



**From:** [Sheena McNeal](#)  
**To:** [Transportation](#)  
**Subject:** Re: 1000 Humphrey Public Comment  
**Date:** Thursday, January 4, 2024 6:31:30 PM

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> On Jan 4, 2024, at 6:24 PM, Sheena McNeal <[REDACTED]> wrote:  
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> Hi  
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> I would like to read my public comment at the hearing on Monday January 8th.  
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> Sheena Rayford  
> Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Kimberly O'Donnell](#)  
**To:** [Transportation; Pautsch, Steve](#)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Transportation Commission Comment  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 10:16:34 AM

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Sorry - resending with a correction to my comment - Please share this one. Thank you!

Hello,

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To The Traffic Commissioners,

My name is Kim O'Donnell and I wrote to you years ago to address the traffic concerns on 900 N Humphrey Ave and at the intersections on both sides of our block - at Humphrey and Division and at Humphrey and Berkshire.

When I started this petition, my children were 18 months, 4 and 6. During the pandemic we lived outside, in our tiny yard, on our sidewalks, walking daily to get out of the house. This is when it really came to my attention how bad the driving was in our neighborhood. Now my kids are 5, 8 and 10. I have gone from a stay at home mom to a full time working mom as a teacher in district 97. We walk to Hatch School when we can, but it is a scary walk due to the driving we see on the way. We eat dinner outside on our front porch and watch this recklessness every single day during the warmer months. It is frustrating. I attended several traffic committee meetings during year 1 and 2 after I submitted my petition, but honestly I grew frustrated at the lack of response and I stopped. Thank you for finally addressing our concerns.

We have been waiting years and watching in fear at the reckless driving on our street. We continue to see streets **WEST** of Ridgeland Ave get traffic mitigations put in place, while ours gets ignored. I have started to wonder if our village is more motivated by monetary donations, than equity, when traffic mitigations continue to go up in areas with bigger houses, while nothing gets done on our street that borders Austin Ave. I moved to Oak Park because I thought our village lived by its mission of equity, but I'm finding this hard to believe when our block continues to be ignored. A block that is more diverse than most blocks in Oak Park. A block that is visited often by residents from the Austin neighborhood. I'm happy to know that you are addressing our concern now. I am hopeful that we have not been forgotten. PLEASE hear our concerns.

Through the years I have asked, why can only border streets on the North and South border sides of Oak Park get traffic mitigation, but not the streets that border the East side of Oak Park? Cars routinely use our street to bypass traffic on Austin Avenue. Zooming all the way from Augusta down to North Ave. There is nothing stopping them. The forced right at Division is neglected by most drivers. We have video footage to show this from our neighbors on the corner at 900 N and Division. We even have cars drive down our street when it's blocked off for block parties.

As I've written time and time again - Here's what we've seen on our street:

- Cars race down our street - on both sides
- Cars pass me on the left, while I drive to school when I stop at stop signs.
- Cars speeding and hitting cars parked on the side of the street
- A dog got hit by a car, while walking with it's owners
- Cars neglect the stop signs - even with children in sight
- Cars neglect the forced right turn at the 800 N Humphrey block onto our block
- Cars pass other cars who stop at the stop signs - even with pedestrians waiting to cross at the intersection.
- Cars way above the speed limit on both Berkshire and Humphrey
- Cars go all the way from Augusta to North Ave without stopping once.
- A car drove up the curb and down the sidewalk after crashing at Taylor and Berkshire.

We have children in  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the houses at the corner of Berkshire and Humphrey. We are putting our own signs up to ask drivers to slow down. It's not helping. Before my kids leave our home for college, please address this concern. Make ALL of Oak Park safe for kids walking to school and parks, not just for the kids on the other side of Ridgeland.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Kim O'Donnell

On Fri, Jan 5, 2024 at 10:10 AM Kimberly O'Donnell [REDACTED] wrote:

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Kim O'Donnell

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**Mrs. Kimberly O'Donnell**

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**From:** [Kimberly O'Donnell](#)  
**To:** [Transportation; Pautsch, Steve](#)  
**Subject:** Comment for transportation meeting  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 10:14:57 AM  
**Attachments:** [image0.jpeg](#)

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Hello,

I realize that this letter is late, but I hope that you can include it for comment in the meeting on Monday. My daughter wrote it.

