

Attachment A
Letter of Explanation

TO: Village of Oak Park

RE: Request for Traffic Calming Measure 500-600 Block of Belleforte Avenue

FROM: Bill Rohlfing, [REDACTED] Belleforte Avenue

W. [Handwritten Signature]

Peter Thompson, [REDACTED] Belleforte Avenue

Peter B. Thompson

High-speed traffic on the 500-600 block of Belleforte Avenue is a danger to children, pets, and senior citizens.

This stretch of Belleforte Avenue is one quarter-mile long, giving irresponsible drivers the opportunity to reach excessive speeds—as much as an estimated 40mph or even 50mph.

Accordingly we request that the Village install a traffic-calming device to protect ourselves and our neighbors.

Please see petition attached.

Attachment B
Public Testimony

Shrivastava, Anmol

From: Lindsey Naughton [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2026 11:14 AM
To: Transportation
Subject: Regarding Petition to Implement Traffic Calming Devices at 500 & 600 Block of Belleforte

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

To the Members of the Commission,

I am writing to provide my formal input regarding the petition for the 500 block of Belleforte. As a resident of [REDACTED] Belleforte for over 12 years, I have first-hand experience with the escalating traffic and safety issues on our street. Unfortunately, I am unable to attend the upcoming meeting in person, but I request that the following recommendations be entered into the record:

- **Parking Restrictions & Flow:** Our street is significantly narrower than neighboring Forest and Woodbine. The current "parking on both sides" policy frequently turns the block into a "one car at a time" gauntlet, which is difficult to navigate. I propose **limiting parking to one side of the street for the entire block** and implementing a **two-hour parking limit** on the southern half of the 500 block to curb cut-through traffic.
- **Speed Mitigation:** We frequently observe reckless driving and high speeds during off-hours. I ask the Village to consider **Speed Feedback Signage** to deter speeding and improve the safety of our residential environment.
- **Intersection Safety (Belleforte & Chicago Ave):** There is a persistent safety hazard at the corner of Chicago and Belleforte. When heading south, a vehicle parked in the final spot on the corner completely obstructs the view of westbound traffic. To prevent drivers from having to nose into oncoming traffic to see, I urge the Village to **remove the final parking spot at this corner** to restore visibility.

Thank you for your time and for considering these measures to improve the safety of our block.

Sincerely,

Lindsey Naughton [REDACTED] Belleforte Ave.

Shrivastava, Anmol

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2026 8:47 AM
To: Transportation
Subject: petition to implement traffic calming devices at the 500-600 block of Belleforte Avenue.

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Dear Members of the Commission,

My name is Suzanne Dubin, and I and my husband Bruce have lived at [REDACTED] Belleforte Avenue for almost 29 years. I am writing to provide my input regarding traffic on our street as unfortunately I will be out of town during the commission meeting on April 13, 2026.

I fully recognize that there are limits to what The transportation Commission can do as enhanced traffic calming on one block leads to increased traffic frustration on neighboring blocks. With full respect to your challenges, I still would like to point out the following serious safety concern.

The intersection at Chicago and Belleforte has grown increasingly hazardous. Having turned onto and off of this intersection for decades, I believe the following two issues need to be addressed:

