

APPROVED Meeting Minutes  
Transportation Commission  
Monday, August 22, 2016  
Council Chambers – 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, Michael Stewart, Mark Patzloff, Will Gillespie

Excused: Joel Schoenmeyer, Craig Chesney

Staff: Mike Koperniak, Jill Juliano, Mary Avinger, Byron Kutz

There was no non-agenda public testimony.

Approval of Tonight's Meeting Agenda

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

Approval of the Draft June 27, 2016 Meeting Minutes

The Commission requested that page four of the draft minutes be modified to clarify that the numbers in paragraph six were related to scoring public interest.

Commissioner Stewart motioned to approve the draft June 27, 2016, Transportation Commission meeting minutes as modified and was seconded by Commissioner Patzloff. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

PETITION FOR ALL-WAY STOP SIGNS AT GROVE AND BERKSHIRE

Jill Juliano gave a presentation on the petition the Village received for all-way stop signs at Grove and Berkshire which included an overview of the petition and the reasons for submitting. The presentation included maps and outlining other traffic controls in the area including stop signs and where crossing guards are posted during arrival and dismissal times for Mann school. Jill spoke about the traffic study done on June 2<sup>nd</sup> this year to check the average speeds over a 24 hour period.

Commissioner Stewart asked if area was in a school speed zone and Jill responded no it wasn't.

Chair Chalabian asked about how people walk to Mann school and thinks people are walking down Berkshire to Kenilworth. He questioned Jill Juliano about why the Village is recommending not putting up stop signs. Jill responded that stop signs will not slow down speeds and they will have issues with people speeding between intersections with consecutive stop signs and not fully stopping.

Chair Chalabian spoke about the safe walk to school routes and feels they are ineffective and should be reviewed because routes are not convenient and spoke about the Thomas and Lombard intersection. Chair Chalabian thinks the routes for Mann school should be reviewed and supports all-way stop signs. He stated looking at increasing enforcement and waiting for traffic calming incentives is initial means in terms of pedestrian traffic generators and how they all interact.

Commissioner Eichenberger asked about alternating stop signs and was looking for studies on driver anticipation. Jill responded that she thinks it may have to do with the crash rate but would have to look into it.

The discussion continued with the Commission about Mann school boundaries, the safe walk route map, and how many students come to the school from the east.

Commissioner Stewart spoke about his views on rolling stops along Fillmore and thinks that speed humps or bumps might work.

Commission Gillespie asked if there was concern that stop signs would hinder traffic or be detrimental and Jill responded no, because it's not like the traffic situation on Washington, Harrison, or Jackson.

The floor was opened to public testimony.

Mary Rinder of 923 N. Grove stated she has lived in the Village 29 years and never heard a crash on Grove but hears a lot of near misses on Oak Park Ave or Division. Ms. Rinder thinks the number of stop signs really increased and thinks the only time traffic is an issue is when Oak Park Ave. is undergoing street maintenance work. She thinks all-way stop signs will not work and will cause more pollution and congestion.

John McIlwain of 1046 N Grove stated he's lived on the southeast corner of Grove and Berkshire for 19 years and supports the all-way stop signs. Mr. McIlwain stated there is a speeding problem, especially when Oak Park Ave was being resurfaced and there are lots of kids in the area.

Ryan Monroe of 1031 N. Grove stated he has two young kids and agrees there are lots of kids on his block and has witnessed speeding. Mr. Monroe supports the installation of all-way stop signs.

Craig Johnston of 1015 N Grove stated he has two kids and sees lots of kids outside in the street on skateboards or bikes. Mr. Johnston is in favor of the all-way stop signs

and said work on Oak Park Ave increased traffic a lot and people used Berkshire as a cut-through.

Jim Houston of 1007 N Grove stated that he sympathizes with parents with young kids and that 30 years ago it was five kids on the block and now it seems closer to 50. Mr. Houston said there are lots of drivers frustrated with Oak Park traffic and use Grove or Kenilworth to speed up to Division or Greenfield. He feels the Village should be more cautious and should reconsider installing the all-way stop signs or use reverse stop signs as an alternate.