Thank you for considering her comments.

Kim O'Donnell



Sent from my iPhone

Dear traffic Commissioners,

Its come to my attention that the street of

N Humphrey Ave, my street, is unsafe. I want a speed bump. I've seen cars drive down side walks while children like me were playing. cars going so fast that you can barely see them. One time, on the way back from school, I saw a car skim the edges of my neighbors car. that car was going so fast. It could have hit anybody in the street trying to cross. That's not the only thing i've seen. I've seen cars that have people in them who seem to not care. they just mindlessly speed past stop signs. My mom has been fighting for a speed bump since I was six. and now, I'm ten. there are multiple streets with speed bumps, and now, its our turn. I'm not watching any other cars harm, or speed on my street. I want to be safe. and so do others.

From, Maggie O'Donnell age ten

**From:** [Sheena Rayford](#)  
**To:** [Transportation](#)  
**Subject:** Traffic Calming Humphrey and Berkshire  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 4:02:15 PM

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## Traffic Calming

In 2022 on December 20th I wrote to my zone officer to ask if a patrol car could come to Berkshire and Humphrey because there had been 2 accidents in as many days. One accident occurred on Friday Dec 16, 2022 and the second accident occurred on Sunday December 18th 2022.

Since my home is on the corner, and I have a ring camera, I am very knowledgeable about the issues that plague the intersections of Berkshire and Humphrey.

1. Cut through traffic from Austin to avoid the light and congestion at North Ave.
2. Cut through traffic from North Ave.
3. Speeding traffic from Austin to Ridgeland
4. Speeding traffic from Division
5. Speeding traffic from Ridgeland
6. Cars not adhering to stop signs
7. Cars not adhering to speed limits

The worst is cut through traffic from Austin.

The intersection of Humphrey and Berkshire with speeding traffic from Austin is a disaster waiting to happen. My hope is that someone or someone's child isn't badly hurt or killed and that a resident simply obeying the rules of the road isn't also badly hurt or injured. This worst case scenario can be avoided by acting now.

I would offer a suggestion of narrowing at the alleys through a median barrier between Austin and Humphrey to allow for 1 lane along with a median roundabout barrier - if possible at the intersection of Humphrey and Berkshire.

Please act now. The time is now and to delay could be catastrophic.

Sheena Rayford  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Kurt Roskopf](#)  
**To:** [Transportation](#)  
**Subject:** Calming Devices on N Humphrey Ave  
**Date:** Sunday, January 7, 2024 2:43:43 PM

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Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

I would like to provide comment regarding the petition to implement traffic calming devices on the 900/1000 blocks of N. Humphrey.

I am not in favor of this proposal for the following reasons:

- Traffic calming devices can have the unintended consequences of pushing traffic to nearby streets.
- If you allow the calming devices on these streets, you have to allow them on all streets. This would impede the efficient flow of traffic.
- I have visited these blocks a number of times in the past week to see first-hand the potential negative impacts traffic is having on these blocks:  
#1 - Surprisingly, there simply isn't very much traffic on these blocks.  
#2 - I saw no aggressive driving during my visits.
- Traffic on any given block sort of is what it is. When you buy a house on 900/1000 N Humphrey, that is the kind of traffic you get. It is a known factor before deciding to purchase/rent. You can't buy a house at Oak Park Ave/Chicago Ave and then complain about traffic noise and expect traffic calming devices to be implemented!
- The blocks of N Humphrey that are being discussed, and the intersection of Berkshire/Humphrey already have the ultimate traffic calming device installed -- FOUR-WAY STOP SIGNS! Neighboring blocks aren't as lucky.

I wish I was able to attend the meeting personally to share my comments. Many important issues come before the Traffic Commission, but this one is a slam dunk... no way!!

