


**From:** [Jim & Nenette Egeberg](#)  
**To:** [Transportation](#)  
**Subject:** home ave traffic calming  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 25, 2023 6:35:16 AM

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We support the implementation of traffic calming devices on Home Ave.

Jim and Nenette Egeberg  
 Wenonah Ave

**From:** [Ted Sorensen](#)  
**To:** [Transportation](#)  
**Cc:** [Estela Sorensen](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Petition to implement traffic calming devices - 1100 block of Home Ave  
**Date:** Thursday, July 27, 2023 1:31:42 PM

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Hello,

I am reaching out as a resident of Oak Park, and, more specifically, of [REDACTED] Home Ave. My wife and I love our block and the community as a whole - truly, there is no other place that we would wish to put roots down and raise our family.

That being said, we have been alarmed by the sheer volume of reckless driving in our immediate vicinity. We have noted dangerous driving on several occasions - including (but not limited to) motorists speeding down our stretch of Home Ave (often 10-15+ MPH over the limit) and blowing through stop signs.

We have an (almost) two year old son and are expecting baby number two in late November. **Given our situation and in consideration of the many young children on our street and in the surrounding blocks, the level of reckless driving is a huge concern and a threat to our safety.** This is not even to mention the many school-aged children who walk to and from Lincoln Elementary each day.

Put simply, **it is absolutely imperative that the village step in to implement traffic calming measures before a tragedy occurs.**

Many drivers utilize our blocks as a shortcut to avoid traffic and construction along Roosevelt and Harlem Ave, specifically. This has led to a noticeable uptick in dangerous behavior and a fundamental lack of respect for our neighborhood from those passing through.

Though I will be unable to attend the hearing taking place on 8/8, I would implore the Transportation Commission to heed this call to action and implement safety measures to protect the most vulnerable members of our block and the broader Oak Park community. We will look forward to learning more about the measures that will be taken as a next step.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions.

Sincerely,

Ted and Estela Sorensen  
[REDACTED] Home Ave  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [Cristine Vesely](#)  
**To:** [Transportation](#)  
**Subject:** Traffic Calming on Home Ave  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 29, 2023 11:18:11 AM

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As a resident of the 1100 block of Wisconsin Ave, I understand why Home Ave residents might want some traffic calming measures. We, too, have the speed racers along the block, and the barely-register stop sign scofflaws.

My concern is that now our block will be the only one proximate to Harlem Ave with no traffic calming. Please address this issue for the residents of the 1100 block of Wisconsin, as well.

Cristine Vesely  
[REDACTED] Wisconsin

**From:** [Carol Bernacchi](#)  
**To:** [Transportation](#)  
**Subject:** Comment on Traffic Calming Measures for 1100 Home Avenue  
**Date:** Thursday, September 7, 2023 12:38:34 PM

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I will not attend the Traffic Commission meeting on September 12, 2023. Here is my comment to the Commission. Please confirm receipt. Thank you.

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As a longtime resident of the 1100 block of Home Avenue, I would like to comment on the Traffic Commission's suggested measures to calm traffic. Speeding is a problem on the block, and I wholeheartedly support traffic calming to protect our families and our property. However, I am not convinced that the proposed measures are the right solution for us. Here are my concerns after I read the recommendations described in the Transportation Commission minutes of August 8, 2023, and in a private email from Steven Pausch in which he explained a mid-block pinch point, a short chicane, and an extended chicane.

- (1) Will pinch points and chicanes affect snow removal and leaf pick-up?
- (2) Will these measures affect firetruck access?
- (3) Is the cost of building pinch points and chicanes within the Village budget? Or will there be a fee added to another municipal bill? For example, there is a service charge currently applied to our water bills that was intended to pay for the renovation of alleys, as I was informed a few years ago by a Village employee.
- (4) The elimination of up to four parking spaces on each side of the street seems excessive. Many residents park their vehicles in front of their homes. Should one or more households require a handicapped parking space in the future, available parking would shrink further. The removal of four spaces on each side, I believe, would create an inconvenience for residents, especially seniors, and for their guests.
- (5) Will these measures affect the safety of bicyclists and runners? It is fair to say that Home Avenue has light non-vehicular traffic, sometimes in organized groups (apparently, biking/running clubs). I believe that our street is used more than other north-south streets because it offers a pedestrian bridge over the Eisenhower Expressway and because at Home Avenue and Roosevelt Road there is a pedestrian-activated traffic control device for crossing into Berwyn (no stoplight). Home Avenue then runs through Berwyn, eventually leading to bicycle trails further southwest. The bicyclists I have seen on Home Avenue include serious enthusiasts, students, workers, shoppers, people on motorized bikes, family groups of bicyclists, and adults pulling children in bike trailers. I did not find an explanation of "bicycle friendly" in the Commission's posted documents.
- (6) Will these measures complicate intermittent congestion that already occurs on the

block? The Transportation Commission may be aware that when both sides of Home Avenue have cars parked on them, congestion occurs when traffic picks up. This is typically in late afternoons and on weekends. Bottlenecks may form. That is, the street is not extraordinarily wide to allow two cars traveling in opposite directions to easily drive through at the same time, when cars are parked directly opposite each other on both sides of the street. It may be possible for two cars to squeeze through at the same time, but most traffic slows down before the narrowing, and it is not unusual to see one vehicle stop and yield to an oncoming vehicle for easy pass-through. If a neckdown (pinch point) is installed as shown in Exhibit A of the Transportation Commission minutes dated August 8, 2023, it may complicate this already tight situation. Chicanes may have the same effect. Not all drivers are yielding, so I question the safety and efficacy of this kind of solution when the street is already narrowed by parked cars.

In conclusion, I believe that these concerns should be examined by the Traffic Commission before making its decision if it has not already done so. It is my position that we should use the most simple, least drastic, and least costly measures to calm traffic as long as they work. Would rumble strips achieve slower traffic? Another solution might be increased signage: "Slow down -- Children at play" and "Watch your speed -- We do" could help with awareness; radar speed signs with flashing feedback warnings seem that they would be effective; "Speed limit enforced by radar" alongside a speed limit sign might give a stronger message. Another more impactful measure could be diversion of traffic away from 1100 Home Avenue using right or left-turn only signs during certain times of the day, although the experts would need to evaluate the effect on neighboring streets. These remedies could be tried for a certain period of time and results evaluated in six to twelve months to determine if our objective has been achieved.

Thank you for giving residents the opportunity to make comments about your proposals. We have a great block that deserves a safe street.

Carol Bernacchi

■ Home Avenue