Public Testimony was closed out.

Jill Juliano stated the Village received 11 letters as written testimony with ten letters in support of all-way stop signs and one letter was unsure. Jill then used a chart to illustrate points for and against installing all-way stop signs. Copies of the written public testimony are attached to the back of these minutes.

Commissioner Stewart stated he hears residents saying that traffic uses streets to bypass Oak Park Ave traffic. He doesn't think stop signs will address this issue and there should be other alternatives to address the issue.

Commissioner Gillespie stated he doesn't think they can be convinced stop signs are not a good idea. He also thinks alternating stop signs are a little confusing and doesn't like over-signage. However, Commissioner Gillespie thinks stop signs should be installed and doesn't think speed between blocks will increase.

Commissioner Patzloff stated that he wonders if signs will address the problem with Grove being parallel to Oak Park Ave. but sympathizes with the residents. He stated the toolbox will take a year or more but petition needs action sooner. Commissioner Patzloff also thinks signs will help safety on the street but is torn which way to go.

Commissioner Eichenberger agreed with Commissioner Gillespie and stated the biggest concern is how to get pedestrians to pay attention. He also stated that he thinks crosswalks at the intersection will help but understands reasons for not installing stop signs. However, stop signs are easiest way to get drivers vigilant.

Chair Chalabian stated he understands where residents are coming from and that the quickest solution is to add stop signs. He spoke about full, rolling, and partial stopping traffic. Chair Chalabian went on to say that residents are looking for a solution and that he supports the all-way stop signs and gave his reasons why. He thinks the walking routes are fatality flawed and not working and mentioned again that residents are looking for the quickest route.

Commissioner Gillespie motioned to approve all-way stop signs at Berkshire and Grove with consideration that there may be other alternative traffic calming strategies that could better address speeding and should be implemented, and to install continental

crosswalks on all four approaches at Berkshire and Grove. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Eichenberger.

The voice vote was as follows:

Ayes: Chalabian, Gillespie, Patzloff, Eichenberger

Nays: Stewart

The motion passed four to one.

### CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF A TRAFFIC CALMING TOOLBOX

Mike Koperniak gave a presentation on continuing the development of a traffic calming toolbox beginning with background information on the Commission's progress. The objective at the meeting is to review the draft scoring system developed in previous sessions compared to the petitions that have been submitted and reviewed by the Transportation Commission in recent years. The presentation went over the scoring points for each measure to see if the Commission wished to refine the points granted based on the particular measure.

A discussion took place about scoring for negative support, accepted level of resident response in and out of the petition zone, and various possible scenarios for scoring.

Mike Koperniak also went over the two scoring tables for 51% and 75% of signed petitions.

The discussion among the Commission then turned to Mike's table that broke down the criteria detail for each of the measures. The Commission discussed how to score crashes based on the minimum or maximum number of crashes. It was decided based on the number of crashes in 36 month periods that 1-3 crashes would earn 5 points, 4-6 crashes would earn 10 points, and 7 and above would earn a maximum of 15 points with an additional 5 points earned if a pedestrian or cyclist was involved in the crash. The Commission agreed the scoring for vehicle speed was okay.

Jill Juliano spoke briefly about data collected on streets for vehicle volume and how measurements are only for residential streets. The Commission continued discussing adjusting scoring for vehicle volume and felt numbers are too high for residential streets and that they should come back to this after looking at more data.

The Commission determined scoring for Pedestrian Traffic Generators and Bike Route/Non-Bike Routes were okay and the scoring for Community Interest was previously discussed.

Mike Koperniak continued the discussion looking over the scoring example for the all-way stop signs at Thomas and Lombard where the total points after scoring was 46.

Mike suggested when changing Crash History and rescoring other examples that the scoring would change.

