

From: [Lyndsay Legel](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Subject: 800 N Taylor Concerns
Date: Tuesday, October 29, 2024 11:12:03 AM

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To Whom it May Concern:

I am a resident of the 800 block of North Taylor Avenue in Oak Park. I recently received a letter informing me that the petitions submitted will finally be considered. Thank you for the opportunity to have our voices heard.

I have lived on this block for 10 years, and for as long as I can remember, we have had issues with people illegally turning south down our block from Division. Our block is a one-way going north. What's most concerning is that the illegal turns down our block very often accompany people driving at ungodly high speeds. I will often-many times a week-look out from my living room after hearing someone zoom past our house going the wrong way at neck-breaking speed. It's truly scary.

Anomalies are one thing; consistent issues that can have fatal consequences are another thing. Many kids play on our block, and my biggest fear is them going into the street to get a ball and being hit by one of these out of control drivers.

Any measures that the Village of Oak Park can take to make our block safer and more resistant to illegal driving would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Lyndsay Legel-Carmody



From: [Timothy Baker](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Date: Wednesday, October 30, 2024 10:37:48 PM

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Good evening. My family and I live on the 700 block of North Lombard. We have witnessed excessive speeding, running stop signs, angry interactions between motorists trying to navigate our narrow road. Every morning before 9 am is a terrible time for cars exceeding the speed limit - and I worry about the children walking to school or their bus. After 4pm, Lombard Avenue is a "race track", as I have seen vehicles drag racing from the 700 block through the 600 block. The stop signs on Augusta/Lombard and Thomas/Lombard may as well be "nonexistent", because cars do NOT stop at the signs. I have also witnessed a "stand off" on our street when 2 cars refuse to move with parked cars on the street - leading to a 15 minute event that almost ended in a fistfight. This has to stop. Whatever can be done, MUST be done.

Tim Baker



From: [Ej Bolin](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Subject: 708 N Lombard
Date: Friday, November 1, 2024 1:13:07 PM

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Hi,

I am commenting on the speeding and poor driving I witness while living on the 700 block of N Lombard. There is a lot of disregard for stop signs. I saw a kid get hit while on bicycles. Luckily no one was hurt. I've witnessed people flying down the road doing well over 30 mph on a street with cars parked on both sides and families walking around.

I'd like to see something done. For example speed bumps or speed humps.

Thank you,

Eric-James S. Bolin

From: [Dan Fridberg](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Subject: In support of traffic calming on the 800 block of N. Taylor
Date: Sunday, November 3, 2024 3:49:59 PM

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Dear Transportation Commission:

I am writing to voice my support for the Village to implement traffic calming measures in the 800 block of N. Taylor Avenue.

I have been a resident of Oak Park since 2021 and am delighted to call the Village my home. Our block is a wonderful community with several families with young children, including mine.

Unfortunately, drivers often drive down our street in excess of posted limits and at an unsafe speed, which places pedestrians and children at risk.

I believe that traffic calming on the 800 block of N. Taylor is warranted given this situation and will help to make our community safer.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,
Daniel Fridberg, Ph.D.
[REDACTED] Oak Park, IL

From: [Alyssa Vest](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Subject: 700 N Lombard block speeding comment
Date: Sunday, November 3, 2024 5:10:51 PM

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Hello,

My family and I live at [REDACTED] N Lombard Ave, Oak Park, and we want our voice heard prior to the 11/11/24 meeting. Despite having a stop sign on either end of our block, vehicles consistently speed and dart around parked cars on our street. In addition, the stop sign at the disjointed intersection on the north end of our block is frequently ignored/ missed and people do not stop at this stop sign. I do NOT think that temporary measures that are in the matrix table would lead to permanent change in traffic. I believe that permanent solutions are needed on our block to decrease the speed of traffic, which is a safety issue for all Oak Parkers.

Please, for the safety of our citizens, please enact traffic measures PERMANENTLY to protect us all.

Sincerely,

Dr. Alyssa Hart and family

From: [Lou Garapolo](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Subject: Implement Traffic Calming devices-700 N. Lombard
Date: Monday, November 4, 2024 4:16:46 PM
Attachments: [Letter to Transp Comm.pdf](#)

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

Attached please find our letter in support of traffic calming devices for 700 N. Lombard block for the Transportation Commission meeting on Nov. 11, 2024.

I plan on being present and wish to speak at the meeting.

