

APPROVED Meeting Minutes  
Transportation Commission  
Monday, April 27, 2015  
Room 101 - Village Hall

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Jack Chalabian called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present: Jack Chalabian, Kyle Eichenberger, Mark Patzloff, Michael Stewart, and Craig Chesney

Excused: Joel Schoenmeyer, Will Gillespie

Staff: Jill Juliano, Mike Koperniak, Bill McKenna

Non-Agenda Item Public Comments

Pat Thompson of 1128 Harrison Street spoke about the on-street overnight permit parking lot # 98 near the Maple Avenue and Harrison Street intersection. Mr. Thompson stated that he received three parking tickets for parking at a particular location in the lot where the parking space appears to be two spaces long. He said all of the tickets were overturned on appeal. He would like the parking spaces reviewed and corrected if possible.

Approval of Tonight's Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Chesney motioned to approve the agenda as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Eichenberger. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of the Draft February 23, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Stewart motioned to approve the draft February 23, 2015, Transportation Commission meeting minutes as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Patzloff. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

REVIEW OF TRAFFIC DATA COLLECTED SUBSEQUENT TO THE INSTALLATION OF A TEMPORARY CHOKER ON THE 1200 BLOCK OF WOODBINE AVENUE (continued from September 22, 2014 meeting)

Staff person Jill Juliano provided a short oral history on the background for this agenda item. Ms. Juliano then proceeded to give a PowerPoint presentation covering the most current traffic data for this item.

Commissioner Patzloff asked about the methodology for rounding the speed limit up or down to the nearest five mile per hour increment around the eighty-fifth percentile speed. Ms. Juliano explained the methodology.

Chair Chalabian asked if the Public Works, Fire, and Police Departments provided feedback on the effects of the temporary mid-block choker on their operations. Ms. Juliano indicated that they did not report any problems.

Chair Chalabian also inquired about weekend parking surveys and about speed/volume restrictions. Ms. Juliano responded.

Commissioner Stewart asked Staff how far out do the chokers extend into the street in relation to cars parked at the curb. Ms. Juliano responded.

Ms. Juliano proceeded to summarize the submitted written testimony from Max Frolov and Liza Benevolenskaya of 1229 Woodbine Avenue; Laurie and David Norris of 1212 Woodbine Avenue; Denise Roser of 1216 Woodbine Avenue; Michael Eurick and Shaohong Fang of 1230 Woodbine Avenue; and Christine Baumbach of 1202 Woodbine Avenue. Copies of the written public testimony from these residents are attached to these minutes.

The floor was opened to public testimony.

Adam Evans of 1222 Woodbine Avenue indicated: that the mid-block choker has appeared to reduce vehicle speeds; that parking is still a problem; that the vehicle volume has not been reduced; that the choker opening needs to be reduced down so that only one car at a time can pass through the choker; that the reduction in speed is not the final solution; that the Village caused the problem by allowing the adjacent 1200 block to restrict traffic and consequently that the homeowners on the block should not have to pay for a choker or diverter or whatever else may be constructed.

Julie Denice of 1217 Woodbine Avenue indicated: that she agrees with Mr. Evans; that she believes the Village caused the problem and that the homeowners on the block shouldn't have to pay for a choker or diverter or whatever else that may be constructed; that Police enforcement works but can't be sustained indefinitely; that the temporary mid-block choker is aesthetically unpleasing; that the Village should install a traffic diverter at Village expense; that she is OK with the parked cars; and that this issue has been going on for two and one-half years.

Michael Kochevarz of 1217 Woodbine Avenue indicated: that the residents shouldn't have to keep coming back for this issue; that he prefers a speed hump; that the temporary choker opening is too wide; that drivers see no reason to slow down if there are no parking cars; that the parking problem has been partially solved; that speeding is still a problem; that the Village created this problem; that he is looking for a solution to this problem; and inquired as to who paid for the Marion Street, Belleforte Avenue and Forest Avenue cul-de-sacs/diverters.

