

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Transportation](#)
Cc: [Pautsch, Steve](#)
Subject: Traffic Calming
Date: Tuesday, March 26, 2024 11:59:59 AM

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Steven and the Transportation Commission,
I am writing in response to the recent letter received regarding the petition to implement traffic calming devices on the 600 block of Gunderson. As I live on the 500 block of Gunderson, the concern is how these devices will negatively impact our block and the surrounding area.

Recently, a new apartment building was erected at 435 Madison. Residents were concerned about the increased traffic the apartment building would generate. It was communicated to us that the traffic studies showed it would have little impact. Unfortunately, there has been much more traffic and added street parking in our area, especially on the 500 block of Gunderson. Now we are dealing with the outcome of the approval of a 5 story building that was originally denied by the village plan commission.

It also appears that there has been considerably more traffic resulting from the Oak Park Madison road diet. Prior to the road diet, there was not a need to circumvent Madison to escape the congestion. Now with the back-ups waiting for the lights at East and Ridgeland, cars are regularly turning off of Madison to escape traffic. The new Pete's that is being developed on Madison will surely bring even more cars and traffic to the area.

Oak Park made the decision to implement the road diet differently in some areas of Madison than other areas. The parking and bike lanes are not consistent and has caused confusion to drivers and people parking their cars. Often, I see cars parked in the bike lane as well as the parking lanes. The fact that the parking is floating in the street between East and Ridgeland is puzzlingly and frankly very unsafe. It is very difficult to pull out from the north south streets onto Madison because the parked cars block the view. Drivers need to pull out into Madison traffic to see beyond the parked cars. It is also dangerous for drivers on Madison to turn onto one of the side streets because the bike lane is blocked by cars. It is very hard to see if there are bicyclists behind the parked cars. This should be corrected in the interests of public safety.

The intention of this letter is to request that whatever traffic measures are eventually implemented that they take into consideration the whole rather than trying to fix something on one block. The residents were not consulted about the road diet and our voices were not heard during the 435 Madison development. We do not feel that we have been given any consideration and our hope is that future decisions will be made based on what is good for the residents who live in Oak Park.

Thank you,
[REDACTED]

From: [Angela](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Subject: Traffic calming 600 Gunderson
Date: Monday, April 1, 2024 7:52:57 PM

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Hey,

We really need this. The speedy cut through traffic from Madison has increased significantly and like all other blocks we would like to keep our babies safe.

Thanks,
Angela Rupp
 Gunderson

From: [Thomas Nowinski](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of Traffic Calming Devices on 600 Block of Gunderson
Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 10:33:42 PM

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Members of the Transportation Committee

I am writing in support of the 600 Block of Gunderson's petition for traffic calming devices. My wife and I moved onto the block 11 years ago with the our two daughters. One of the reasons we chose our house is because we were told about all of the other kids and families. It is an everyday occurrence for kids to be playing soccer, softball, tag, or riding bikes, especially during the summer. However, it also an everyday occurrence that cars speed down the street in both directions putting the lives of our children at risk. I personally had to grab a neighbor child who was going to chase after a ball and pull him backward because a car was excessively speeding down the street and would not have been able to stop in time. While a traffic calming device may not stop a child from running into the street, it would prevent a car from speeding and allow the car time to stop. Additionally, there seem to be more cars driving down Gunderson between Madison and Jackson to avoid Ridgeland, especially during rush hour, likely due to the fact that there is no stop sign for traffic in Gunderson at Adams. The additional traffic combined with speeding cars and kids playing equals a tragedy waiting to happen. A tragedy that can be avoided with speed bumps or speed tables. Please protect our kids.

Tom Nowinski

From: [Jeffrey DeGrazia](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Subject: I live at [REDACTED] Gunderson and would be in favor of anything that will slow down and reduce traffic on our street.
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 7:57:06 AM

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If you do not get a response from me within 24 hours, please call or text me directly.