Kurt Roskopf  
[REDACTED] Hayes Ave

## Ed, Jaeger

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**To:** Pautsch, Steve  
**Subject:** PETITIONS TO IMPLEMENT TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES ON THE 900 BLOCK OF N HUMPHREY AVENUE

Hi! Just a gentle reminder: The public meeting to address this issue is set for today at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of Village Hall. Regrettably, we won't be able to attend due to our son's appoi Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization. Block sender<<https://mail-cloudstation-us-east-2.prod.hydra.sophos.com/mail/api/xgemail/smart-banner/7d560084f255b2cfe31f7133455f7436>> sophosmartbannerend  
Hi!

Just a gentle reminder: The public meeting to address this issue is set for today at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of Village Hall. Regrettably, we won't be able to attend due to our son's appointment. However, we plan to catch up on the meeting by watching the video, which will be accessible online for on-demand viewing at [Summary of the abstract on pages 6-7:](https://us-east-2.protection.sophos.com?d=oak-park.us&u=d3d3Lm9hay1wYXJrLnVzL2NvbW1pc3Npb250djxodHRwczovL3VzLWVhc3QtMi5wcm90ZWNOaW9uLnNvcGhvcy5jb20_ZD1vYWstcGFyay51cyZ1PWFIUjBjRG92TDNkM2R5NXZZV3N0Y0dGeWF5NTFjeTlqYjlxZGFYTnphVzI1ZEhZPSZpPU5qUXlaV1V4Wm1NMFpHRTFZamMwT0dFMk1tUmlNamd6JnQ9UldWTFFYa3lVVF6YlRaWFpuTXpVa1JuUTNSMINscGxW eTlwVG5KMWJqaDFIWEpzSzFwc1pqQkJTVDVA9Jmg9ZTIyNWQyYWZlYWI2NDE5ZWJiZTAxN2NiNjgwZGVINDQmcz1BVk5QVUVoVVQwTkZUa05TV1ZCVVNWWmw3eC01RjdcW41Y0hFZjFpRE5tej d5Ry12amJfVTBPM3FTQIR6ZEIOdHc-&i=NjQyZWUxZmM0ZGE1Yjc0OGE2MmRiMjg0&t=SlVwTjgxNTBWRStSL3dMeGkrUCTiVINwdUI4QVY3MkY1eU9laINSctSOD0=&h=008d98765ed54512ad00f13399d4c371&s=AVNPUEhUTONFTkNSWVBUSVYBx5YoGQh4bgpLsicmP9c0ID5cZZbn uZXiljnlXlFi44w tomorrow. For your convenience, here's a summary of the agenda posted on Jan 5th, and I've attached the complete agenda to this email as well.</p></div><div data-bbox=)

Residents in Oak Park expressed concerns about traffic issues, specifically at the 900 block and 1000 block of N Humphrey Avenue, as well as the Berkshire Street/Humphrey Avenue intersection. The issues mentioned were related to non-compliance with stop controls at the intersection and instances of speeding and cut-through traffic on Humphrey Avenue.

To address these concerns, comprehensive data collection efforts were undertaken. This included vehicle turning movement counts, bike and pedestrian counts, and 24-hour bidirectional volume and speed data at various intersections within the study area. The data revealed that speeding wasn't a significant problem on the 900 and 1000 blocks of N Humphrey Avenue, with observed speeds close to or below the posted speed limit of 25 mph.

However, the Berkshire Street/Humphrey Avenue intersection had a higher crash rate than the critical crash rate for the area. It's noteworthy that excluding a specific type of crash (involving parked cars) resulted in a lower crash rate, indicating that some crashes might not be easily correctable.

Based on this data, recommendations were proposed by Civiltech Engineering, Inc. and Village Staff. For the 900 and 1000 blocks of N Humphrey Avenue, temporary radar speed feedback signs were suggested on an interim basis to increase driver awareness. Targeted enforcement along the 900 block was recommended to address speeding concerns. Additionally, a proposal was made to install a paint and post curb extension at the northeast corner of Division Street and N Humphrey Avenue.