Harriet Roberts of 1223 Woodbine Avenue indicated: that she is against the choker; that it hasn't worked and doesn't think that it will work; was shocked when it went up in front of her house; that it has made her life miserable; that her taxes have doubled; that the streets must be made safe for children for the tax money the residents pay; that the Village should reconsider the in-street speed humps policy; that the choker should be removed; and that drivers can speed through the alleys.

There being no more speakers, the floor was closed to public testimony.

Commissioner Chesney indicated: that he agrees with the residents that on-street speed humps should be available as a traffic calming option; and that he doesn't see a diverter going in.

Commissioner Patzloff indicated: that he lives on the 1200 block of North Humphrey Avenue and can sympathize with the residents; that speeding is still a problem even though speeds have gone down; and that an offset choker might be a possibility although it would be a radical idea.

Commissioner Eichenberger indicated: that the choker appears to be working according to the data in spite of the residents saying that it isn't; that there is a speeding problem; and that this is a larger policy issue that should go before the Village Board of Trustees.

Commissioner Stewart indicated: that the choker appears to have reduced the speeding and parking problems; that the six foot wide choker design replicates two permanently parked cars; that a diverter at the alley might be considered; that he sees the residents view that the choker is not working; and that he likes the speed table option.

Commissioner Chesney inquired if the traffic diverter on the 1200 block of North Elmwood Avenue reduced parking.

Chair Chalabian proceeded to engage in a lengthy discourse about: the history of the use of speed humps in the Village; the Village Board's reasons for not approving the use of in-street speed humps; the differences between the traffic calming toolboxes of the City of Chicago and the Village of Oak Park; the possibility of a recommendation to deal with all of the remaining open streets along North Avenue; the limited number of options in the Village' traffic calming toolbox; the parking problem being solved but only with continuous enforcement; the remaining options of either a cul-de-sac or a traffic diverter; and the possibility of convincing the Village Board to reconsider the use of in-street speed humps.

Commissioner Chesney inquired if the original petition was open to some possible solution or to a specific solution. Ms. Juliano indicated that it was open to some possible solution.

The Commission then proceeded to engage in a discussion about speed humps and speed tables.

After further discussion, Commissioner Chesney made a motion to recommend to install a traffic diverter on the 1200 Woodbine Avenue block immediately south of the east-west alley that is south of and parallel to North Avenue.

Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion.

Commissioner Chesney indicated that he made the motion based upon the choker being: not effective; not desired by the residents; not as cost effective as a traffic diverter; and because in-street speed humps are not allowed.

The vote on Commissioner Chesney's motion was as follows:

YES: Chesney, Eichenberger, Patzloff, Stewart, Chalabian

NO: none

The motion passed 5 to 0.

The Commission concluded this agenda item with a brief discussion about restoring the speed table option on blocks like 1200 Woodbine Avenue to see their opportunities for their use and that the Commission should communicate to the Village Board a request to reconsider the use of in-street speed humps.

#### PRESENTATION ON THE RECOMMENDED TREATMENTS FOR LOMBARD AVENUE FROM THE PARK DISTRICT OF OAK PARK'S MASTER PLANNING EFFORT OF BARRIE PARK AND CENTER

The guest speaker representing the Park District of Oak Park was John Mac Manus of Altamanu, Inc. of Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Mac Manus proceeded to give a PowerPoint presentation on draft plans for the Park District's master planning effort for Barrie Park and Center. The presentation focused primarily, but not exclusively, on the plan's possible effects on Lombard Avenue pedestrian and vehicle traffic.

After Mr. Mac Manus's presentation was completed, Staff Liaison Michael Koperniak gave a one slide presentation showing the results of several parking surveys taken on the 1000 block of South Lombard Avenue adjacent to Barrie Park.

Commissioner Chesney concurred with the proposal to move the backstop but inquired about installing a drop-off zone on the east side of Lombard Avenue. Josephine Bellalta, also of Altamanu, Inc., responded that it was originally proposed but that the public didn't like it.

Commissioner Patzloff asked about how the proposed approximately 162 foot long speed table on Lombard Avenue would be constructed. Mr. Mac Manus indicated that they were looking at using paver bricks.

