

Memorandum

TO: Kevin J. Jackson, Village Manager

FROM: Rob Sproule: Public Works Director,

Dave Jacobson: Deputy Police Chief,

Roderick Robinson: Deputy Police Chief

FOR: Village President and Board of Trustees

DATE: August 23, 2023

SUBJECT: Chicago Avenue and N. Scoville Avenue: Traffic Accident Response.

The purpose of this memo is to provide the Village Manager and Board with the response by staff to the traffic accident involving a bicyclist on the morning of August 21, 2023 (see attached police report). In this instance, the driver of a vehicle heading eastbound on Chicago Ave had stopped for a pedestrian crossing in the Chicago Ave crosswalk. After the pedestrian had cleared the crosswalk, the vehicle started to proceed eastbound into the intersection when it collided with a bicyclist crossing the intersection southbound on Scoville Avenue (see redacted police report). This is a high-volume intersection for vehicles, pedestrians, and cyclists during the assembly and dismissal times of Oak Park River Forest High School. The intersection currently has crossing signage, a striped crosswalk and a pedestrian activated Rapid Flash Beacon for pedestrians crossing North /South bound on Scoville Ave. Chicago Avenue has striped bike lanes.

Police Response

On August 22, 2023, the Oak Park Police Department (OPPD) put a plan in place to further mitigate the traffic issues associated with the intersection of Chicago Avenue and North Scoville Avenue. Officers have been assigned to the intersection during the assembly and dismissal times for Oak Park River Forest High School in a high visibility capacity. The speed wagon has been placed on Chicago Avenue to affect and decrease the speeds of the eastbound vehicular traffic. The above stated measures will continue until the start of the Public Works construction project in September for traffic calming, and pedestrian and bicycle safety.

OPPD will also conduct Public Safety Announcements (PSA) in response to the accident that occurred August 21, 2023 (report attached) to educate the public on traffic safety at this

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location and in this area. The PSA's will consist of print and social media posts addressing the safety concerns related to intersections, crosswalks, pedestrians and bicyclists.

Public Works Response

On July 5, 2023, the Village Board approved Res. 23-213: A Resolution Approving a Contract with R.W. Dunteman Company for Project 23-2, Resurfacing of Various Streets, in an Amount not to Exceed \$2,877,840 and Authorizing its Execution. The project includes numerous traffic calming items, pedestrian safety enhancements, and bicycle improvements.

Included in the scope of this agreement is the installation of concrete curb bump outs, pedestrian and bike activated rapid rectangular flashing beacons, and pavement markings at the Chicago Avenue and Scoville intersection to improve pedestrian safety, slow traffic, and improve bicycle safety since Scoville is part of the bike boulevard network (see attached improvement plan). Staff expect construction associated with this agreement to start within the next few weeks and can prioritize this location over other elements of the agreement.

On August 23, 2023 Public Work staff deployed type II barricades to emulate temporary bump out mimicking the permanent solution designed for the intersection until construction can begin in September (see attached temporary improvement images). The temporary solution will be maintained in place if logistically possible with the construction. Staff expect the construction and installation of the permanent bump outs to be completed mid-October. Please reach out to Public Works Director, Rob Sproule at rsproule@oak-park.us or 708-358-5700 with any questions.

Attachments

- *Redacted Police Report (23-05200)
- *Chicago & Scoville Improvement Plan
- *Chicago & Scoville Temporary Improvements

cc: Lisa Shelley, Deputy Village Manager Ahmad Zayyad, Deputy Village Manager Dave Jacobson, Deputy Police Chief, Roderick Robinson, Deputy Police Chief All Department Heads Christina M. Waters, Village Clerk

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Summary, Unit#2 related he was stopped for the pedestrian crosswalk sign E/B Chicago Ave. at Scoville Ave. Unit#2 related a student had cleared the crosswalk and as Unit#2 proceeded E/B, Unit#1 (pedalcyclist) had collided with the front of his vehicle in the intersection. Unit#2 related the collision caused Unit#1 to fall off his bike, hit the front hood of Unit#2, then hit the ground.	☐ Side of Truck ☐ Papers ☐ Driver ☐ Log book GVWR / GCWR ☐ < 10,000 ☐ 10,000 - 26,000 ☐ > 26,000 Were HAZMAT placards on the vehicle? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, name on placard 4-digit UN NO. ☐ 1-digit Hazard Class No. ☐ Did HAZMAT spill from the vehicle (do NOT consider FUEL from the vehicle's own tank)? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown Did HAZMAT Regulations violation contribute to the crash?
R/O spoke with Unit#1 (pedalcyclist) who related he was riding his bike S/B Scoville Ave. at Chicago Ave. Unit#1 related he collided with Unit#2 in the intersection. Unit#1 related he was not in the crosswalk nor was he walking with his bicycle across the intersection. Unit#1 related to R/O that it was partially Unit#1's fault. Unit#1 sustained a scrape on his knee and had complaints of pain on his side and his elbow. Oak Park Fire Department ambulance# 612 arrived on scene. Unit#1's father (; tx.	
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