Thank you,

Jeff DeGrazia, President

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From: [Tom Rupp](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Subject: 600 Block of Gunderson Traffic Calming
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 8:33:58 AM

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I wanted to comment on the proposed traffic calming request for the 600 block of Gunderson Avenue. As a Gunderson resident for twenty-nine years, we routinely see speeding drivers cutting through our block, to avoid any back up at the Madison-Ridgeland traffic light. With dozens of young children out and about, especially during the warm weather months, it's obviously a hazard which seems to be getting worse. Construction of speed humps, chicanes, or curb extensions would be an easy remedy to restrict the speeding cars, and greatly improve the safety of our children who play on our block.

Hope you folks can get this done. Thank You.

Tom Rupp, [REDACTED] Gunderson Avenue



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From: [Anne C. Polaski](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Subject: Petition to Implement Traffic Calming Devices on the 600 Block of Gunderson Avenue
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 12:22:23 PM

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We received a letter, dated March 21, 2024, indicating that the Transportation Commission is scheduled to review a petition at its April 8, 2024 public meeting regarding the possible implementation of traffic calming devices on the 600 block of Gunderson Avenue. A review of the Village website reveals that a petition was submitted by the 600 block of Gunderson on October 5, 2021. The website also states that a valid petition must have the signatures from the owners of a majority of properties within the petition area. Although we have lived on the 600 block of Gunderson Avenue for more than 35 years, this is the first we have heard that such a petition was submitted. No one ever asked us to sign (or to decline to sign) such a petition.

According to the website, the Village's Engineering Division uses a scoring table to help determine if a petition should advance to the Transportation Commission for review, considering crash history, vehicle speed, vehicle volume, pedestrian traffic generators, bike routes/non-bike routes, and community interest. We were not aware of any data collection to determine vehicle speed or vehicle volume, as we never saw the equipment that measures speed and volume in our vicinity. If such an analysis was not done, this should be completed before any significant traffic calming measures are implemented. According to the Traffic Calming Petition Status Update page on the website, the Data Collection column reflects a completion date of May 16, 2023, but the Analysis column does not reflect that it has been completed.

We have looked at the list of 32 possible traffic calming measures on the website. All of the Level 2 through 4 measures appear too extreme/or not appropriate for a small residential street, as do some of the Level 1 measures. We currently have stop signs on Adams Street at the intersection of Adams and Gunderson, and on Gunderson at the intersection with Jackson Boulevard. If any traffic calming measures are to be adopted, it appears that the simplest and most appropriate measure would be to install stop signs on Gunderson at the intersection with Adams, along with targeted speed enforcement, both of which are Level 1 measures. In particular, we want to express our opposition to any speed bumps or turn restrictions, which are in the more severe Level 2 category.

Submitted by:

Anne and Jim Polaski
 Gunderson Avenue

From: [Ximena C](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Subject: 600 block of Gunderson Speeding
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 11:55:15 PM

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Hello,

I am writing in support of speeding safeguards being placed on my block.

In the summer we have irresponsible drivers who speed through our block to turn onto Jackson.

We had a woman speed through our block the morning of our summer block party in 2023 and actually knocked over the police do not cross barrier set up for block parties. She sped away and we could not make a report.

Our block is also the route of the local Casa Montessori and teachers and toddlers walk on our block during recess time.

In addition, the Jackson section from Ridgeland to Oak Park Ave sees many disruptive funeral processions in the summer time. The cars in the procession speed, play loud disruptive music, and at times members of the processions sit on the hood of their car's brandishing expletives or weapons.

I support speeding measures being taken on our block and along Jackson.

Thank you,

Ximena Castro and Matthew Castro
[REDACTED] Oak Park, IL 60304

From: [Russell Stacy-Ryan](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Subject: Traffic calming @ 600 Block of Gunderson Ave
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 4:59:25 PM

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Hello,

I am writing in regard to the petition to implement traffic calming devices on the 600 block of Gunderson Avenue.

As a 14+ year resident of this block I am 100% in favor of any traffic calming device that can reduce speed on the block. There is no north/south stop sign at the Gunderson/Adams intersection which results in drivers amassing very high rates of speed between Madison and Jackson.

We are a residential block of single-family homes. We have a significant number of small children living on the block. Our block being used as a high speed thorough-fare between Jackson and Madison avenues creates an unsafe and potentially deadly environment. I urge the Traffic Commission to implement traffic calming on 600 Block of Gunderson Ave.

Regards,
Russell Stacy-Ryan