Thank you

Louis J. Garapolo, FAIA

████ N. Lombard Ave

Oak Park,IL 60302

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November 4, 2024

VILLAGE OF OAK PARK
Transportation Commission
Village Hall
123 Madison Street
Oak Park, Illinois 60302

**RE: Petition to Implement Traffic Calming devices on the 700 Block of
North Lombard Avenue**

Commissioners:

Please accept this letter in support of implementing traffic calming devices on the 700 Block of North Lombard Avenue. We have been residents at [REDACTED] N. Lombard Avenue since 1989.

As you know, this location is in the area of Whittier School, Anderson Recreation Center, and Dole Library. It has a large volume of pedestrian traffic between the locations throughout the day. It seems like within the last year, automobile traffic has not only increased in volume but also increased in terms of speed. Our concern is that the increased speed is causing a potential safety hazard for all of the residents- and particularly the children.

We urge your positive consideration of this petition and suggest that a Level 3 solution would be the answer.

Very truly yours,

[REDACTED]
Louis J. Garapolo
[REDACTED] N. Lombard Avenue
Oak Park, Illinois
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Galen Garapolo

From: [Dominique Betancourt-Schaap](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Subject: 800 N Block Taylor: Traffic Calming Petition
Date: Monday, November 4, 2024 9:37:53 PM

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

I live at [REDACTED] N Taylor Ave and we are in full support of the calming petition. There are countless times cars have used our street to test the accelerator that warrants some action on the Village's part. What is important I think is ever since the forced turn island was installed in 2014 it has created confusion of whether we are a one way or a two way, which has also led to all kinds of parking weirdness.

An easy win would be to decide first if the 800 block is a one way or two way. Then have clear indicators of parking direction, then leveraging a pinch point would make traffic calming effective. That, in addition to the forced turn, will make our street not as easy to speed on, plus force a slow down through the Thomas intersection.

Thank you!

Dominique Betancourt
[REDACTED]

From: [Nora Schlesinger](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Subject: Traffic Calming Measures on 700 Block of North Lombard Avenue
Date: Tuesday, November 5, 2024 12:26:43 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of implementing traffic calming devices on the 700 block of North Lombard, of which I am a resident.

Though it is a residential block, our street is routinely used as an alternative to the major thoroughfares on either side of it - Ridgeland and Austin - and without any regard for speed limits or, often, stop signs.

I am a parent of two young kids who enjoy playing in our front yard. But, my spouse and I can't let our kids play in the front yard without strict supervision because, if they were to run into the street at the wrong moment, they would be hurt or killed by drivers moving too fast to see or react to a kid darting in front of them. Judging by the lack of other kids playing outside on our block, even on the nicest days, I suspect the other parents on the block share the same concerns.

What's more, we live a block from Whittier school, and not even the presence of dozens of kids on the way to and from school incentivizes cars to slow down on our block.

To be blunt: it is time to add the proposed traffic calming devices now, before one of our kids is severely injured or killed.

I appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Best,
Nora Schlesinger

From: [Bryan Den Hartog](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Subject: Traffic Calming Devices on 700 block of North Lombard Ave - Public Comment
Date: Tuesday, November 5, 2024 11:11:22 PM

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November 5, 2024

To The Oak Park Transportation Commission

Re: Traffic Calming Devices on 700 block of North Lombard Ave

As a resident of the 700 block of North Lombard, I am writing this letter to request permanent traffic calming measures be considered and implemented on our lovely block. We are long overdue.

Our block, as are many in Oak Park, is filled with young children, including my own, and too frequently we see and hear vehicles speeding and careening down our street, putting everyone, especially children, at risk of serious injury or death.

Though not marked as a main North-South thoroughfare on par with Oak Park Avenue or Ridgeland, Lombard has been treated like one for years by drivers looking to bypass traffic on these streets, or Austin Blvd, and so our block is filled with hurried, reckless drivers who ignore street signs, speed limits, or other rules of the road.

This stretch of Lombard also connects Augusta to Division, which increases the number of cars using it as a main thoroughfare.

In addition, because North Lombard is a residential street, it is not wide enough to allow cars to pass each other easily, especially when parked vehicles are present on both sides of the street. This adds to the chaos and increases the chances of accidents and injuries.

It is in that context that I humbly request traffic calming measures on the 700 block of North Lombard. To make our block safer for its residents by encouraging more careful, and lawful, use of our street by the many cars that drive down it.

It is my sincere hope that this request will be positively considered by your office. Thank you.

