

1200 Block of North East Avenue

- **July 25, 2015** – Cul-de-sac petition for the 1200 block of North East Ave received by the Village. Concerns/reasons for the petition: volume and speed of traffic as well as cut-thru traffic on the block, North Ave business patrons parking on the block, non-residential feel of the block due to littering and loitering of non-residents.
- **September 21, 2015** – VBOT adopted ordinance on temporary one year moratorium on receiving and processing of cul-de-sac and traffic diverter petitions.
- **November 17, 2015** – traffic study data collected for 1200 North East Ave and neighboring blocks. Data collection was delayed due to 1) waiting for the school year to begin and 2) construction and utility work in the area.
- **January 2016** – item placed on hold until Traffic Calming Toolbox is developed.
- **June 14 & 15, 2016** – traffic study data collected on the 1200 block of North Euclid Ave and neighboring blocks for pre-US Bank construction to obtain a before snapshot of traffic patterns in the area.
- **November 2016** – after numerous contact with the Village about the status of the Traffic Calming Toolbox (approximately every 1-2 months), residents requested the petition be submitted as a petition for a traffic calming device. Staff agreed to include the petition for a traffic calming device on the November 28, 2016 meeting.
- **November 28, 2016** – Transportation Commission reviewed the item and made the following recommendations: 1 – install bump-outs at the alley, 2 – install a speed table mid-block, 3 – complete a 6 month study after the installation of the temporary traffic calming devices, 1200 block of Linden to be included in the study, 4 – do speed counts in the alleys adjacent to the 1200 block of North East Ave. Staff recommended the test implementation of either a mid-block pinch-point (choker) or bump-outs. [Subsequent to the meeting, staff determined the installation of a mid-block speed table would cause significant negative impacts to Village operations. Thus it was not submitted to the Village Board but brought back to the Commission for another review and recommendation.]
- **April 24, 2017** – Transportation Commission reviewed traffic calming petitions for 1200 block of North East Ave and Linden Ave (1200 block of Linden Ave submitted petition on January 30, 2017) and made the following recommendations: 1 – support staff recommendation for bump-outs on the 1200 blocks of North East Ave and Linden Ave, 2 – increased police enforcement, 3 – look at parking on North Avenue and effectiveness of parking meters on North Avenue and North East Ave parking enforcement, 4 – conduct follow-up traffic studies on the 1200 blocks of North East Ave, Columbian Ave, Linden Ave, and North Euclid Ave. Staff recommended installing bump-outs at the east-west alley south of North Avenue for the 1200 blocks of North East Ave and Linden Ave.
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1200 Block of Linden Avenue

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1200 Block of Columbian Avenue

- **May 5, 2017** – Traffic calming petition for the 1200 block of Columbian Ave received by the Village. Concerns/reasons for the petition: vehicles traveling on block at excessive speeds, inordinately high volumes of traffic on the block, impacts on general quality of life.
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1200 Block of North Euclid Avenue

- **June 1, 2016** – initial contact to Engineering Division was request for cul-de-sac by residents as a result of US Bank reconstruction of branch located at 6011 North Ave (ZBA item). Residents provided staff with attachments sent to VBOT in May 2016. Concern about large volume on traffic on block, speeding vehicles, lack of parking on block, safety concerns about suspicious activities related to US Bank property and the ZBA Board recommendation for wider driveway access onto Euclid Ave, will increase the size and operations of branch (drive-thru only to full service branch), thus more traffic on their block.
- **June 8, 2016** – (after US Bank item tabled by VBOT on June 6, 2016) – staff met with residents to discuss concerns. Issues discussed: traffic is a serious issue, parking problem, non-banking activity in US Bank parking lot (see meeting summary email chain dated June 13, 2016 for detail). Residents repeated need for cul-de-sac to address issues. Staff mentioned moratorium but would collect traffic data as soon as possible to document traffic prior to the US Bank construction. [Subsequently Village staff met with US Bank; and the Bank agreed to eliminate the driveway on Euclid Ave from their design.]
- **June 14 & 15, 2016** – traffic study data collected on the 1200 block of North Euclid Ave and neighboring blocks for pre-US Bank construction to obtain the BEFORE snapshot of traffic patterns in the area.
- **April 2017** – concerned residents of the block contacted the Village after receiving notification letter that the traffic calming petitions for the 1200 blocks of North East and Linden Avenues were to be reviewed by the Transportation Commission at its meeting later in the month. Village staff stated construction was still not complete at the US Bank site so any traffic study completed at that time may not capture the effects of the changes to the US Bank layout and operations.
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- **July 7, 2017** - Traffic calming petition for the 1200 block of North Euclid Ave received by the Village. Concerns/reasons for the petition: speeding vehicles, AM and PM 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 related queue, and apps such as Waze and Google Maps have made the bypass problem worse
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PETITION FOR CUL-DE-SAC