Commissioner Patzloff also asked about how the proposed eight foot cut-in compared with the existing. Ms. Bellalta indicated that it is approximately twice as long.

Commissioner Stewart indicated his approval of the larger speed table and its visibility and commented that there is no parking on the east side anyway.

Mr. Mac Manus responded that there will be only drop-off parking and not permanent parking.

Commissioner Eichenberger asked about the width of the proposed sidewalk on the east side of Lombard. He commented that if it was wider then it could be used for multiple purposes including by bicyclists.

Chair Chalabian asked if the master plan deals with the crosswalk on the east leg of Garfield Street at Lombard Avenue.

Village Engineer Bill McKenna responded that the Park District can do what it wants on its own property but the Lombard and Garfield intersection is actually part of the Illinois Department of Transportation owned Lombard Avenue bridge deck. He further indicated that it is not currently ADA compliant but that ADA accessibility would be addresses by the Eisenhower Expressway rehabilitation plans.

Chair Chalabian inquired about how the plan deals with the southeast corner of the Lombard and Garfield intersection. He also indicated: that during the fall and winter months, the east side of Lombard is parked to capacity with spill over onto other streets; that there is still a need for parking on the east side; that the plan needs to address parking capacity; that he likes the proposed speed table for its sense of security and openness; that crossing Garfield Street is an issue that should be addressed; that the plan should try to deal with the southeast corner of Lombard and Garfield; that curb bump-outs might be a solution; that there is speeding on Garfield; and that moving the backstop to the northeast corner of the park at Taylor Avenue might create barriers for users from the east.

Ms. Bellalta responded that there are four backstop concepts under consideration.

Chair Chalabian again indicated that parking capacity has to be addressed. He also endorsed the proposed speed table.

Village Engineer McKenna indicated that there may not be sufficient room on Garfield to install curb bump-outs.

Commissioner Stewart inquired if Lombard Avenue was a proposed bicycle greenway route.

Village Engineer McKenna responded that it was a greenway route. He then instructed Mr. Mac Manus and Ms. Bellalta to keep this in mind while designing the plans.

The floor was now opened to public testimony.

Nick Norman who lives on the corner of Harvey and Garfield thinks that moving the backstop is a good idea because it will open the view. He asked how the proposed speed table will affect southbound vehicles that are coming off of the bridge. Finally, he commented that drainage is a big issue.

Mr. Mac Manus responded that southbound vehicles have to stop at the stop sign at the bottom of the bridge/

Charles Jackson of 1100 South Lombard stated: that he is a big fan of the park; that the pick-up times at the tot center are hectic; and the he likes the speed table.

There being no more speakers, the floor was closed to public testimony.

Mr. Mac Manus commented that there is Barrie Park on-line survey available on the Park District of Oak Park website.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Commissioner Chesney and seconded by Commissioner Eichenberger to adjourn the meeting.

The voice vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectively submitted

*Michael Koperniak*

Michael Koperniak,  
Staff Liaison to the Transportation Commission

**Written public testimony follows:**

To the Village Committees of Traffic, Community Relations and Parking:

For the past two years, neighbors on our block have advocated for increased safety measures. The focus now concerns the options of speed bumps, a diverter, or a 'pinch' system, supposedly to reduce speed. Since December, yellow poles and bases have blocked off the area directly in front of our house. The 'pinch' has not slowed traffic, but it has caused us tremendous inconvenience and aggravation, made worse by the snow.

We are pleased the Village is responsive to safety concerns. It is important to put 'safety first'. But, none of us has seen that the pinch system reduces the speed of vehicles at any time, day or night. If the situation were particularly dire, which I do not believe it is, speed bumps, which are used all over the city from the Gold Coast to Lawndale, would be a good, cost effective, non-obtrusive remedy.

We cannot live with the yellow posts and stands in front of our house. We, our families and visitors have had to climb over snow drifts, and traverse icy sidewalks for the last three months, because we have no access to our own walkway from the curb. Our neighbors on either side have side driveways, and have been able to easily access their homes and continue with their daily routines with *literally* no change. We on the other hand, have experienced extreme frustration just trying to carry a bag of groceries in our front door.