- **Sight lines are blocked by cars parked on the north side of Chicago Avenue, east of the intersection near the corner.** With the increased popularity of SUVs over the past decades, their height blocks visualizing oncoming traffic more than it has in the past. Furthermore, many drivers park a good foot from the curb, legal but further impeding sightlines. Exiting our street has become a dangerous game of inching out to see the traffic and has become quite frightening, often with oncoming westbound traffic blaring their horns at us because they think we are attempting to cross. *I therefore suggest you restripe the curb just east of Chicago on the north side, making the closest parking spot one space east.*
- **Parking congestion on the south end of Belleforte, close to the intersection near Chicago, has created a dangerous chokepoint.** Cars park to the corner leaving an opening for vehicle traffic of one car width. A car can leave Belleforte OR turn onto it, but only one car at a time. Many times I have turned left to get onto my street and been blocked by a car that rapidly pulled up exiting Belleforte. We all do a dangerous dance of hesitation and maneuvering to through this chokepoint, made even more difficult by the phenomenon of drivers on WB Chicago, seeing Marion turning yellow ahead, speeding up right before Belleforte to attempt to make the light. What has changed since years past is (1) sadly drivers are more aggressive and impatient in general and (2) the increased business growth on Chicago Ave has led to many employees and customers parking close to the corner of Belleforte, squeezing in right before the crosswalk. I recognize that the west side of Belleforte is “no parking to corner” but compliance has been poor since the opening of the dog grooming salon and Broken Tart around the corner – many folks think it is acceptable to park there for “just a sec” while they run their quick errand. In aggregate it has a pretty big effect on the corner safety. Recognizing that we need some parking near the retail area, even if it inconveniences residents, *I nonetheless suggest that you make both the east and west sides of the south end of 500-600 Belleforte “no parking” to a distance of perhaps 1/3 the way up the block (significantly past the alley) to keep the corner clear for turns. Furthermore I suggest increased parking patrols because of the tendency to park illegally to*

engage in business on Chicago Ave. I make this recommendation even though I know it would actually push parking closer to my home, but we need that intersection clear. In a perfect world *I would also suggest "2 hour only" parking (common in many areas close to a retail area such as Lake/Marion) to reduce all day parkers.*

These are the items that seem easy to remedy, relatively speaking. However I would be remiss if I didn't also mention that speeds on our street are excessive, particularly during rush hour. Once again, I think it's the phenomenon of westbound Chicago drivers, seeing lights changing up ahead, make an impulsive right turn to take a shortcut to Augusta. (side note, that right turn is into the chokepoint I mentioned in the second bullet, and once they've gotten past the obstacles they take out their frustration and lost time by accelerating rapidly). Any remediation you can provide would greatly improve the safety of our street.

Thank you for your attention, and please feel free to reach out if you have any question.

Shrivastava, Anmol

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[REDACTED]

From: Cynthia Harris [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2026 7:10:47 PM (UTC+00:00) Monrovia, Reykjavik
To: Pautsch, Steve <SPautsch@oak-park.us>
Subject: Traffic calming 500-600 Belleforte

Dear Sir,

I am writing to oppose the parking restrictions on the 500-600 block of Belleforte that some of my neighbors are advocating. From my perspective as a relatively new neighbor, this addresses a problem that doesn't exist and instead, creates a new problem.


In the almost three years I have lived here, I seldom recall seeing anyone speeding down Belleforte.

Sure, with parking on both sides, it can be a little tight, but that actually slows traffic. I notice in driving down side streets in Oak Park, that many streets are very tight, for example, Kenilworth south of Lake St.

I am opposed to parking restrictions on our block. If you DID have them on the west side of the street, that would be unfair to the west side, and likewise for the east side.