For the Berkshire Street/Humphrey Avenue intersection, no specific recommendations were provided in the abstract. The Transportation Commission will review these recommendations, along with the collected traffic data, during their

meeting today. The outcome may involve agreeing with the proposed measures or suggesting alternative solutions based on public testimony and additional considerations.

Summary of the Technical Memorandum from Civiltech Engineering, Inc. pages 23-40:

The document is a detailed technical memorandum from Civiltech Engineering to the Transportation Commission, discussing traffic issues in specific areas. It includes:

1. Traffic Calming Petitions: Addresses petitions for the 900 and 1000 blocks of N Humphrey Avenue, and Berkshire Street/Humphrey Avenue intersection.
2. Data Collection: Features vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian data, alongside speed and volume data.
3. Analysis: Focuses on issues like stop control non-compliance, speeding, and cut-through traffic.
4. Crash Analysis: Examines crash data in these areas.
5. Recommendations: Offers specific traffic calming measures based on the findings, noting that speeding is not a significant issue.

The findings of the memorandum are:

- \* 900 and 1000 Blocks of N Humphrey Avenue: Speeding is not a significant issue. The 85th percentile speed is within acceptable limits. Minimal crashes reported, mostly related to parked vehicles.
- \* Berkshire Street/Humphrey Avenue Intersection: Again, speeding is not a significant concern. The intersection has a low crash history, with no pedestrian-involved crashes.

Overall, the memorandum suggests that while there are traffic concerns like stop sign non-compliance and cut-through traffic, speeding is not a prevalent issue in these areas. It recommends specific traffic calming measures based on these findings.

Thanks,  
Ed Jaeger  
[REDACTED] N Humphrey

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Kimberly ODonnell [REDACTED]  
Date: Fri, Jan 5, 2024 at 10:11 AM  
Subject: Re: PETITIONS TO IMPLEMENT TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES ON THE 900 BLOCK OF N HUMPHREY AVENUE  
To: Ed Jaeger [REDACTED]

Thanks for sending this, Ed. I'll be there!

Kim  
Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 29, 2023, at 6:50 AM, Ed Jaeger [REDACTED] wrote:

Season's Greetings!

I hope this message finds you well. It's Ed from [REDACTED]

I trust you've received The Village of Oak Park's communication regarding the Community Notice: Traffic Calming Measures Petition. There's a crucial Public Meeting scheduled for January 8, 2024. I wanted to bring this to your attention and ensure you have a copy, just in case it hasn't reached you.

Here, you'll find a summary of the letter, and I've also attached a scanned copy:

The Village of Oak Park received petitions from residents of specific blocks and intersections to implement traffic-calming devices. The affected areas include the 900 and 1000 blocks of N Humphrey Avenue, as well as the intersection of Berkshire Street and Humphrey Avenue. The Transportation Commission will review these petitions, considering traffic data such as volumes, speeds, and crash data within the vicinity.