Children are precious, but so are their parents and grandparents. Surely, a solution can be found that satisfies safety concerns and allows residents adequate, normal access to their homes.

We pay VERY high taxes to stay in Oak Park. In fact, they have doubled in 10 years. We moved to Oak Park 35 years ago because we wanted to rear our children happily and *safely* in a diverse community. This was successfully accomplished in our previous neighborhood, the 200 block of South Lombard; a block which has five times the traffic as Woodbine. Finally, our property would undoubtedly depreciate in value. No one would want to live with the 'pinch' right in front of their house.

As one of those tax payers, I respectfully state, as forcefully as possible, that while everyone should be able to feel safe in Oak Park--at all times and in every location-- it must be within reason. We cannot accept the yellow pole 'pinch system' in front of our home, aesthetically or in the name of "safety".

Sincerely,

John and Harriet Roberts  
1223 Woodbine Ave  
Oak Park, IL 60302  
708-383-5998

**Juliano, Jill**

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**Subject:** FW: May 18th Agenda - Woodbine traffic issue resolution

**From:** Adam & Lila Evans [<mailto:alevansfamily@gmail.com>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 28, 2015 1:31 PM

**To:** VOP Board

**Cc:** Adam Evans

**Subject:** May 18th Agenda - Woodbine traffic issue resolution

After attending last night's Transportation Safety Board meeting, I understand they will be forwarding a recommendation to install a diverter south of the alley on the 1200 block of Woodbine. My family is requesting that this item be placed on the agenda for May 18th in hopes that we can bring a close to the issue that many Village employees and volunteers have been working to solve for over 2 years. Our family supports this request and we look forward to sharing our support of this request in person at the board meeting.

Thank you for your attention to resolving this matter.

The Evans Family  
Adam, Lila, Andrew & Juliana  
1222 Woodbine Ave.



## Juliano, Jill

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**From:** Christine Baumbach <christine.baumbach@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2015 5:03 PM  
**To:** Juliano, Jill  
**Subject:** Woodbine

Ms. Juliano,

I fully concur with the letter from my neighbors below.

It's time for a diverter and it makes no sense for the financial burden to be borne by residents of 1200 Woodbine when the source of the problem is the action of the village over the years to funnel traffic onto this particular street. Time to correct bad planning.

Thank you,

Christine Baumbach  
1202 N Woodbine

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> Dear Mrs. Juliano,

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> We are residents of 1229 Woodbine Ave. Unfortunately, I won't be able to attend the meeting in person this evening and we are sending you this email to express our opinion on this urgent matter.

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> We fully support resolving traffic issues on our block. This problem was created, at least partially, by the Village decisions to allow the surrounding streets to be closed for traffic from North Ave. Therefore we are puzzled to see a proposal to tax the residents to implement a traffic calming device.

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> Secondly, we believe that a choker is not a viable solution. What numbers from the analysis report do not say is our experience with living for the past several months with a choker on our street. It made it especially worse during winter time since it made it difficult to plow the street. We also fully sympathize with the problems that Harriet and John Roberts experienced since a choker was so close to their house. Thus, moving a choker to a different location on the street is not going to solve these problems. In our opinion, a choker is not a viable solution and a different type of calming device such as a diverter, should be installed.

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> Finally, we want to draw the attention that we were respectfully waiting for the Village to solve these problems for several years and waiting more time to collect more data is unacceptable.

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> Sincerely,

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> Max Frolov and Liza Benevolenskaya  
> 1229 Woodbine Ave.

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## Juliano, Jill

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**From:** denise roser <deniseroser@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2015 3:53 PM  
**To:** Juliano, Jill  
**Cc:** Julie B Denise  
**Subject:** Transportation meeting April 27th

> Dear Ms. Juliano,

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> We are residents of 1216 Woodbine Ave. Unfortunately, I won't be able to attend the meeting in person this evening and wanted to send you this email to express my opinion on this urgent matter.

