

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
Village of Oak Park
September 20, 2021

Hello to the members of the Transportation Commission.

We are writing to request consideration for a solution to address speeding on the 700 and 800 blocks of North Lombard Avenue. This is a longstanding issue on our street. You may recall that our blocks previously filed a petition and spoke on the subject in Commission meetings in January and April 2016, and the Commission responded by adding two stop signs in July 2016, converting the Thomas and Lombard intersection from a two-way stop to a four-way stop. We appreciated your action on this matter. Unfortunately, while the added stop signs slowed some drivers on Lombard, they did not slow many others. We see ongoing, consistent patterns of fast driving and excessive acceleration—more than other Oak Park residential streets of similar size and type. We would welcome a radar gun study to quantify the issue. We collectively believe that installing speed bumps to our two blocks to supplement the impact of the four-way stop could finally correct the speeding problem, but we would welcome other ideas and actions from the Commission and Village of Oak Park traffic engineers.

We request to be added to the agenda of a future Transportation Commission meeting so we can present the issue for your review. Please let us know if there is anything we may do in the meantime to further this discussion. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Best regards, your neighbors on North Lombard Avenue

Points of contact:

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█ North Lombard Avenue

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Petition enclosed on following page(s).

To whom it may concern,

Hello my name is Roxane Anderson a homeowner and resident at [REDACTED] N Taylor Ave. My husband Phil Anderson came into the village office about a year ago. He went in to see what could be done about the traffic on our street. We live two blocks from Austin Ave and get a lot of cars taking residential streets to avoid the traffic on Austin and on Division. The traffic and speeding seems to be getting worse. After Phil went into the village to talk to someone about the speeding you guys were fantastic and put a speed tracker up the very next day. It was put up on the right side of our street towards the end of the 800 block. Unfortunately it was put in a place that as soon as the cars turned from Augusta onto the 700 block of N Taylor ave and onto the 800 block of N Taylor Ave from Thomas the sign was seen from that far away. Thankfully it slowed the cars down but did not get everyday data that we see everyday since cars slowed down from seeing the speed sign. If we were able to put a speed sign on the left hand side of the 800 block closest to Division cars might not see it as well. Also cars are not supposed to turn onto Taylor from Division.

What I would like to propose is to get a stop sign put in between the 700 and 800 block of N Taylor Ave and Thomas. That corner is a bus stop for our Jr highschool kids and we do a few on this block. Cars would still be able to turn right onto Thomas and get to Austin Ave or left onto Thomas and drive street all the way to Harlem. At the end of the 800 Block of N Taylor closest to Division cars are only able to make a right turn from our block but frequently turn left as well. We also have a big problem with cars turning illegally onto our street from Division. I wanted to propose making the end of the 800 block of Taylor a dead end. The residents at [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] N Taylor are both elderly and make it very dangerous. We have a total of 33 children that live on the 800 block of N. Taylor Ave.

The residents at [REDACTED] have a 6 year old daughter that is handicap with Rett syndrome and 3 other daughters in Jr High and High School. Directly across the street from them at [REDACTED] lives a single older mother and her young adult handicap daughter. The residents at [REDACTED] have three children ages 3,7,9 the 9 year old has a disability. Their grandparents live directly across the street from them at [REDACTED]. They are both elderly and the grandfather has some back and leg issues so is not that fast. That family is walking back and forth from house to house all the time and between the speeding and illegal turning makes it extremely dangerous

I have made a map of our block with every house, family member, number of children and their ages, handicap, and elderly.

I was going to petition for the 700 block as well but I am not able to represent them because I am not a resident on that block. I do know there is a gentleman with a handicap and in a wheelchair on the 700 block. He still drives and has a designated handicap sign in the front of his house. I often see him and his wife taking walks but he uses the street to avoid going up and down the curbs. I told him I was going to send you a letter and he asked me to include him in it. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your time!

Sincerely

Roxane Anderson
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