The review will involve assessing various traffic calming measures from the Village's Traffic Calming Toolbox<[https://us-east-2.protection.sophos.com?d=oak-park.us&u=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cub2FrLXBhcmsudXMvc2l0ZXMvZGVmYXVsdC9maWxlc9wdWJsaWMtd29ya3MvbWF0cmI4X3RhYmxlLnBkZg==&i=NjQyZWUxZmM0ZGE1Yjc0OGE2MmRiMjgz&t=eDNNZ0Y4a2duU1RsWGJYcysrd3ViMmJmVEFRRVFZYURKNytFdi9QOFpNYz0=&h=e225d2afeab6419ebbe017cb680dee44&s=AVNPUEhUTONFTkNSWVBUSVZI7x-5F7cq5cHEf1iDNmz7yG-vjb\\_U003qSBTzdINtw](https://us-east-2.protection.sophos.com?d=oak-park.us&u=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cub2FrLXBhcmsudXMvc2l0ZXMvZGVmYXVsdC9maWxlc9wdWJsaWMtd29ya3MvbWF0cmI4X3RhYmxlLnBkZg==&i=NjQyZWUxZmM0ZGE1Yjc0OGE2MmRiMjgz&t=eDNNZ0Y4a2duU1RsWGJYcysrd3ViMmJmVEFRRVFZYURKNytFdi9QOFpNYz0=&h=e225d2afeab6419ebbe017cb680dee44&s=AVNPUEhUTONFTkNSWVBUSVZI7x-5F7cq5cHEf1iDNmz7yG-vjb_U003qSBTzdINtw)>. The public meeting to discuss this matter is scheduled for January 8, 2024, at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers of Village Hall. A video of the meeting will be available online for on-demand viewing at [https://us-east-2.protection.sophos.com?d=oak-park.us&u=d3d3Lm9hay1wYXJrLnVzL2NvbW1pc3Npb250djxodHRwczovL3VzLWVhc3QtMi5wcm90ZWN0aW9uLnNvcGhvcy5jb20\\_ZD1vYWstcGFyay51cyZ1PWFIUjBjRG92TDNkM2R5NXZZV3N0Y0dGeWF5NTFjeTlqYjldGFYTNphVzI1ZEHZPSZpPU5qUXlaV1V4Wm1NMFpHRTFZamMwT0dFMk1tUmlNamd6JnQ9UldWTFFFYa3lVVF6YlRaWFpuTXpVa1JuUTNSMlNscGxW eTlwVG5KMWJqaDFIWEpzSzFwc1pqQkQjTVDA9Jmg9ZTIyNWQyYWZlYWI2NDE5ZWJiZTAxN2NiNjgwZGVINDQmzc1BVk5QVUVoVWQwTkZUa05TV1ZCVVNWmW3eC01RjdcW41Y0hFzJFpRE5tej5Ry12amJfVTBPM3FTQIR6ZEIOdHc-&i=NjQyZWUxZmM0ZGE1Yjc0OGE2MmRiMjg0&t=SlVwTjgxNTBWRStSL3dMeGkrUCTiVINwdUI4QVY3MkY1eU9laINSCT5OD0=&h=008d98765ed54512ad00f13399d4c371&s=AVNPUEhUTONFTkNSWVBUSVYBx5YoGQh4bgpLsicmP9c0ID5cZZbn uZXiljnxlFi44w](https://us-east-2.protection.sophos.com?d=oak-park.us&u=d3d3Lm9hay1wYXJrLnVzL2NvbW1pc3Npb250djxodHRwczovL3VzLWVhc3QtMi5wcm90ZWN0aW9uLnNvcGhvcy5jb20_ZD1vYWstcGFyay51cyZ1PWFIUjBjRG92TDNkM2R5NXZZV3N0Y0dGeWF5NTFjeTlqYjldGFYTNphVzI1ZEHZPSZpPU5qUXlaV1V4Wm1NMFpHRTFZamMwT0dFMk1tUmlNamd6JnQ9UldWTFFFYa3lVVF6YlRaWFpuTXpVa1JuUTNSMlNscGxW eTlwVG5KMWJqaDFIWEpzSzFwc1pqQkQjTVDA9Jmg9ZTIyNWQyYWZlYWI2NDE5ZWJiZTAxN2NiNjgwZGVINDQmzc1BVk5QVUVoVWQwTkZUa05TV1ZCVVNWmW3eC01RjdcW41Y0hFzJFpRE5tej5Ry12amJfVTBPM3FTQIR6ZEIOdHc-&i=NjQyZWUxZmM0ZGE1Yjc0OGE2MmRiMjg0&t=SlVwTjgxNTBWRStSL3dMeGkrUCTiVINwdUI4QVY3MkY1eU9laINSCT5OD0=&h=008d98765ed54512ad00f13399d4c371&s=AVNPUEhUTONFTkNSWVBUSVYBx5YoGQh4bgpLsicmP9c0ID5cZZbn uZXiljnxlFi44w) the following day.

The Transportation Commission welcomes public testimony at this meeting. If you wish to comment but are unable to attend, you may submit your comments in writing to the undersigned by U.S. mail, by fax to (708) 358-5711, or by email at [transportation@oak-park.us](mailto:transportation@oak-park.us)<<mailto:transportation@oak-park.us>>. All comments must be received by Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at 5:00 PM for inclusion in the Transportation Commission's agenda.

