

2023 Work Plan for Transportation Commission

Approved by the Village Board of Trustees on March 6, 2023

2023 Initiatives and Ongoing Projects

ENABLING LANGUAGE	PROJECT	OUTCOMES	TIME FRAME	COST (if any)
Recommendations	Continue to review the following issues brought before the Commission and make recommendations to the Village Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking • Traffic • Transportation related items referred by the Board from other Commissions • Various school traffic safety plans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved utilization and efficiency of on-street and off-street parking resources • Improved level of safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motor vehicles as they move about in the public right-of-way. • Improved level of safety for school children walking to and from school 	These are recurring annual projects	from Transportation Commission fund = \$3,400/year for mailing notifications + \$0/year for agenda printing costs + \$6,000/year for traffic consultant studies + \$600/year for staff webinar training
Recommendations	Recommend processes to develop Vision Zero plan and elements that should be included in the plan (carried over from the 2022 work plan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review pedestrian and bicycle crash data on a regular basis. • Recommendations on how to and/or importance of community engagement in a Vision Zero plan. • Establish inclusive and representative processes as well as measurable benchmarks to ensure equitable outcomes. • Whether and how enforcement can best be utilized to achieve Vision Zero. 	Due by 1st quarter of 2023	
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Recommendations	Develop Vision Zero plan pending Village Board approval of work plan item to recommend processes to develop Vision Zero plan and elements that should be included in the plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommending a Vision Zero plan for adoption by the Village Board. 	Due by 4th quarter of 2023	
Recommendations	Review effects of the 2019 Madison Street corridor traffic calming project (carried over from the 2022 work plan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop traffic calming recommendations for north-south and east-west streets adjacent to Madison Street 	Due by 2nd quarter of 2023	
Recommendations	Review of Oak Park Bicycle Plan and Neighborhood Greenways System Study to evaluate opportunities (carried over from the 2022 work plan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine recommendations for locations of dedicated or protected bike lanes on streets • Determine parking impacts from new bike lanes and recommendations on revised parking restrictions • Develop 5-year implementation plan/budget • Develop updated bike plan document for presenting to the Village Board 	Due by 3rd quarter of 2023	
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Recommendations	Improve access and address barriers to utilization of public transportation in the Village of Oak Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify barriers and explore options to eliminate said barriers to use of public transit. • Provide recommendations to the Village Board to improve access and address barriers to the using public transit in the Village. 	Due by 4th quarter of 2023	
Recommendations	Include priority criteria to reduce vehicle emissions and vehicle miles traveled community-wide and incorporate into capital planning, operations and maintenance decisions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendations to the Village Board on how to achieve Climate Ready Oak Park goals to reduce vehicle miles traveled. • Recommend potential policies to help limit vehicle miles traveled. 	Due by 4th quarter of 2023	
Recommendations	Annual review of GIS accident data from IDOT to identify areas for further study by the Transportation Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To identify areas for traffic calming or other transportation studies to improve safety outside of the petition process. 	Due by 4th quarter of 2023	

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2022 Completed Initiatives as of September 2022 (no meeting in May)

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Recommendations	February – Review effectiveness of existing citizen petition process / system for implementing traffic calming measures and then modifying or replacing them if warranted	<p>The Commission recommended: 1) Implement a prescreening tool using crash and speed data and 2) revisions to the existing scoring criteria.</p> <p>Originally discussed over a series of 8 meetings (6 in 2021 and 2 in 2022).</p> <p>Village Board of Trustees approved this item at its September 19, 2022 meeting.</p>
Recommendations	April – Conversation on Climate as it Relates to Transportation and Provide Feedback for the Oak Park Climate Plan	<p>The Commission discussed various strengths and weaknesses of the Village’s present transportation system and then provided some possible alternatives to further enhance the existing system.</p>
Recommendations	April – Recommend to the Village Board Revised Principles and Goals for the Village’s Transportation System Network	<p>After a series of meetings where the Commission submitted and then discussed various goals, refined the list and then made the recommendation to submit the final version of the Draft Revised Principles and Goals for the Village’s Transportation System Network.</p> <p>Originally discussed over a series of 8 meetings (6 in 2021 and 2 in 2022).</p> <p>Staff is submitting this item to the Village Board for review and action.</p>
Recommendations	June – Petition to install traffic calming device on the 500 and 600 blocks of N Taylor Ave.	<p>The Commission recommended: Part A: 1) deploying portable speed wagons and speed radar signs on an intermittent basis, 2) eliminate the N Taylor Ave driveway into the BP gas station, 3) install rumble strip across N Taylor Ave section between Chicago Ave and east-west alley north of Chicago Ave.</p> <p>Part B: Given recent concerns over traffic safety and public safety, especially around the periphery of Oak Park and along its busy arterial and collector lanes, the Commission recommends the Village Board direct staff</p>

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		<p>to generate a systematic approach to slowing traffic and improving safety in the Village</p> <p>Village Board of Trustees approved deploying speed radar signs and installing rumble strips at its August 1, 2022 meeting. The Village Board also approved the installation of a pinch point on the 500 block of North Taylor Avenue at its September 6, 2022 meeting.</p>
Recommendations	<p>June – Recommendation to Permanently Establish Parking Restriction “NO PARKING 7AM-6PM SCHOOL DAYS” on the South Side of Jackson Boulevard from East of Ridgeland Ave to Cuyler Ave as Temporarily Approved by Chief of Police on Dec 21, 2021 through June 14, 2022.</p>	<p>The Commission recommended that this temporary parking restriction be made permanent.</p> <p>Village Board of Trustees approved this at its July 18, 2022 meeting.</p>
Recommendations	<p>July – Modify Transportation Commission’s Recommendation on Review Effectiveness of Existing Citizen Petition Process / System for Implementing Traffic Calming Measures and then Modifying or Replacing Them if Warranted to Include Changing Financial Responsibility for Speed Hump & Speed Table Measures from Special Service Area to Village</p>	<p>The Commission recommended to modify their recommendation on this work plan item to modifying financial responsibility of speed hump and speed table measures from Special Service Area to the Village.</p> <p>Village Board of Trustees approved this at its September 19, 2022 meeting.</p>
Recommendations	<p>September - Petition to Install a Traffic Calming Device on the 500 Block of South Harvey Avenue</p>	<p>The Commission recommended: 1) to install a pinch point south of the east-west alley, 2) include DO NOT ENTER signs preventing southbound traffic from entering the residential section of the 500 block of South Harvey Ave, and 3) implement either LOCAL TRAFFIC ONLY or NO THRU TRAFFIC signs going into the commercial alleys travelling east and west (perpendicular to 500 block of South Harvey Ave).</p> <p>Item is expected be reviewed by the Village Board at its November 21, 2022 meeting.</p>

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Recommendations	September – Review of Recommended Revisions to the Existing Overnight On-Street Permit Zones	The Commission has provided recommendations to staff over a series of 7 meetings. Transportation Commission provided their final recommendations on this item to staff at its September 27, 2022 meeting.
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