We, the owners of property fronting on 1200 block of N. East Ave, respectfully petition the Parking and Traffic Commission to recommend to the Oak Park Board of Trustees to consider closing the street on which we front, to through traffic by means of cul-de-sac.

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

	Signature (and Print Name)	Address and Phone No.
1.	* <u>Rebecca Beasly</u>	<u>1212 N. East Ave 708-310-0557.</u>
2.	<u>Ken Morrison</u>	<u>1204 N. East Ave. 708-524-2296</u>
3.	<u>Charlotte Bury</u>	<u>1205 N. East Ave. 708-445-3106.</u>
4.	<u>Mattias Dyer</u>	<u>1227 N. East Ave. 312-320-1282</u>
5.	<u>Jeremy C. Ruff</u>	<u>1224 N. East Ave. 224-622-0770</u>
6.	<u>Ben Webb</u>	<u>1228 N. East 773-501-4669.</u>
7.	<u>Juwana Conna</u>	<u>1200 N. East 708-692-8613.</u>
8.	<u>Paul DeJarnatt</u>	<u>1231 N East. 312-480-7229.</u>
9.	<u>Patticia Schneider</u>	<u>1208. N EAST 312-771-2613</u>
10.	<u>Emigeki Ortiz Ertz</u>	<u>1234 N. East 773-297-4991</u>
11.	<u>Karon Wood</u>	<u>1204 N. East 708-828-5567.</u>
12.	<u>Jamistrey Smith</u>	<u>1219 N. East Ave 708-275-6628.</u>
13.	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1201 N. East Ave 708-445-2427</u>
14.	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1221 N. East Ave 708-848-4110</u>
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This petition should be signed by residents representing at least 75% of the street frontage where the traffic regulations are being requested. Also, ATTACH A LETTER EXPLAINING WHY THIS PETITION IS BEING REQUESTED.

Return to: The Transportation Commission, Village of Oak Park, Public Works Center, 201 South Boulevard, Oak Park, IL 60302, Attention: Jill Juliano, Transportation Engineer

The Parking and Traffic Commission is an advisory body to the Village Board of Trustees and meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 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.

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Ms. Jill Juliano
Transportation Engineer
Village of Oak Park, Il.

August 2, 2015

I am the new owner of the property at 1235 N. East Ave. I purchased the property in March 2015, but have not moved in yet. I currently live in Cincinnati, Ohio, and plan on being here until my house sells. Hopefully I will be relocated to Oak Park by the end of the summer.

I am very much in favor of the proposed traffic study which could potentially result in a cul de sac or other improvement that would limit traffic on East Ave. The only reason my name isn't on the petition is that I haven't moved yet. Please count me as a "yes" vote in support of the traffic study.

Thanks very much.

Sincerely,



Thomas J. Lindsey
TJLindsey74@gmail.com
513-312-3241

1235 N. East Ave.
Oak Park, Il. 60302

516 Stanley Ave.
Cincinnati, Ohio
45226

To: Village of Oak Park Transportation Committee
Village of Oak Park, Engineering Division
From: Jonathan and Rebecca Beasley, 1212 N. East Avenue
Residents at 1200, 1201, 1204, 1205, 1208, 1209, 1212, 1219, 1224,
1227, 1228, 1231, 1234 and 1235 N. East Avenue
Date: July 25, 2015
RE: Cul-de-sac Petition

Overview

The residents of the 1200 block of N. East Avenue request that the Village of Oak Park and Transportation Committee consider the installation of a cul-de-sac. The residents have discussed and considered multiple approaches to mitigate safety and residential / commercial use concerns. We are confident the Village will help facilitate a solution for residents that will result in increased safety and community feel.