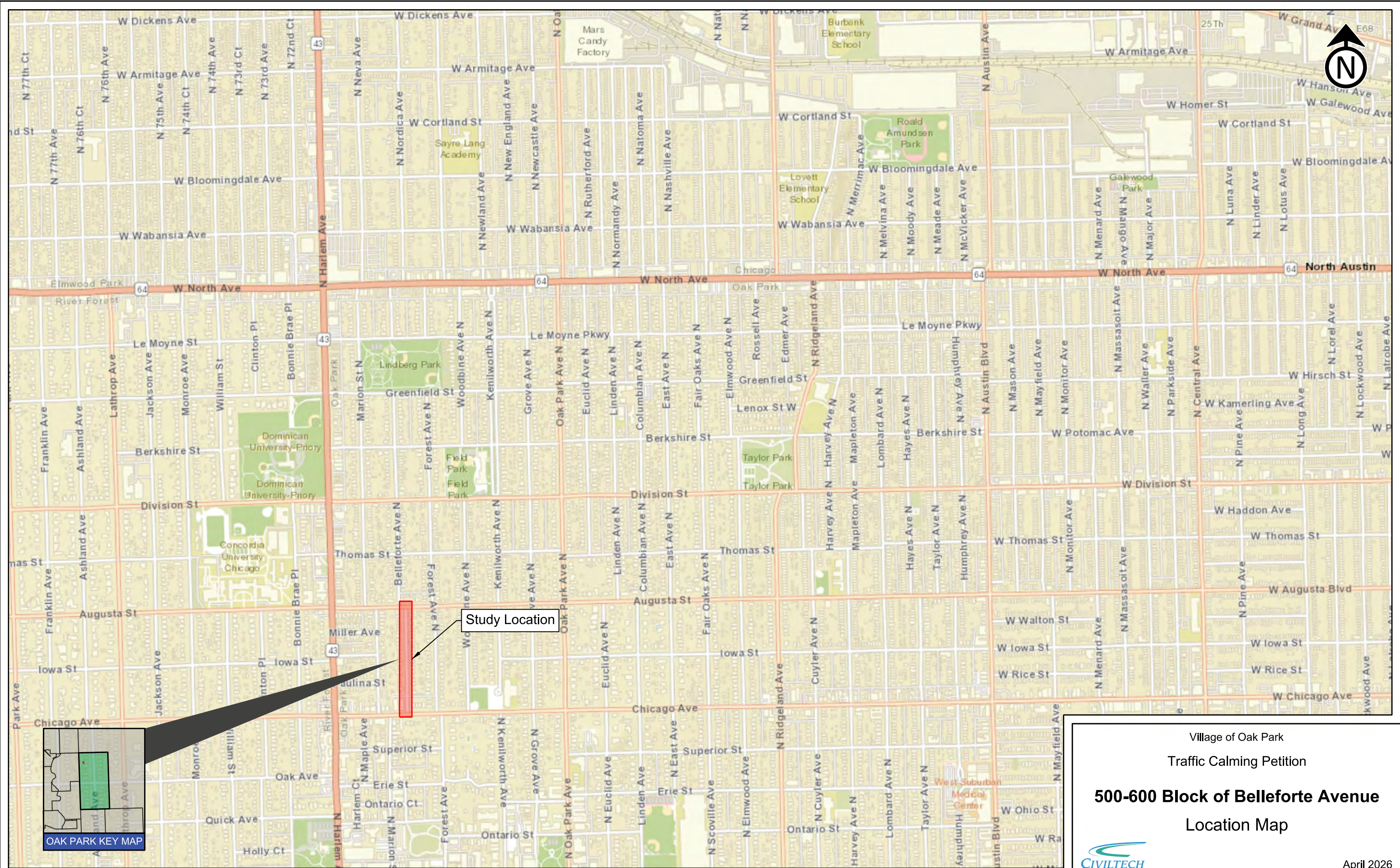
I am especially opposed to a two hour parking limit. That means that if a resident or their visitors exceed the two hours, they invite a parking ticket. I live in a 2-flat building, so the residents of my building cannot simply pull into the driveway and leave our car there as many of the neighbors do.

And finally, how would limiting parking on both sides of the street curtail cut through traffic? As I see it, it would encourage it.

