

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Transportation](#)
Cc: [John Ferguson](#)
Subject: Residents of 1000,1100 & 11500 Blocks of S Humphrey Ave - Traffic Calming Devices
Date: Monday, August 26, 2024 1:21:23 PM

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To Whom This May Concern:

I am responding to your letter dated August 22, 2024 regarding traffic calming devices on the 1000,1100 & 11500 Blocks of S Humphrey Ave. On the 1100 block of S Humphrey, our traffic issues are fivefold:

1. Speeding cars
2. Cars running the stop signs at the intersection of S Humphrey Ave & Harvard
3. Cars running the stop signs at the intersection of S Humphrey Ave & Filmore
4. Cars speeding through the alley on the East side of the 1100 block of S Humphrey Ave
5. Cars turning from S Austin heading Westbound onto Harvard. Turning from S Austin heading Westbound on Harvard is currently prohibited but not complied to.

When discussing traffic calming measure for our block, please also consider cars running stop signs at the intersections noted above. We have frequent near miss collisions at the intersection of S Humphrey & Harvard due to: 1) cars running the stop signs from all directions, and 2) difficulty seeing Southbound traffic traveling from the 1000 block to the 1100 block of S Humphrey Ave, due to overgrowth and new plantings on the Northside corner parkways at Harvard and S Humphrey Ave. Additionally, drivers who do not live on our block now use the alley on the East side of the 1100 block of S Humphrey Ave frequently speeding at 30 mph+

Given the issues noted above, we would like strategic solutions to:

1. Prevent traffic from running the stop signs at the a) S Humphrey Ave & Harvard intersection, and b) S Humphrey Ave & Filmore intersection
2. Reduce speeding on the 1100 S Humphrey Ave block
3. Reduce speeding in the alley of East of the 1100 S Humphrey Ave block
4. Improve seeing Southbound traffic at the intersection of S Humphrey & Harvard

We support the following Traffic Calming Measures:

- Permanent Speed Feedback Signs on the 1100 block of S Humphrey Ave
- Textured pavement (i.e. brick pavers) on the 1100 block of S Humphrey Ave
- Flashing Stop Signs
- High visibility crosswalks
- Roundabout at the intersections of 2 Humphrey Ave and Harvard and Filmore (Please note: We do not support Neckdown / Bulbouts)

Sincerely,
Neal Mori and John Ferguson
[REDACTED] S Humphrey Ave
Oak Park, IL 60304

Neal's Mobile: [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]

John's Mobile: [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]

From: [Ryan Trumpinski](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Subject: 1000 & 1100 S. Humphrey calming device petition
Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2024 9:22:44 AM

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Good morning,

I am the resident at [REDACTED] S. Humphrey Ave. I fully support this initiative as vehicles often speed through this block not only being dangerous, but also setting off car alarms disturbing the peace. I've lived here for only a year now, and I quickly discovered this block to be the alternate route of going south on Austin blvd. I would even support a dead-end on the northern end of Humphrey - where Humphrey meets Garfield. During rush hour, this block is extremely unsafe, loud and the opposite of what I was expecting to an Oak Park address.

Thank you,

Ryan Trumpinski
[REDACTED] S. Humphrey Ave
Oak Park, IL. 60304

From: [Natalie Bartolozzi](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Subject: RE: petition to implement traffic calming devices on the 1000 and 1100 block of South Humphrey Ave
Date: Thursday, August 29, 2024 9:49:40 AM

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Dear Committee Members,

I am writing in strong support of the petition to implement traffic calming devices on the 1000 and 1100 blocks of South Humphrey Avenue.

As a resident of this neighborhood, I am deeply concerned about the safety of our families and children due to the excessive speeding and reckless driving that occurs on these blocks. Our children deserve to be able to walk and play in their own neighborhood without fear of being injured or worse. The installation of traffic calming measures would create a safer environment for everyone, especially our most vulnerable residents.

I urge you to give this petition your full consideration and take immediate action to protect our families and children.

Thank you for your time and attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

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Natalie Bartolozzi



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*"she was unstoppable. not because she did not have failures or doubts.
but because she continued on despite them."*

■ [REDACTED]
■ [REDACTED]
■ [REDACTED]

From: [sarah lawton](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Cc: [Alma Martinez](#)
Subject: Re: Petition for Traffic Calming Devices on the 1000 and 1100 Blocks of S. Humphrey
Date: Thursday, August 29, 2024 10:04:03 AM

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To: The Village of Oak Park

My name is Sarah Lawton, I am a resident of Oak Park, and three of my children have at various times attended a daycare on the 1000 block of S. Humphrey Ave, Quetzali Childcare. The proprietors of this daycare make every effort to ensure the safety of the children in their care, but the traffic situation on this street has made not only the process of dropping the kids on and off, but also allowing the kids to walk to the park and enjoy the outdoors, increasingly dangerous.