Current State

- Traffic diverters and cul-de-sacs are now installed on the 1200 block of every street between East Avenue and Ridgeland Avenue.
- A traffic signal is installed at the intersection of Columbian Avenue and North Avenue.
- As per the “Envision Oak Park Plan,” adopted September 2014, the 1200 block of N. East Avenue is identified as and serves as the only collector street for North Avenue.

Resident Issues and Concerns

• Safety

- East Avenue serves as a thoroughfare for traffic both within Oak Park and coming from North Avenue. Many cars utilize East Avenue to bypass North Avenue traffic congestion and avoid the traffic signals at the intersection of Columbian Avenue and North Avenue. These cars are often traveling at high speeds. East Avenue is a neighborhood street, home to 18 children, and should not serve as a cut-through street for North Avenue.
- Cars also leverage the east / west alley between East Avenue and North Avenue as a cut-through alley. Cars often speed through the alley at high speeds. This continues to be a safety concern as block residents have almost been hit by cars speeding through the alley. Residents have reported this activity to the Oak Park Police Department. While children are instructed to not ride bikes and scooters into the alley way, cars have in fact veered onto the sidewalk as evidenced by the shrub damage (Exhibit 6).
- N. East Avenue is now the nearest through street to Ridgeland between Oak Park Avenue and Ridgeland Avenue. Drivers use East Avenue as a short-cut from Division to North Avenue, especially for those traveling north on Narragansett. A cul-de-sac is installed at the 1200 block of Fair Oaks Avenue. Elmwood is blocked by Taylor Park and the jog at Berkshire and the diverter to slow/divert drivers; however, on East Avenue, drivers can turn off Division and simply have two stop signs to access

North Avenue. Drivers use East Avenue to avoid traffic on Oak Park Avenue and Ridgeland.

- There are 4 (four) homes with driveways on the east side of East Avenue (in the 1200 block). Often North Avenue business patrons parked on the west side of East Avenue leverage these driveways to turn around to head north back to North Avenue. This is a major safety concern as 9 (nine) children under the age of 10 live in these four homes (Exhibit 1).
 - North Avenue business patrons park in front of driveways and on occasion in front of the block fire hydrant (Exhibits 2 and 3). **This is a major safety concern.** Residents have called the police when this is witnessed but cannot be expected to monitor and patrol these types of safety concerns.
- ***Residential / Commercial Use***
- Many North Avenue patrons prefer to park on East Avenue although there is ample parking on North Avenue. This preference could be to avoid paying for parking. The 1200 block of North East Avenue should not serve as a parking lot for North Avenue businesses (Exhibit 4).
 - An influx of late night commercial patron parking has occurred due to EXP Gaming, 6549 North Avenue, Oak Park. This business is promoted as a gaming, social club and lounge and operates until 12 a.m. on Tuesday and 1 a.m. on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday (Exhibit 5). Restaurants with bars on Lake Street do not operate this late. The late night hours are a nuisance during the week. Young adults hang out in the alley on a regular basis to smoke and socialize. The proximity of this activity to residents homes is bothersome due to loud noise late into the evening / early morning. Additionally, this has also contributed to extra garbage (wrappers, plastic bottles, cigarette butts) found most mornings.
 - Additionally, personal property has been damaged at 1234 N. East Avenue, as shrubs have been destroyed by cars turning east into the alley at high rates of speed (Exhibit 6).
 - Many patrons of the health care clinic on North Avenue have caregivers who park on East Avenue and sit in the car for long periods of time waiting for the patron to return from the clinic. The residential feel of the block is diminished when North Avenue patron cars are parked on the block with individuals sitting in the car for long periods of time. Additionally, with the increase of home and garage burglaries, this practice increases the uneasiness and concern of the block residents. There have been several attempted and successful burglaries on the block within the last 12 months.
 - The excess of nonresident-parked cars increases the presence of litter and garbage both on the parkway and on the street. The residents are left to pick up garbage almost daily.