Regards, Cynthia Ayoub Harris  Belleforte

Attachment C

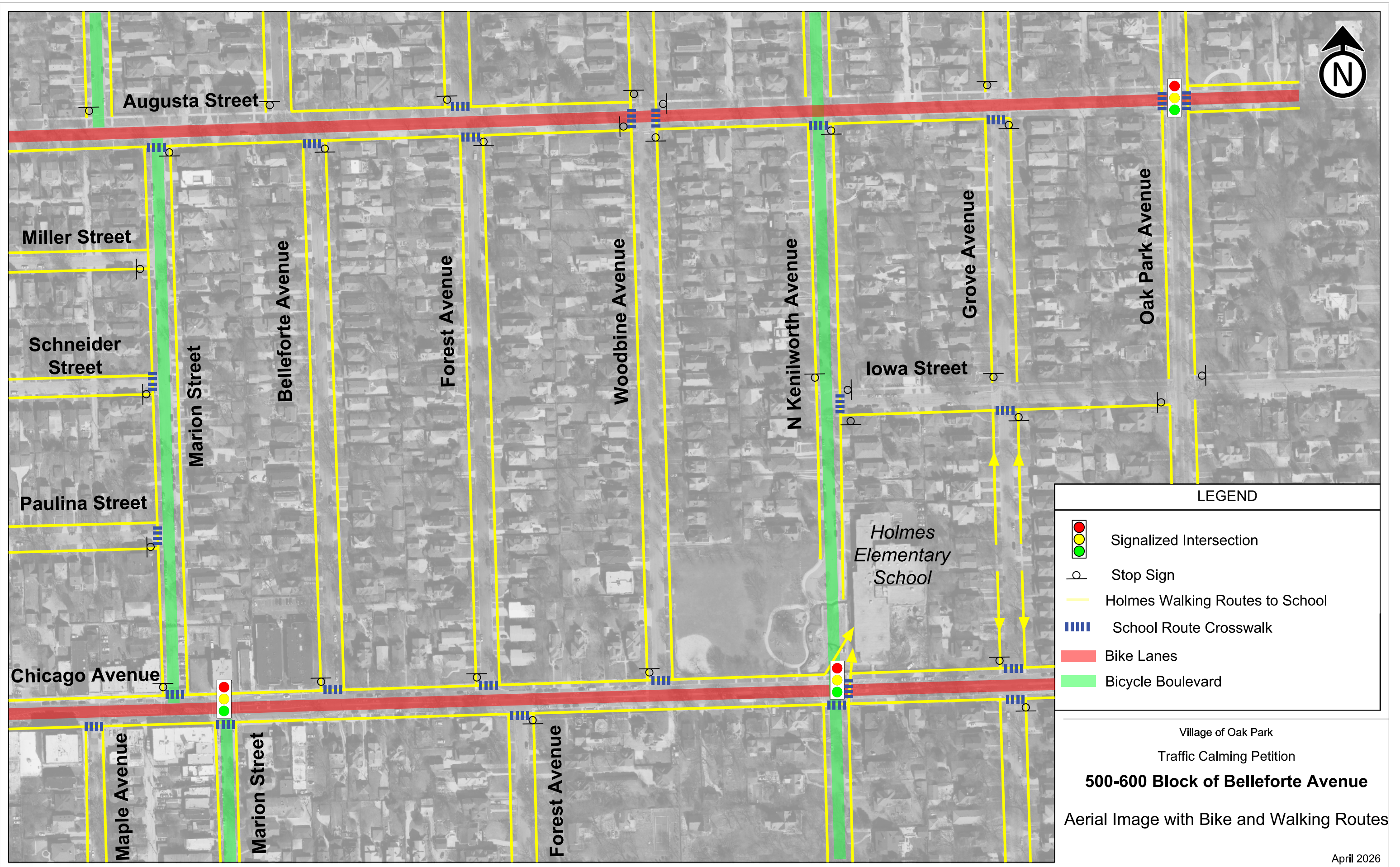
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





Study Location

Village of Oak Park
 Traffic Calming Petition
500-600 Block of Belleforte Avenue
 Location Map