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> I fully support resolving traffic issues on our block in a timely fashion. This problem was created, at least partially, by the Village's decisions to allow the surrounding streets to be closed for traffic from North Ave. Therefore I am puzzled and very disappointed to see a proposal to tax the residents to implement a traffic calming device. In my opinion public safety is just that, a public issue, and not one that specific residents should be called upon to finance.

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> Secondly, I believe that a choker is not a viable solution. What the numbers from the analysis report do not show is our experience with living for the past several months with a choker on our street, a particularly challenging situation during the winter months since it made it difficult to plow the street. I don't think moving the choker to a different location on the street is going to solve this problem. In my opinion, a choker is not a viable solution and a different type of calming device such as a diverter, should be installed.

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> Finally, I want to reiterate that we have respectfully waiting for the Village to solve these problems for several years and delaying action to collect more data is not acceptable and in my eyes is just another tactic by the Village to delay implementing a truly viable solution.

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> Sincerely,

> Denise Roser

> 1216 Woodbine Ave.

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## Juliano, Jill

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**From:** Inah <inahjk@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 28, 2015 4:21 PM  
**To:** Juliano, Jill  
**Subject:** 1200 block of Woobine Ave

I have lived at 1226 Woodbine Ave. for twenty years and have watched the intolerable traffic situation grow by leaps and bounds. Let me just say that I would like to ditto the letter sent to you by Max Frolov and add my two cents. I sat out on my front porch nightly last summer around the no left turn time and watched car after car turning onto and racing down what is supposed to be a quiet, lovely Oak Park neighborhood street. So much for the sign. Then this eyesore (diverter?) that has been added, for what reason I can't comprehend, has only added salt to the wound. I feel like it is past time for the village to resolve this worsening situation. And please remove this useless, hideous contraption from our beautiful street.

Inah Koss  
1226 Woodbine Ave  
Sent from my iPhone

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1223 Woodbine Ave  
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## Juliano, Jill

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**From:** Laurie Norris <laurienorris@ymail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2015 3:32 PM  
**To:** Juliano, Jill  
**Subject:** 1200 block of Woodbine Avenue traffic

Dear Mrs. Juliano,

We live at 1212 Woodbine Avenue. We are not able to attend tonight's meeting, but wanted you to have our opinion around this issue.

We have not been part of the history, but would like to see this issue resolved. As new residents, we understand this has been going on for many years. Every other street off of North Avenue is not accessible due to previous traffic control device installations. This has made our block a thruway for random traffic. Since the implementation of the choker, I myself have not seen a decrease. It doesn't seem fair that we would be taxed for the solution.

Sincerely,  
Laurie and David Norris  
1212 Woodbine  
Sent from my iPad

## Juliano, Jill

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**From:** Michael Eurich <michael.eurich@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2015 4:43 PM  
**To:** Juliano, Jill  
**Subject:** RE: Transportation meeting April 27th

Dear Mrs. Juliano,

We are the homeowners at 1230 Woodbine Ave. I will be unable to attend tonight's meeting, but wanted to express our opinions regarding the traffic issues on our block.

Although we are newer residents of the block, the traffic situation is very noticeable. Due to the fact the other streets are blocked off from North Avenue, our street becomes a throughway for many speeding drivers. The pinch point installed failed to correct the problem.

As new parents we urge a solution to this issue, such as a diverter. Moreover, we feel we should not be taxed for this problem which in part was caused by the Village permitting other streets to be closed from North Avenue, but not Woodbine.

Although new to the neighborhood, I have spoken with many of my neighbors and heard the stories of this being debated with the Village for years. This issue continues to jeopardize the safety of my family and my neighbors and I and this ought to have been resolved in a much quicker fashion.

