken into account? What would be our options as far as putting either STOP signs at that cross section of Euclid and Chicago or a pedestrian sign? Is there a limit on the distance that you can or can not have signage so close to a traffic light? There is one obviously at Oak Park and Chicago but I truly feel we need more deterrents for motorists to pay attention in such a high traffic area. As a resident off of Chicago avenue this puts us as residents along the blocks of Euclid and the following side streets, at danger as well. There are many people that speed off of Chicago Avenue onto either side of Euclid Avenue. As I see from the petition, we are not the only residents fearful that this traffic will be more and more problematic. There is now going to be a second school along the intersection of Chicago and Oak Park avenue along with Holmes elementary, so many kids and too many cars. I fear that more and more accidents are going to occur and God forbid it doesn't involve any pedestrians. I hope that some suggestions can be proposed to the community and we can make the streets safer.

Thank you for your time,
Tory Lowdon

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|  | Julie Noonan | $2 / 10$ |
| From: | Saturday, June 15, 2019 2:10 PM |  |
| Sent: | Transportation |  |
| To: | Tom Noonan - Husband |  |
| Cc: | Traffic Calming Measure - 600 Block of N. Euclid Ave |  |
| Subject: |  |  |

Dear Ms. Juliano and Traffic Engineers,
We received your letter dated June 12, 2019 - thank you. However, we believe that the focus on traffic for N. Euclid should be on the 500 Block. The 500 Block is immediately north of Chicago Avenue, houses 13 families, over $1 / 2$ of which have children under the age of 18 and of that $1 / 2,4$ families with 10 children/grandchildren under the age of 10 who regularly play outside together in the front yards. We have seen a dramatic increase in cars "speeding over Chicago" from the 400 block of Euclid onto the 500 block - often without regard for safety. Such vehicles regularly us the 500 block of Euclid to avoid the light at Chicago Avenue and Oak Park Avenue.

Risk of loss or harm on the 500 N . Euclid block is as great or more so than the 600 Block. We strongly request and encourage a re-evaluation of the 500 block for a speed table or other traffic slowing device. Further, I believe that if asked, you will find that the families on our block concur that a speed table, speed trap or other such safety implementation is strongly desired. Speaking for us at $\quad$ N. Euclid, we'd be happy to have such a device immediately in front of our front yard.

Please (re) consider the placement of safety devices/traffic calming measures on the 500 N . block of Euclid for our and our children's' safety in concert with those on the 600 N. Euclid block. Should a formal petition be required to include the 500 N Euclid block, please advise and I'm certain we can gain all needed signatures.

Thank you,
Tom and Julie Noonan

From:
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To:
Subject:

Christina Welter

Dear Oak Park Transportation Commission,
We are residents and owners at N Euclid Avenue, Oak Park, IL 60302. I am a faculty member at University of Illinois at Chicago, School of Public Health and my husband is a physician. We are also parents of two young children, ages 5 and 7. We have been residents of Oak Park since 2005, and I have worked here since 2001.

As professionals, we know that traffic and road safety is the utmost importance toward the prevention of injury for our community and to promote healthy living. The more we can do to increase safety measures on our roads, the more we can be active in a safe manner.

As parents who are out biking, walking, and playing with our kids often on our sidewalks and at times crossing the street, we have seen not only increased traffic on the 500-600 block of N Euclid, likely due to people avoiding Chicago/Oak Park avenue traffic, but also MANY vehicles driving extremely fast down our N Euclid street.

As such, we fully support traffic calming measures proposed for the 600 block of N . Euclid. We also support expanding these measures to the 500 block of N Euclid.

We are unable to attend the June 24 hearing as we are out of town. However, please feel free to contact us with any questions, and any follow-up action we can take to make these changes implemented.

Thank you for your efforts and consideration.
Regards,
Christina Welter, DrPH, MPH
David Muzic, MD
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Christina R. Welter, DrPH, MPH
Interim Director, DrPH in Leadership
Director, MidAmerica Center for Public Health Practice
Clinical Assistant Professor, Community Health Sciences
University of Illinois at Chicago, School of Public Health


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Tuesday, June 18, 2019 9:41 AM
Transportation; Stephen L. Long
Request for Traffic Calming Devices for 500 and 600 Block of N. Euclid in Oak Park

Dear Transportation Commission,
I live at N Euclid Ave, Oak Park, IL 60302 and would like to express my support for Traffic Calming Devices for 500 and 600 Block of N. Euclid in Oak Park.

