

Village of Oak Park
Department of Public Works
Engineering Division
MEMORANDUM

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TO: Kevin J. Jackson, Village Manager

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RE: Update - Southwest Oak Park Traffic Concerns

As you are aware there have been several meetings regarding recent crime in the southwest part of Oak Park. Discussions also included requests and consideration of possible traffic calming measures. While residents are currently requesting traffic calming measures such as cul-de-sacs and speed humps, current policies do not allow these measures. A preliminary review of traffic on Lexington and on Maple indicate typical volumes and speeds for these classifications of roadways and a low number of crashes in general in the area.

There is currently consideration for a new development at the Mohr site. Depending on the type of the development being proposed, this new development could provide an opportunity for traffic calming measures currently not available through the traffic calming petition process and policies in order to mitigate any traffic impacts from the proposed development.

Staff recommends that the Village wait to respond to any development plans before any traffic calming measures are implemented. Should the Board approve any traffic calming measures associated with a future development, staff can implement temporary measures until such time as a development comes to fruition. Staff will be available on April 4th to answer any traffic related questions for the southwest part of the Village.