Regards,

Michael Eurich and Shaohong Fang

**Juliano, Jill**

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**Subject:** FW: May 18 Transportation Commission Meeting - Woodbine

**From:** Michael Eurich [<mailto:michael.eurich@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 29, 2015 9:33 AM  
**To:** VOP Board  
**Cc:** Sara Fang  
**Subject:** May 18 Transportation Commission Meeting - Woodbine

Dear Oak Park Board:

We are the homeowners at 1230 Woodbine Ave. We will be unable to attend the meeting scheduled for May 18th, but wanted to express our opinions regarding the traffic issues on Woodbine Avenue.

Although we are newer residents of the block, the unsafe traffic situation is very noticeable. Due to the fact the other streets are blocked off from North Avenue, our street becomes a throughway for many speeding drivers. The police officers who have patrolled the area have expressed they could ticket the same number of drivers each day, despite signs stating no turns during rush hour. Further, the temporary pinch point installed failed to correct the problem and caused issues with the winter weather and plowing of the street. We now understand the Transportation Commission is recommending installation of a diverter just south of North Avenue. We are fully supportive of this as a viable solution to the ongoing problem.

We hope that with this recommendation this traffic and safety issue can finally be resolved. We have been informed that the traffic problems have been brought to the Commissions' attention in 2013 after a neighbor with his small child, was hit by a speeding motorist using Woodbine as a cut through. As a parent of a new child, we share all of our neighbor's concerns about creating a safe street, which currently we do not have.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this issue and we encourage a quick resolution to this long-standing problem.

Regards,

Michael Eurich and Shaohong Fang

## Juliano, Jill

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**From:** Maxim Frolov <maximfrolov@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2015 2:44 PM  
**To:** Juliano, Jill  
**Cc:** Julie B Denise  
**Subject:** Transportation meeting April 27th

Dear Mrs. Juliano,

We are residents of 1229 Woodbine Ave. Unfortunately, I won't be able to attend the meeting in person this evening and we are sending you this email to express our opinion on this urgent matter.

We fully support Julie Denise efforts to resolve traffic issues on our block. This problem was created, at least partially, by the Village decisions to allow the surrounding streets to be closed for traffic from North Ave. Therefore we are puzzled to see a proposal to tax the residents to implement a traffic calming device.

Secondly, we believe that a choker is not a viable solution. What numbers from the analysis report do not say is our experience with living for the past several months with a choker on our street. It made it especially worse during winter time since it made it difficult to plow the street. We also fully sympathize with the problems that Harriet and John Roberts experienced since a choker was so close to their house. Thus, moving a choker to a different location on the street is not going to solve these problems. In our opinion, a choker is not a viable solution and a different type of calming device such as a diverter, should be installed.

Finally, we want to draw the attention that we were respectfully waiting for the Village to solve these problems for several years and waiting more time to collect more data is unacceptable.

Sincerely,

Max Frolov and Liza Benevolenskaya  
1229 Woodbine Ave.



## Juliano, Jill

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**From:** Michael Koss <mkoss1945@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 30, 2015 11:41 AM  
**To:** Juliano, Jill  
**Subject:** Traffic calming on the 1200 block of Woodbine Ave.

Unfortunately I was not able to attend the Transportation committee meeting on Monday April 27. However, we are hoping that this belated email will be noted as an expression of our concerns.

We have lived at 1226 Woodbine for 20 years. For too long, our street has been a default shortcut thoroughfare for hurried drivers wishing to avoid the traffic light at North and Ridgeland Avenues. Now that we have so many young families with young children living on our block it is incumbent that we find a way or ways to reduce the possibility of an accident involving speeding motor vehicles. I think that the signs for no turns during rush hours has helped the situation although the sign is often ignored or overlooked. I also think that a traffic calming device at the north end of the block may be helpful in keeping motorists from building speed on their way to the stop sign at LeMoyné. I think a large question remains as to what this will look like, both in configuration as well as appearance. The temporary traffic diverter, as installed in the middle of the block is both an eyesore and an inconvenience.

As for the suggestion that the residents pay for this through their taxes, my question to the committee is, did the residents of all the other block where dead ends were installed, pay for them? If not, it seems the residents on our block would be unfairly penalized for a series of ill advised, ad hoc decisions in closing certain streets while leaving others open to through traffic.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.  
Michael Koss