A copy of the Commission's agenda will be posted on the Village of Oak Park's website (<https://us-east-2.protection.sophos.com?d=oak-park.us&u=d3d3Lm9hay1wYXJrLnVz&i=NjQyZWUxZmM0ZGE1Yjc0OGE2MmRiMjg0&t=VkJTVFNPMWmRWOG1xRkpqSXJUMGxoMVBqaGFNVURuNy9RenRFNzd1RHFjQT0=&h=008d98765ed54512ad00f13399d4c371&s=AVNPUEhUTONFTkNSWVBUSVYBx5YoGQh4bgpLsicmP9c0ID5cZZbn uZXiljnxlFi44w><[https://us-east-2.protection.sophos.com?d=oak-park.us&u=aHR0cDovL3d3dy5vYWstcGFyay51cw==&i=NjQyZWUxZmM0ZGE1Yjc0OGE2MmRiMjgz&t=ay9vY0dMaEx3bIBSTzI2VWVxSmZINW9hUjFJSk1GVdYzVWZZdnIQTOY1ND0=&h=e225d2afeab6419ebbe017cb680dee44&s=AVNPUEhUTONFTkNSWVBUSVZI7x-5F7cq5cHEf1iDNmz7yG-vjb\\_U003qSBTzdINtw](https://us-east-2.protection.sophos.com?d=oak-park.us&u=aHR0cDovL3d3dy5vYWstcGFyay51cw==&i=NjQyZWUxZmM0ZGE1Yjc0OGE2MmRiMjgz&t=ay9vY0dMaEx3bIBSTzI2VWVxSmZINW9hUjFJSk1GVdYzVWZZdnIQTOY1ND0=&h=e225d2afeab6419ebbe017cb680dee44&s=AVNPUEhUTONFTkNSWVBUSVZI7x-5F7cq5cHEf1iDNmz7yG-vjb_U003qSBTzdINtw)>) for public review and inspection. Look for the agenda on the website after 5:00 PM on Thursday, January 4th. Additional information, including a matrix of the 32 traffic calming measures in the Toolbox, can be found at this link<[https://us-east-2.protection.sophos.com?d=oak-park.us&u=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cub2FrLXBhcmsudXMvc2l0ZXMvZGVmYXVsdC9maWxlc9wdWJsaWMtd29ya3MvbWF0cmI4X3RhYmxlLnBkZg==&i=NjQyZWUxZmM0ZGE1Yjc0OGE2MmRiMjgz&t=eDNNZ0Y4a2duU1RsWGJYcysrd3ViMmJmVEFRRVFZYURKNytFdi9QOFpNYz0=&h=e225d2afeab6419ebbe017cb680dee44&s=AVNPUEhUTONFTkNSWVBUSVZI7x-5F7cq5cHEf1iDNmz7yG-vjb\\_U003qSBTzdINtw](https://us-east-2.protection.sophos.com?d=oak-park.us&u=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cub2FrLXBhcmsudXMvc2l0ZXMvZGVmYXVsdC9maWxlc9wdWJsaWMtd29ya3MvbWF0cmI4X3RhYmxlLnBkZg==&i=NjQyZWUxZmM0ZGE1Yjc0OGE2MmRiMjgz&t=eDNNZ0Y4a2duU1RsWGJYcysrd3ViMmJmVEFRRVFZYURKNytFdi9QOFpNYz0=&h=e225d2afeab6419ebbe017cb680dee44&s=AVNPUEhUTONFTkNSWVBUSVZI7x-5F7cq5cHEf1iDNmz7yG-vjb_U003qSBTzdINtw)>.

The project is managed by Steven Pautsch of Civiltech Engineering, Inc. You can contact him at [SPautsch@oak-park.us](mailto:SPautsch@oak-park.us)<<mailto:SPautsch@oak-park.us>>.

Wishing you a joyful holiday season!



**From:** [Kathryn Murphy](#)  
**To:** [Transportation; Pautsch, Steve](#)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Traffic Calming at Greenfield/Humphrey  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 30, 2024 9:51:01 AM  
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To the Transportation Commission,

As a lifelong resident of the 1100 block of North Humphrey and 20+ year municipal/Public Works employee...