Resident Questions

- Was a traffic study conducted on East Avenue after the installation of the traffic diverters on Elmwood and Rossell? If so, the residents of the block would like to review the post-traffic study.

- Why are the 1200 and 1100 blocks of North Avenue designated as collector streets? The 1200 block of N. East Avenue serves as the only collector street for North Avenue. The 1200 block of N. East Avenue should not be designated as a collector street as there only residential homes. Unlike Columbian Avenue, there are no churches, schools or parks or commercial areas on N. East Avenue until OPRF High School (10 blocks to the south). OPRF High School commuters do not leverage the 1200 block of N. East Avenue to commute to the high school as only Oak Park residents may attend the high school. Additionally, East Avenue does not accommodate a bus transit route.

Summary

In summary, the residents of the 1200 block of N. East Avenue request the Village of Oak Park and Transportation Committee initiate the study required to determine the viability of the installation of a cul-de-sac to solve for safety and excessive commercial utilization of the block.

As per the 2014 "Envision Oak Park Plan," one of the objectives is to modernize traffic lights to reduce cut-through traffic on residential streets. The 1200 block of N. East Avenue is severely impacted by this issue and requires a remedy. Additionally, the overuse of the block by North Avenue commercial patrons impacts the community character and feel of the block.

PETITION FOR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

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

We further petition the Commission to regulate traffic in this manner: _____

INSTALL A TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICE

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

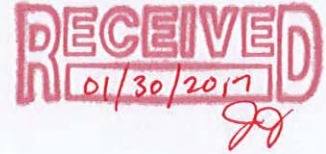
- | | Name | Address and Phone No. |
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| 1. * | AUDREY INGERSOLL | 1223 LINDEN AVE 773-484-7061 |
| 2. | Cheryl C. Stenson | 1204 LINDEN AVE 708-383-3703 |
| 3. | Walter J. Jr | 1200 Linden Ave 708-386-5761 |
| 4. | Ronald Jacobs | 1204 LINDEN AVE 312 545 3617 |
| 5. | Sue Rhombert | 1215 N Linden Ave 708-383-6688 |
| 6. | Jennifer Cunningham | 1222 N LINDEN AVE 708-386-5013 |
| 7. | CHO YENAG | 1231 |
| 8. | Kimberly Vivian | 1224 Linden Ave. 708-250-2022 |
| 9. | Pamela Sheppard | 1234 Linden Ave 708 606 5669 |
| 10. | Mary M. DeKorte | 1216 Linden Ave 708 250 3269 |
| 11. | MAT ARVANITES | 1221 LINDEN AVE OAK PARK 630-461- |
| 12. | Liam Young | 1215 Linden Ave OAK PARK 1560 707-467- |
| 13. | Eileen Fletcher | 1205 Linden Ave OAK PARK 8265 |
| 14. | Ruff Kahl | 1301 N. Linden Ave. O.P. |
| 15. | [Signature] | 1230 N. Linden AV O.P 312-852-2295 |

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The Transportation Commission
Attention: Jill Juliano
The Village of Oak Park
Public Works Center
201 South Boulevard, Oak Park, IL 60302



Transportation Commission:

This petition on behalf of the 1200 block of Linden Ave in Oak Park, IL is a call to action for the installation of a Traffic Calming Device on our residential street. Linden Ave is one of only two streets that have open access to North Ave. Open access to North Avenue has caused cars to divert to Linden Avenue for easier passage. High traffic and excessive car speeds have caused tremendous concern for the residents on Linden Ave.

We are requesting measures to reduce traffic and car speeds be taken to ensure the safety of our residents. The block of 1200 Linden is home to many families of which there are 16 young children. With children always outside to play it is of great concern that cars slow down.

It is our understanding that 1200 East Avenue is also seeking a speed calming device. We are asking that 1200 Linden be included in this action as any adjustments to this area must be evaluated holistically in order to benefit all residents. If a street calming device is only installed on 1200 East, it is our concern this would cause more cars to divert to 1200 Linden given we would be the only street remaining with open access to North Avenue.