These children are between the ages of 12 weeks and 6 years old. They absolutely deserve to be safe, and the attention of their parents and caretakers should be on them and their well-being, not the unsafe traffic conditions around the daycare.

I am absolutely in favor of the effort to install the traffic calming devices on this block, and hope you also appreciate that this is a very crucial and deserving application of why we all pay the taxes that we do in this community to keep our children safe and happy.

Best,

Sarah Lawton

From: [Ariana Puentes Graham](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Subject: Petition to Implement Traffic Calming Devices
Date: Thursday, August 29, 2024 12:25:31 PM

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Hello,

I'm providing you with my testimony, which is in support of implementing traffic calming devices on the 1000 and 1100 block of S Humphrey Ave. Unfortunately, I'm unable to attend the Transportation Commission meeting on Monday, September 9th, regarding this matter.

I think it's extremely important to keep our community members safe and allow them to comfortably get in and out of their cars and cross the street.

Thank you,
Ariana Graham

From: [Chad Sypkens](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Subject: Fw: Petition for Traffic Calming - Please Submit before Wed 9/4 at 5:00pm THANK YOU
Date: Thursday, August 29, 2024 12:36:42 PM

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

Alma Martinez sent me an email to sign a petition for traffic calming in Oak Park. Even though we moved to Wisconsin six years ago I find this effort of the utmost importance. It was a daily struggle. Please see my detailed experience below from our six years at [REDACTED] S. Humphrey Ave.....

Hello Alma

Thank you for sending the email regarding the Petition for Traffic Calming. My wife and I lived at [REDACTED] S Humphrey from 2015 to 2022. We have since moved up to Wisconsin.

One of the main issues we had while living on that block with close proximity to Austin was that drivers every day all day were absolutely flying down Humphrey and also down our alley behind the house trying to shortcut their way as fast as they can to get to Harvard and to access Austin. It was out of control. Both our cars had our car door mirrors hit and door dings by other cars speeding and driving recklessly. I saw many people almost get hit as well as several accidents on Humphrey and in the alley.

We had to keep our heads on a swivel and be on high alert from the time we started our car and opened the garage to back out until we were safely back in the garage and the door was closed.

Good luck with your petition. If they can place a temporary device in the alley I'm certain the residents who live on the 1000 and 1100 blocks would very much appreciate it. I'd also suggest that they completely block off the alley at the north end of 1100 so cars can't shortcut and drive 50+ mph putting lives in danger.

Regards,

Chad Sypkens

From: Alma Martinez <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2024 9:39 AM
Subject: Petition for Traffic Calming - Please Submit before Wed 9/4 at 5:00pm THANK YOU

Dear Neighbors,

I hope this message finds you well. I'm reaching out with an urgent request that directly impacts the safety of our Streets.

As many of you have noticed, our streets often feel like a race track! This is a serious concern for the safety of our children and families.

Attached, you will find a letter from the Village of Oak Park indicating that the Transportation Commission has finally scheduled a review of our petition to implement traffic-calming devices on the 1000 and 1100 blocks of South Humphrey Ave. The public hearing will take place on Monday, 9/9 at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers of Village Hall.

We understand that attending the hearing might not be possible for everyone, so we kindly ask that you submit your comments in writing via email at transportation@oak-park.us by **Wednesday, 9/4 at 5:00pm.**

We know everyone's schedule is busy, but this initiative will help ensure the safety of all our families. Your input is strongly encouraged and much appreciated.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU for your urgent attention to this matter!

Warm regards,

Alma Martinez

█ S Humphrey Ave.

From: [Chelsea Ridley](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Subject: Traffic Calming on 1000 and 1100 blocks of South Humphrey Ave
Date: Thursday, August 29, 2024 1:16:50 PM

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Hello,

I'm writing in favor of traffic calming measures on these blocks of Humphrey. My son's daycare is on this block and during pick up and drop off for the past 3 years I have witnessed numerous cars speeding down the street and have almost been hit by one of those cars myself. It seems people are trying to bypass austin to get to roosevelt by using humphrey but do so at highway speeds. I see people almost daily not stop at the stop sign between the two blocks as well. I hope you are able to install speedbumps to slow the speed of the street and encourage people to use the main streets.

Thanks,
Chelsea Ridley
Oak Park Resident.