There is no excuse or cure for bad human behavior. And this intersection exudes it.

Stop signs are mere unnoticed decorations. And this intersection has four of them.

Bump-outs, of any kind, DO NO WORK. Speed humps, bumps, tables, etc. DO NOT WORK. Center medians DO NOT WORK.

Nothing short of a four-foot tall, 22-foot radius steel and concrete roundabout would slow traffic at the intersection of Greenfield and Humphrey. Except tire spikes. But this would impede emergency vehicles and snow plow operations, of which I do not wish to do to our first responders.

The only other solution would be stop sign cameras, similar to speed and red light cameras, where tickets are automatically issued.

Until common courtesy, basic humanity and human behavior change, no amount of money that is thrown at traffic calming or studies will do any good.

Respectfully,

  
**LA GRANGE**

**Katie Murphy**  
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*The most dangerous phrase in the language is, "We've always done it this way." – Grace Hopper*

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**From:** [Tiffany Draine](#)  
**To:** [Transportation](#); [Kimberly ODonnell](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd:  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 6, 2024 8:52:47 AM  
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I hope you are doing well. Over here on the 900 Block of North Humphrey, unfortunately, we are not.

I felt compelled to reach out today for a few reasons. For YEARS now, the families on this block have literally lived in fear and have been reaching out to the village for some form of attention to our concerns, and at this point, desperation for the village to take action on the terrifying threat to safety happening on our block. I am glad that our concerns are now being addressed, but in full transparency, after all this time, HOW the concerns will be addressed are now the point of concern.

To date, I witnessed a speeding car hit a dog on the corner of Division and Humphrey as a family was attempting to cross the street. The screams of the dog and it's owner prompted everyone in the vicinity to run out to find the horrified owner carrying her injured dog away from the scene, next, a car actually ran up onto the curb on the opposite end of the block, near Humphrey and Berkshire, I have video below of a car crashing thorough the forced right turn on Humphrey, and was only feet away from hitting my car, parked outside my house, just a month ago.

In case you are not aware, THERE IS A BUS STOP for Brooks Middle School students on the southwest corner of the 900 block of Humphrey. Everyday, at least 15 children stand on that corner while I watch from my porch and pray a speeding car flying down division does not run up on the curb into the crowd of children waiting for the bus.

While we sit, impatiently, waiting for all the excuses given by the commission as to why our concerns are being addressed, (which include hiring a consultant to evaluate the ability to execute the ever-growing list of traffic petitions) cars are literally driving down our sidewalks, speeding up and down our block putting our children playing outside at risk, and hitting our pets. Next time, it may be one of our children.

As an Oak Park taxpayer, I am done begging. Something RELEVANT to our concerns needs to be done.

**Attached Video Link:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ptlAJ15fqs8>



December 2, 2023  
Photo 1 of 1

**From:** [Johnathon Miller](#)  
**To:** [Transportation](#)  
**Subject:** Traffic Mitigation Petition  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 7, 2024 10:04:40 AM

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Dear Oak Park Transportation,

My name is Johnathon, [REDACTED] N Humphrey resident and one of the pastors at [REDACTED] Baptist church at [REDACTED] N Austin Blvd. I have been working at [REDACTED] since 2018 and living at [REDACTED] N Humphrey since August 2022. I have personally seen church attendees almost get hit crossing the parking lot on Berkshire numerous times. It is common for vehicles to turn take Austin/Berkshire corner at 30-50 MPH at times. As a resident, I have seen cars blow the stop sign at Berkshire/Humphrey at high speeds as well.

In my opinion, any of the proposed measures (painting and bump-outs) would help keep the community safer and hopefully help minimize the problem.

Thank you for receiving my petition,

Johnathon Miller

**From:** [Dwyn Killingsworth](#)  
**To:** [Transportation](#)  
**Subject:** Traffic Calming Devices  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 7, 2024 2:34:22 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing about the traffic conditions on Berkshire and Humphrey and Austin Blvd. Lately, I have found myself hesitant to cross Berkshire after I have come out of the church due to the fact that cars come off of Austin so quickly. Also, more than once I have seen cars drive as if the stop sign on Humphrey is not even there. Usually, the car is heading north on Humphrey.