North Euclid is susceptible to traffic overflow when Chicago and Oak Park Avenues experience rush hour and event traffic. People speed through our block to avoid the thoroughfares, and we have a lot of children and pets that are endangered. A stop sign to slow North-South bound traffic at the top of our block, or better yet a speed bump would be absolutely welcome.

Please accept this as a formal request for measures from me and my husband, Stephen Long.
Thank you,
Brooke

Brooke Long

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| From: | Lisa Mulligan | 5.3 |
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Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2019 2:01 PM

To:
Cc:
Subject:
Transportation
Traffic issues on 600 block of Euclid Ave.

My name is Lisa Mulligan and I have owned my home at $\quad$ N Euclid Ave in Oak Park since $5 / 1990$. This was always a quiet neighborhood and was a key reason I moved my young family here. Over the years there have been significant changes in Oak Parks traffic patterns. My formerly quiet block and neighborhood have become a secondary route for traffic trying to avoid other major travel arteries in Oak Park. The 500 and 600 blocks of Euclid Ave have become a primary traffic block for people trying to avoid lights and backups on Chicago Avenue, Augusta Avenue and surrounding streets.
It's unsafe and it's only a matter of time before we have a major incident on our hands. We've already experienced some unusual traffic accidents THAT SHOULD NOT OCCUR ON A QUIET NEIGHBORHOOD STREET.
Please take this request to address our street traffic and speed issues seriously. We need help to get our street back to a neighborhood access street, not a major shortcut thoroughfare.
If you need additional information or input from me please feel free to contact me at unfortunately out of town on Monday during the hearing on this important subject.
Thank you for considering my input.
Lisa Mulligan

Sent from my iPhone

## From:

Sent:
To:
Subject:

Tuesday, June 18, 2019 2:03 PM
Transportation
Traffic calming in the 600 block of North Euclid

We support the petition to implement Traffic Calming Measures on the 600 block of North Euclid. Our block id frequently used by motorists bypassing traffic and signals on Oak Park Avenue. This traffic regularly exceeds the speed limit. The motorists also make dangerous turns onto Euclid from both Augusta and lowa, sometimes at excessive speeds. The traffic also ignores or rolling stops at the stop sign at Euclid and lowa.

Thanks for your attention to this matter.
Marc Martinez and Susan Price
N Euclid

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:

Tuesday, June 18, 2019 2:10 PM
Transportation
Traffic calming on the 600 block of North Euclid

I support the petition to implement traffic calming on the 600 block of North Euclid. I am concerned for the young children on the block as well as for the older residents, like myself.

Bill Martinez
N Euclid

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:

Dina Mansour
Wednesday, June 19, 2019 11:52 AM
Transportation
Traffic Hearing - 600 N Euclid

My apologies for a rushed email however my father-in-law passed away and his funeral is today. We are unable to make the Monday meeting but would like to comment.

I have lived in oak park my whole life and on the 600 block of Euclid in two different houses since 2004. My husband grew up in our current home. We have seen first hand how often Euclid is used as a bypass for Oak Park Avenue with disregard for the speed limit. Prior to the stop signs at lowa and Euclid there were numerous accidents. And even after those were installed there are still people speeding down - not realizing the stop they would have to make.

Day after day I witness cars speeding through - weaving around parked cars - no regard for children. The block is definitely seen as a through street from Lake street and off of Augusta south.

As I said my thoughts are difficult to express because if time but I support the recommendations of Michael Rose and others on the block.

Thank you for your consideration.
Dina Mansour
N Euclid

Sent from my iPhone

From:
Gary McCullough
Wednesday, June 19, 2019 2:53 PM
To:
Transportation
Gary McCullough
Traffic Calming Measures-- 600 Block of North Euclid Avenue Traffic Calming 600.pdf

To Whom it May Concern:
A Hearing is scheduled for Monday, June 24, 2019 on our request for Traffic Calming Measures to be implemented in the 600 Block of North Euclid Avenue in Oak Park. I want my support for the request to be on the record should I be unable to attend the Hearing in person due to business travel.