From: [Kyra Cameron](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Cc: [Alma Martinez](#)
Subject: Petition to implement traffic-calming devices on the 1000 and 1100 blocks of South Humphrey Ave
Date: Thursday, August 29, 2024 7:18:33 PM

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

Greetings,

I write to the Department of Transportation for Oak Park in regards to the 1000 and 1100 blocks of South Humphrey Ave. Both of my young children attend daycare at a home based daycare on this block. It is very concerning how many times I have had to swerve out of the way of speeding cars while dropping off or picking up my children. Cars often turn off of 290 expressway, and barrel down Humphrey in rush to their next location, not caring how their behavior affects the local family based community of the block.

These two blocks urgently need a change. Ideas include: speedbumps, speed cameras, changing these blocks into one ways going North so that cars cannot turn onto them directly from Garfield Ave.

Thank you,

Kyra Bestor


From: [Colleen Seaton](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Cc: [Jp](#)
Subject: traffic calming device 1100 block of S Humphrey
Date: Saturday, August 31, 2024 4:57:47 PM

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Dear Transportation Commission,

We have been residents of the 1100 block of S Humphrey for 3 years. It was a shock when we first moved in how fast cars drove down the road and it made us nervous to allow our 2 young kiddos to be in our front yard or on their bikes even on the sidewalk. Traffic is heavy in this part of Oak Park with access to Roosevelt and Austin with the entrance to 290.

We welcome all devices that can be used to make drivers more aware of their surroundings and to force them to slow down.

Thank you for helping make our block safer.

Kind regards,
Colleen Seaton & Dan Pietrus

From: [John Ferguson](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Cc: [Neal Mori](#)
Subject: Traffic Calming Devices- S Humphrey
Date: Saturday, August 31, 2024 5:25:13 PM

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

I've been a resident of the 1100 block of S Humphrey for 26 years and have witnessed too many close calls with residents, and killed pets because too many drivers treat S Humphrey as their own personal race track. In addition to the high speeds, people blow through the stop signs as if they weren't there. All of this is made more appalling because Village Hall has repeatedly turned a blind eye to the dangers that my community faces because of the reckless drivers. During my 26 years here, my fellow neighbors and I have submitted countless petitions, complaints to the police, and complaints to the village board, only to be ignored time and time again. Enough is enough! The transportation commission must take action. If you don't, the next close call, or worse will be on you.

Meaningful traffic calming devices must be installed on S Humphrey to protect the lives and properties of the residents!

> John H. Ferguson, V
> [REDACTED] S. Humphrey Avenue
> Oak Park, IL 60304

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From: [Kelly Turner](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Subject: Petition for 1000-1100 S Humphrey Block Traffic Calming Devices
Date: Saturday, August 31, 2024 5:53:17 PM

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

Dear Oak Park Transportation Commission,

I send this email in support of the petition to implement traffic calming devices on the 1000 block of S. Humphrey Ave. (and 1100 S. as well), as I will be unable to attend the public meeting on Sept. 9.

I have lived on the 1000 S. Humphrey block since May 2021. There is a crazy number of cars that speed down our block, seeming to be cutting through as a short cut to Austin or Roosevelt, likely seeking to avoid traffic on Garfield. Even with a stop sign at Harvard, cars speed down the block heading south, in particular, although many speed north up the street to Garfield as well. With children on the block, including a day care, and also many homes with dogs, whatever steps you can take to slow down drivers would be appreciated.

We welcome all devices that can be used to force drivers to slow down on our block.

Thank you for helping make our blocks safer.

Kelly Turner
[REDACTED] S. Humphrey

From: [Lexy Barone](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Subject: Traffic calming devices
Date: Monday, September 2, 2024 7:55:49 AM

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

Dear Transportation Commission,

We have been residents of the 1100 block of S Humphrey for 3 years. It was a shock when we first moved in how fast cars drove down the road and it made us nervous to allow our 2 year old to be in our front yard or on his scooter even on the sidewalk. Traffic is heavy in this part of Oak Park with access to Roosevelt and Austin with the entrance to 290.

People also use our alley as a bypass oftentimes and speed through way too fast.

We welcome all devices that can be used to make drivers more aware of their surroundings and to force them to slow down.

Thank you for helping make our block safer.

Kind regards,

Lexy and Nick Barone

From: [Elsa Lucas](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Subject: Traffic Calming Request- 1000/1100 S Humphrey
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2024 1:46:32 PM

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

Dear OP Transportation,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the safety of children and families in the vicinity of Quetzali Childcare LLC. The high volume of traffic and speed of vehicles in front of the daycare create a significant risk to pedestrians, especially young children.

I kindly request that you consider implementing traffic calming measures in this area. This could include:

- **Reduced speed limits:** Lowering the speed limit would help to ensure vehicles are traveling at a safe pace.
- **Pedestrian crosswalks:** Clearly marked crosswalks would make it safer for pedestrians to cross the street.
- **Speed humps or speed bumps:** These physical barriers would force drivers to slow down.
- **Increased signage:** Warning signs could alert drivers to the presence of a daycare and remind them to be cautious.