Kind Regards,

Bryan Den Hartog

From: [Heba Begert](#)
To: [Transportation](#); [Pautsch, Steve](#)
Subject: Traffic calming at 800 N Taylor Ave
Date: Wednesday, November 6, 2024 11:41:42 AM

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

I am in full support of adding a stop sign on the south end of the 800 N Taylor block, at the intersection of Taylor and Thomas. As a resident on the 700 N block of Taylor, I have seen and continue to frequently see vehicles speeding on Taylor from Augusta to Division at dangerous speeds well above 25 mph, putting children playing nearby at great risk. Additionally, the intersection is on a school bus route for one of the local public schools, leading to higher foot traffic by school-aged children.

The lack of a stop sign also causes confusion at the intersection. I have seen instances where prudent drivers traveling on Taylor stop at Thomas, seemingly expecting there to be a stop sign.

Please feel free to reply to this email if any further information would be helpful.

Sincerely,
Heba Begert
Resident on 700 N Block of Taylor Ave

From: [Willie Mae Jackson, MD, MA](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Subject: Street traffic petition
Date: Wednesday, November 6, 2024 12:04:34 PM

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

Good morning and I hope this message finds the village Park well. I am writing in support of a petition to calm the traffic on my block. I am currently a homeowner at [REDACTED] N. Taylor Ave. and the traffic is coming on our block very, very fast as well as not Honoring the do not enter sign at the end of the block to division Street. There are a lot of children that live on the street and also elderly individuals as well which makes this pretty dangerous and very concerning for me as a parent. Please consider blocking off the street and making it a cul-de-sac. Thank you.

Willie Mae Jackson, M.D.,M.A.
[REDACTED]

From: [Dan Begert](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Cc: [Heba](#)
Subject: PETITIONS TO IMPLEMENT TRAFFIC CALMING ON THE 800 BLOCK OF N TAYLOR AVENUE...
Date: Wednesday, November 6, 2024 12:39:08 PM

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

To whom it may concern:

Our household received a letter notifying us about an upcoming meeting of the Transportation Commission on Mon Nov 11 at the Village Hall concerning a petition to implement traffic calming devices on the 800 block of N Taylor Avenue, and the 700 & 800 blocks of N Lombard Avenue. We will not be able to attend the meeting, so we submit our comments here by email:

We live on the 700 block of N Taylor Avenue, very close to the north end of the block where Taylor intersects with Thomas (and where the 800 block of N Taylor begins). Currently, there are two stop signs at this intersection, controlling east-west traffic on Thomas. We hope you will consider adding two north- and south-facing stop signs on Taylor, as well, to make the intersection a 4-way stop. We have two children at Whittier Elementary (who will soon be joined by their little brother), just a few blocks west of our home, and currently the only uncontrolled crossing that they have to make on their way to school involves crossing our own street. Additionally, while we would never have them play in the street in front of our house unsupervised, regardless of whether additional traffic calming elements are added to the intersection, I would feel more comfortable being in the street with them while they ride their bikes and play sports if we did have those additional stop signs. To conclude, we feel that making the Taylor & Thomas intersection into a 4-way stop would significantly improve the safety and comfort of our family and of the other families in our block. Thank you.

Daniel & Heba Begert
[REDACTED] N Taylor Ave
Oak Park IL 60302

From: [Chris Murray](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Subject: comment on traffic calming measures_111124 Transportation Commission meeting
Date: Wednesday, November 6, 2024 12:51:16 PM

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

As a 6 year resident of the 800 block of Hayes Ave living close to the intersection of Hayes and Thomas, I regularly see and hear reckless driving down our street coming from both the north and the south. The stop signs at Hayes and Thomas are regularly ignored, and speeding down 800 Hayes, which is home to Andersen Park, happens regularly. I have even had a driver behind me on the 700 block of Hayes fly around me and pass me when I stopped at the north bound Hayes/Thomas stop sign. As a neighborhood with a high concentration of young children, home to Andersen Park and in extremely close proximity to Whittier Elementary and Dole Library, we need safer streets. I am in support of traffic calming measures within the neighborhood, but I do hope that the committee will seriously consider any potential negative impact that could result for neighboring streets, like Hayes, when considering interventions on Taylor and Lombard. I would like to ask that Hayes be considered a candidate for measures as well. I hope that solutions implemented can serve to make the entire neighborhood safer for our residents, not just for particular streets.

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[Chris Murray Underdown](#)

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