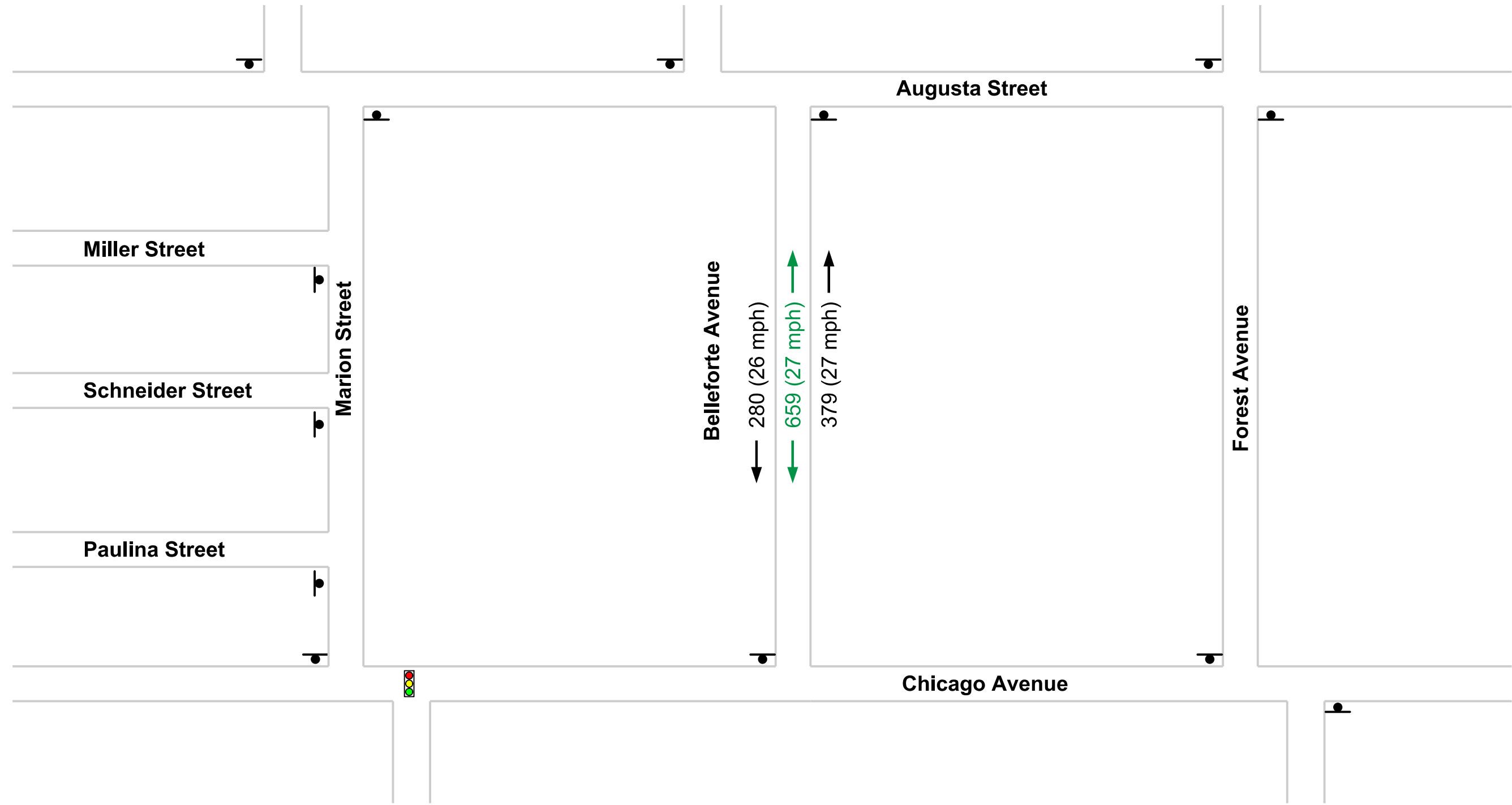


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-  Signalized Intersection
-  Stop Sign
-  Holmes Walking Routes to School
-  School Route Crosswalk
-  Bike Lanes
-  Bicycle Boulevard

Village of Oak Park
 Traffic Calming Petition
500-600 Block of Belleforte Avenue
 Aerial Image with Bike and Walking Routes

Attachment D
Speed and
Volume Data



LEGEND

Count Date: February 4 and 5, 2026
(Wednesday and Thursday)


← XXX (YY mph) → Bi-Directional Volume
(85th Percentile Speed)

XXX (YY mph) → Volume
(85th Percentile Speed)