Please see attached signed petition by all residents
Thank you for your consideration
Audrey Ingersoll
1223 Linden Ave



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 block of COLUMBIAN in the Village of Oak Park, Illinois.

We further petition the Commission to regulate traffic in this manner: _____

INSTALL BUMP-OUTS AT THE EAST-WEST
AWAY OR OTHER TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES

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

- | | Name | Address and Phone No. |
|------|--------------------------------|--|
| 1. * | <u>John Doka</u> | <u>1205 Columbian Ave 708-383-6546</u> |
| 2. | <u>Blaa</u> | <u>1204 Columbian Ave 330.219.7007</u> |
| 3. | <u>Michelle Benko</u> | <u>1213 COLUMBIAN AVE 708 738 3842</u> |
| 4. | <u>Tim Mubradu</u> | <u>1227 Columbian Ave 708-358-0625</u> |
| 5. | <u>CAMERON BEATLEY</u> | <u>1224 COLUMBIAN AVENUE 708</u> |
| 6. | <u>Mary Hausken</u> | <u>1220 COLUMBIAN AVE 708-386-6547</u> |
| 7. | <u>[Signature]</u> | <u>1218 COLUMBIAN AVE 708 386 9642</u> |
| 8. | <u>John [Signature]</u> | <u>1228 Columbian Ave 773 633 3447</u> |
| 9. | <u>[Signature]</u> | <u>1209 Columbian 708 386 3980</u> |
| 10. | <u>[Signature]</u> | <u>1217 COLUMBIAN 312 636 2344</u> |
| 11. | <u>Mary Schrautman (1+Dea)</u> | <u>1216 Columbian Ave</u> |
| 12. | <u>Lisa Pearl</u> | <u>1219 Columbian Ave 847 387 2829</u> |
| 13. | <u>[Signature]</u> | <u>1233 Columbian Ave 219-381-6866</u> |
| 14. | <u>[Signature]</u> | <u>1231 Columbian Ave 219-838-7200</u> |
| 15. | <u>[Signature]</u> | <u>1234 Columbian Ave 219-269-6196</u> |

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16. Kelly Hayden 1200 Columbian Oak Park 108 383 2811
17. Jennifer [Signature] 1200 Columbian Oak Park 708 383 2879

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 anecdotal evidence 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 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.

Sincerely,



LaTisha Foster
1205 Columbian Avenue

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 85th 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 85th 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 85th 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.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding the installation of traffic calming devices on the 1200 block of 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

1204 Columbian Ave

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Dear LaTisha and Julian

Thank you so much for passing this on to the traffic committee. We have lived on the block for 35 years and raised our 3 children and their many friends. Because the yards are small the children tend to play in the front. Because of the crossing walk on North Avenue countless schoolchildren use our block to go back and forth to 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



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

See attached

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

- List of 15 names and addresses: 1. * Richard A. Schen, 1209 N Euclid 312-394-1770; 2. Michael Sappone, 1211 N. Euclid 708-383-4988; 3. [Signature], 1205 N. Euclid Ave 708 383-2726; 4. [Signature], 1220 N Euclid Ave 708-288-2576; 5. DEBRA BECKETT, 1212 N. Euclid Ave. 708.289-8527; 6. DEBRA BECKETT, 1210 N. Euclid 708-386-3532; 7. ADDALYNN SKIPPER, 1206 D. Euclid 708-386-6289; 8. SERGIO FERRERO, 1201 N. Euclid Ave 708-386-415; 9. [Signature], 1217 N. Euclid Ave 773-381-2231; 10. RONNIE McNEESE, 1231 N. Euclid Oak Park, IL 60302; 11. Kelly Acquinta, 1225 N. Euclid Oak Park, IL 60302; 12. Ed Thompson, 1232 N. Euclid Oak Park, IL 60302; 13. Megan Cicola, 1230 N Euclid Ave Oak Park IL; 14. Alli Lamb, 1216 N Euclid Oak Park, IL 60302; 15. [Blank]

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 EXPLAINING WHY THIS PETITION IS BEING 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.

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