Sincerely,
Gary E. McCullough
Owner/Resident
North Euclid Avenue
Oak Park, Illinois 60302

June 19, 2019
Village of Oak Park
Transportation Commission
Village Hall
123 Madison Street
Oak Park, IL 60302
Transmitted via Email

## Subject: Traffic Calming Measures-600 Block of North Euclid Avenue

To Whom It May Concern:
I have been an Oak Park resident I currently reside at North Euclid Avenue. In fact, our family have been residents of the 600 block of North Euclid almost continuously for nineteen (19) years. Because my travel schedule may preclude my ability to attend the Transportation Commission Hearing on the subject mentioned above, I am registering my strong support for our Block's request that the Village of Oak Park identify and implement the appropriate traffic calming measures in our block.

As was indicated in the letter submitted to the Village dated November 20, 2018, in recent there has been a notable and alarming increase in the volume of high-speed and dangerous traffic on our Block as well as the 500 Block of North Euclid Avenue. The November 20 letter communicated a number of apparent causes for the increase in traffic. I believe those to be true.

If the Village is going to act on our request, now is the time to do so. Ours is a vibrant Block that experiences a good deal of foot traffic from residents, train commuters and tourists. That vibrancy is only enhanced by the presence of young children. Both the $500 \& 600$ Blocks of North Euclid are experiencing the inevitable change that occurs as long-time (ie. older) residents give way to young and growing families. My concern is for the increased number of young children and their families who now live on our Block. I believe that, if a remedy is not put in place by the Village, a preventable tragedy is likely to occur.

If I am unable to attend the Hearing due to business travel, please know that I am fully supportive of the request. If necessary, I can be reached at

Sincerely,







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HISTORICAL DATA - JAN 1996-DEC 1998
EB-WB STOP INSTALLED PRIOR TO 12-31-95
1996-1998 \# OF CRASHES $=0$, ADT $=1497$
1998 CRASH RATE $=0.000$ AccMEV
CRITICAL CRASH RATE $=0.860$ AccMEV
EB-WB STOP REMOVED, NB-SB STOP INSTALLED ON 03-29-00
2016-2018 \# OF CRASHES=1
2018 CRASH RATE $=0.610$ AccMEV

lowa St

| $2016=0$ <br> $2017=0$ <br> 2018 <br> $=1$ |
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June 12, 2019
TO: RESIDENTS OF THE 500 \& 600 BLOCKS OF N. EUCLID AVE., LINDEN AVE., N. EAST AVE., FAIR OAKS AVE., N. ELMWOOD AVE., AND THE 400, 438, 500, 600, 638 \& 700 BLOCKS OF CHICAGO AVE., IOWA ST., AUGUSTA ST.

RE: PETITION TO IMPLEMENT A TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURE ON THE 600 BLOCK OF NORTH EUCLID AVENUE

Dear Resident:

The Village of Oak Park received a petition to implement a traffic calming measure on the 600 block of North Euclid Avenue.

The Transportation Commission review will be considering traffic calming measures from the Village's Traffic Calming Toolbox that do not restrict access. Below is the URL address to the Village's webpage showing a matrix of the 32 traffic calming measures in the Toolbox:

## https://www.oak-park.us/sites/default/files/public-works/matrix_table.pdf

The Transportation Commission is scheduled to review these petitions at its upcoming public meeting being held at 7:00 PM on Monday, June 24, 2019, in Council Chambers of Village Hall. The parking lot at Village Hall is now partially open as reconstruction continues. Attendees may be able to find an available parking space in the lot. Otherwise meeting attendees should park on the streets around Village Hall.

You are invited to attend this public meeting to give testimony. If you wish to comment but are unable to attend, you may submit your comments in writing to the undersigned by U.S. mail, by fax to (708) 4341600 or by email at transportation@oak-park.us. All comments must be received by Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at 5:00 PM for inclusion in the Transportation Commission's agenda.

A copy of the Commission's agenda will be posted on the Village of Oak Park's website (www.oak-park.us) for public review and inspection. Look for the agenda on the website after 5:00 PM on Thursday, June 20th.

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





Date: June 24, 2019

To: Transportation Commission

From: Mike Koperniak, Engineering Division M/K

Re: Village Board of Trustees action on Transportation Commission recommendations thru 06/10/2019 inclusive

The Village Board of Trustees did not review any Transportation Commission recommendations at its May 13th through June 10th meetings.