● Stop Sign 🚦 Traffic Signal

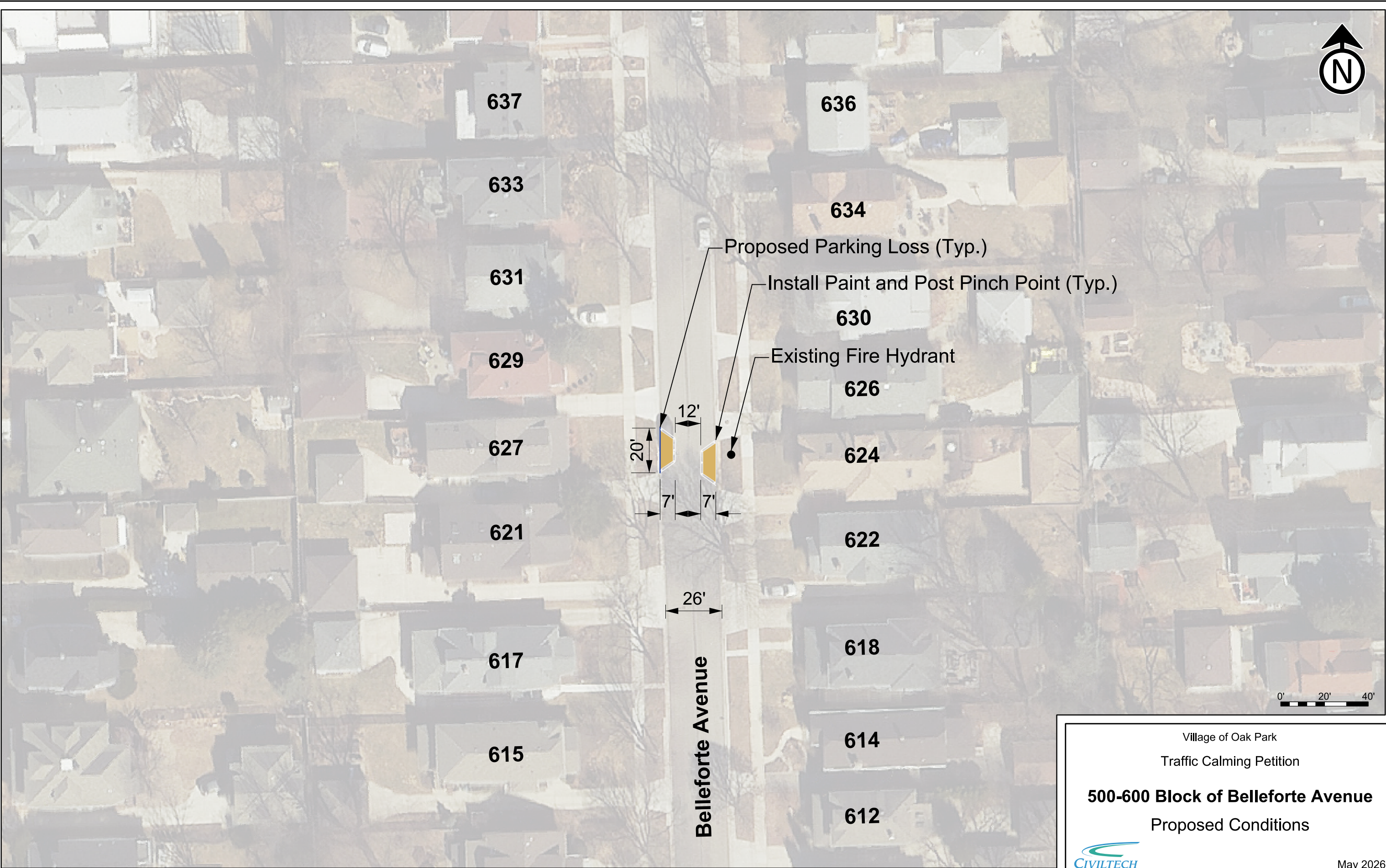
Village of Oak Park
Traffic Calming Petition

ADT and Speed Data
500-600 Block of Belleforte Avenue




April 2026
Not to Scale

Attachment E
Recommended Improvements



Village of Oak Park
Traffic Calming Petition
500-600 Block of Belleforte Avenue
Proposed Conditions



May 2026

Attachment F
Meeting Minutes

Draft Minutes
Transportation Commission
Oak Park Village Hall
April 14, 2026
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair Holzberg, Commissioners Jenkins, Johnston-Ahlen, Eskin

ABSENT: Commissioners Johnson and Nudelman

STAFF PRESENT: Assistant Village Engineer Chris Welch, CivilTech Consultant Steve Pautsch,

Roll Call: Chair Holzberg called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m.