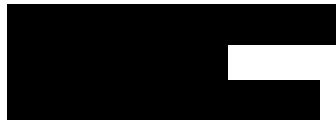
The safety of our children is paramount. I believe that these traffic calming measures would significantly improve the safety of the area around Quetzali.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,
Elsa

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Elsa Lucas



From: [Jim and Marge](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Subject: safe travels on our block
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2024 6:44:20 PM

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

Dear Transportation Commissioners,

We have lived on the 1100 Block of South Humphrey since 1977. We raised our children on this block along with many other families.

Although our children have moved on we are now enjoying our retirement here with new families moving into the neighborhood with

their young children. We are concerned about the steady flow of speeding traffic. We are the gateway to Austin and I290 via the Harvard exit.

The "street bump" on the 1150 block has not impeded the the race to get to the next corner and the Harvard exit. Please do whatever is possible

to help our residential blocks be a safe place to raise children and keep us seniors safe.

Best regards,

James and Margaret Massarello
[REDACTED] S. Humphrey Ave.

From: [Cameron, Richard R](#)
To: [Transportation](#); [REDACTED]
Subject: Support of Petition for Traffic Calming Measures on the blocks of 1000 to 1100 S Humphrey
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2024 6:49:45 PM

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

I write here to express my support for Traffic Calming Measures on the blocks of 1000 to 1100 S Humphrey.

Why?

I pick up my two grandsons at least twice a week from the excellent daycare of Quetzali Childcare located at 1020 S. Humphrey. On more than one occasion, as I attempted to put my grandson Frankie into his car seat, I have had to stop and step away from the street while holding my grandson in order to avoid a car heading south on S Humphrey at an excessive rate of speed. Cars and other vehicles often turn down S. Humphrey after getting off of the Eisenhower as they work their way through side streets south and they usually seem in an needless rush to get to their destination. Traffic calming should reduce or eliminate the risks these fast moving car pose to children and their families on the 1000 to 1100 blocks of S Humphrey.

- Richard Cameron

From: [Alma Martinez](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Subject: Request for Traffic-Calming Devices on the 1000 and 1100 Blocks of South Humphrey Including Adjacent Alleys
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2024 7:24:06 PM

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

Dear Transport Department/City Traffic Engineer,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to formally request the implementation of traffic-calming devices on the 1000 and 1100 blocks of South Humphrey, as well as the adjacent alleys in our neighborhood.

The safety of our community, especially the children and families, has become a growing concern due to the excessive speed of vehicles in this area. Our street is located near the expressway, and many drivers exit and immediately accelerate through our Humphrey Blocks.

Additionally, several vehicles have been observed cutting through the alleys, further increasing the danger to pedestrians. These actions pose significant risks. There have been multiple incidents where cars have come dangerously close to children and their families, creating unsafe conditions.

Despite our best efforts to ensure the safety of our daycare community, we believe that permanent traffic-calming measures, such as speed humps, signage, speed monitors, police cameras, a cul-de-sac, and complete closure of the alley such as the one located in the 1100 S Austin, are necessary to effectively address this issue.

We kindly request that the Transport Department conducts an assessment of this area and considers implementing the appropriate traffic-calming devices to ensure the safety of all residents and visitors. We are more than willing to collaborate with you in any way necessary to expedite this process.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. We appreciate your consideration and look forward to working together to make our community a safer place. Sincerely

Respectfully

Alma Martinez, *Owner*.

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S Humphrey Ave. Oak Park IL 60304

From: [Quinn Stephens](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Subject: Traffic calming for 1100 block of S Humphrey Ave
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2024 10:43:16 PM

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

Hello, my name is Quinn Stephens and I live at [REDACTED] S Humphrey Ave with my wife and two daughters. We are very pleased to learn the village is considering interventions to ease traffic speeds on our block. While our street is a quiet one with a lot of families and children, we frequently see and hear cars roaring down it at reckless and frightening speeds. It's particularly jarring considering how otherwise safe our neighborhood feels, and it makes us very nervous when our girls are playing outside or walking to school.

It's clear that our proximity to the 290 ramp, as well as Austin and Roosevelt being major thoroughfares, provide the main source of these unsafe drivers. As such I don't think any of the low-level calming options like a speed limit display or community education are likely to have much of an effect—we need physical deterrents that make it difficult or impossible to drive down the street that fast. I don't expect this will be more than a minor inconvenience for local drivers like ourselves but it will keep us and our kids much safer. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Quinn Stephens