I'm not a fan of speed bumps but something to help people exercise care as they drive would be great.

Sincerely,

*Dwyn Killingsworth*  
Office Administrator  
[REDACTED] Baptist Church

**From:** [David Shaulis](#)  
**To:** [Transportation](#)  
**Cc:** [Kimberly O'Donnell](#); [Allison Shaulis](#)  
**Subject:** Intersection of Humphrey and Berkshire Traffic Calming Measures  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 7, 2024 4:08:49 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I have been a resident at [REDACTED] N Humphrey since August of 2015 and petitioned the Oak Park city government to add traffic calming measures to the intersection of Berkshire and Humphrey. This intersection experiences a significant amount of hazardous traffic heading west on Berkshire across Humphrey. Speeds are often excessive and the four way stop sign is often ignored.

The traffic calming study showed the amount and speeds of the traffic moving through this intersection but it cannot show two important factors; 1) the amount of traffic violations that occur (ignoring stop signs) and 2) the high volume of pedestrian traffic that occurs in both north/south and east/west directions. We are fortunate that a pedestrian has not been struck but based on the amount of high speed traffic that occurs at this intersection and number of times the stop sign is ignored. It is only a matter of time before someone is hurt or killed at this intersection. Given the numerous petitions and aggressive actions that the citizens of the 900 and 1000 blocks of Taylor and Humphrey have taken to raise the issue and work to eliminate this risk it would be tragic if the city government did not take appropriate action. Reasonable and low cost traffic quieting measures are available such as speed tables. Traffic bump outs would only have a marginal impact on the types of traffic violations that occur (speeding through stop sign). While it has occurred illegal passing is not the main risk at this intersection - speeding is.

There is a significant risk of serious injury if action isn't taken. Please give this petition the serious consideration it deserves and take action quickly to enhance the safety of our neighborhood.

David Shaulis  
[REDACTED] N Humphrey  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [Sheena Rayford](#)  
**To:** [Transportation](#)  
**Subject:** Berkshire Humphrey  
**Date:** Sunday, February 11, 2024 11:20:07 PM

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Hi

I would like to call upon this committee to enact traffic calming measure for the intersection of Berkshire and Humphrey. As I stated before, I have a direct view of the egregious driving practices especially from Austin traffic heading west into Oak Park.

I've attached some links that show speeders and people disobeying the stop sign do every day. My Ring camera is full of offenders that use the stop sign as a suggestion.

Friday morning - <https://ring.com/share/8728c915-dd60-4a09-98da-ce3029f36e9c>

Friday morning 2 - <https://ring.com/share/40ca2330-6d93-4aeb-a6a8-3373415a7de9>

Car going around a school bus and not stopping at the stop sign - <https://ring.com/share/d3a33040-4217-49b7-82b2-bda19abf6a18>

2 cars that didn't stop at the stop sign within seconds of each other - <https://ring.com/share/1f3b8699-ea7f-46ea-baba-02da8d032e5b>

Another - <https://ring.com/share/705b359d-6367-451f-b3f4-ed2b6e93ac2f>

All of the videos were taken in the past 72 hours. I have several dozen more from that 72 hour timeframe - displaying morning and evening violations. For every 1 car that stops there are 10 that don't.

I think a physical obstacle is the only solution to stop speeding cars and cars that don't adhere to the stop sign.

My suggestions to the commission:

1. a neck down/bulout:



2. one lane choker:



I am requesting the help of this commission to keep our kids and residents safe. The Oak Park police cannot always have a car sitting at that corner to catch violators. When the police aren't there, we need a physical barrier to help keep people safe. We have done our part by bringing this issue to your attention. We are passionate neighbors with families and we are asking that you join us in creating a safe,

walkable Oak Park for all.

Sheena Rayford  
1000 block of North Humphrey  
Sent from my iPhone