Jenna Holzberg	Present
Jack Eskin	Present
Jason Jenkins	Present
Erika Johnson	Absent
Julie Johnston-Ahlen	Present
Jason Nudelman	Absent
VACANCY	N/A

Agenda Approval: Commissioner Eskin made a motion approving the agenda with the removal of the approval of the March 9 meeting minutes and Commissioner Jenkins seconded it. – Vote passed unanimously

Non-Agenda Public Comment:

None

New Business

- a) Traffic Calming petition for 500-600 Block of North Bellaforte

CivilTech Consultant Steven Pautsch gave a summary of peak hour traffic and pedestrian data collected on the blocks. Traffic data did not show a noticeable speeding problem and the accident history of the intersection did not show any correctable trends. The recommendation from Staff is the installation of a speed feedback sign facing NB traffic and the installation of high visibility crosswalks at the Chicago and Augusta intersections.

Public Comment:

Kathy English from the 600 Block of North Bellaforte spoke in support of further traffic calming
Ranga Bodla from the 500 Block of North Bellaforte spoke in support of the proposed changes
Peter Thompson from the 500 Block of North Bellaforte spoke in support of the proposed changes
Mary Tobin from the 500 Block of North Bellaforte spoke in support of the proposed changes
Richard Young from the 600 Block of North Bellaforte spoke in support of the proposed changes
Bill Rohlfing from the 600 Block of North Bellaforte spoke in support of the proposed changes
Nicole Giucciards from the Block of North Bellaforte spoke in opposition of the proposed changes

The Commission discussed additional steps that could be taken on the block to control speeding and address sight issues at the corners.

Commissioner Jenkins gave a Motion to approve the proposed plan with the addition of installing a chicane midblock on the 600 block and installing signage to daylight the corners at Augusta and Chicago on Bellaforte and the parking on the north side of Chicago Ave west of the intersection with Bellaforte. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Eskin and passed unanimously.

b) Traffic Calming Petition on the 1200 block of Forest

CivilTech Consultant Steven Pautsch gave a summary of peak hour traffic and pedestrian data collected on the block for this petition and reviewed data collected in 2024 as part of the Northwest Area traffic study. Traffic data showed a low volume for typical residential blocks, did not show a speeding problem and there were no accidents recorded in the 5-year period leading up to the study. The data did show a trend of wrong way traffic down the one-way street. The recommendation from Staff is the installation of modified signage at the intersection of Forest and North Avenue to further alert eastbound drivers of the dead end that occurs at the alley to further dissuade intentional cut through traffic.

Rance Clouser from the 1200 Block of North Forest spoke in opposition to the proposed solution
Stephanie Sullivan from the 1200 Block of North Forest spoke in support of the proposed changes
Jennifer Sage from the 1200 Block of North Forest spoke in support of further changes
Brett Geschke from the 1200 Block of North Forest spoke in support of the proposed changes

The commission extensively discussed the wrong way traffic issues on the street and the shortcomings of the tools in the traffic calming toolbox to address these issues. The commission discussed several novel approaches to controlling the one-way traffic before settling on approving the staff recommendations and requesting further study during summer months to evaluate the issue. Staff notified the commission that such a request would not be ready for review until fall 2026 at the earliest

Commissioner Eskin made a motion approving the implementation of recommended changes and requesting further study of the wrong way traffic on the block. The motion passed unanimously.

c). A day in our Village

The commission expressed a desire to staff a table at A Day in Our Village this year, will coordinate staffing and table contents this month.

Old Business

Commissioner Jenkins motioned to adjourn which was seconded by Commissioner Johnston-Ahlen and passed unanimously.

Adjourn 9:36 pm