Commission Gillespie asked about the scoring example for the traffic calming device on the 1200 block of Woodbine and if churches, parks, and schools for example, were taken into consideration. Chair Chalabian responded about what is in the area and other scenarios in other parts of the Village including Highland and Roosevelt and a night club present on the Berwyn side. Mike Koperniak stated they can look at the Vehicle Volumes and will plug in the information at the next week.

Mike stated that the meeting in September will be on the Y2, Y3, and Y4 zone study and the Commission's work plan is due in October. The October meeting may be on the stop sign petition received for Monroe and Wenonah. Chair Chalabian suggested following up on the toolbox at the meeting in October to get it finished this year.

Commissioner Patzloff motioned to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Stewart.

The voice vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 PM.

Respectively submitted

*Mary Avinger*

Mary Avinger,  
Administrative Secretary

## Juliano, Jill

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**From:** Chan, James L. <jimchan@uic.edu>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 18, 2016 3:17 PM  
**To:** Juliano, Jill  
**Subject:** stop sign at Grove/Berkshire

Dear Ms. Juliano,

I support making the Grove/Berkshire intersection "all-way stop" primarily because of the pedestrian traffic to/from Mann School one block away. Thank you for the consideration.

James and Susy Chan  
941 North Grove Avenue  
Oak Park, IL

## Juliano, Jill

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**From:** Juliano, Jill  
**Sent:** Friday, August 19, 2016 5:37 PM  
**To:** Juliano, Jill  
**Subject:** FW: Petition for 4-way stop signs at Berkshire and Grove

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 18, 2016 1:43 PM  
**To:** Juliano, Jill  
**Subject:** Re: Petition for 4-way stop signs at Berkshire and Grove

Hello,

Thank you for sending the letter regarding the upcoming meeting to discuss this petition. I cannot attend but would like to provide my comments.

While I agree that something needs to change at this intersection, I am concerned about the false sense of security provided by a 4 way stop, especially with Mann School and Field Park only one block away where many young children and distracted families on foot and bicycle frequent. I have lived very close to this intersection for more than a decade and am home during the day, so have had concerns and observed what happens there. It seems to be an issue of behavior more than signage; namely:

- Failure to yield, let alone stop, at the eastbound stop sign on Berkshire. This happens regularly but particularly around 8am during school days, suggesting the offenders are parents who just dropped their children at Mann School and are hurrying elsewhere, and/or local residents trying to quickly get through the increased volume of traffic. This is a behavior issue, not a signage one - local parents and residents should be well aware that this stop sign exists.
- 'Peeling out' from the (mostly) eastbound stop sign, presumably from frustration that nearly every preceding block on Berkshire has a stop sign despite relatively little vehicular, bicycle and foot traffic at each of those intersections. While it is crucial that drivers stop for others at intersections, I can understand the frustration with stopping every few hundred yards when it does not seem warranted - and my own experience as a local driver is that there seldom is traffic at most of these except for when school is starting and ending. This is also a behavior issue that signage is unlikely to change.
- Numerous screeches, honks and close calls when east/westbound vehicles fail to remain stopped until north/southbound cars pass, suggesting the drivers are ignoring the 'Cross Traffic Does Not Stop' signs on Berkshire. Again, a driver behavior issue, since the signage is already there but ignored.
- Honks and close calls when north/southbound drivers imagine there is a stop sign, or yield to stopped vehicles, which leads to confusion as to who then takes the right of way. Driver issue again, not signage.
- Speeding north and southbound on Grove Ave. Our family has witnessed several accidents related to this over the years. Stop signs would reduce the speeding issue, presumably - though I would not be surprised to see some of the above issues persist or increase going north/south based on what already occurs with the east-west stop sign.

The behavior I observe and mention above suggests that a four way stop is not a panacea - the issue often is driver behavior that includes a failure to observe the signage that is (or is not) already there. The only issue above that might change is the north/southbound speeding. My own experience at the 4 way stop at Kenilworth and Division shows that drivers don't always respect a four way stop either. Kids and adults can

easily presume that drivers will obey all signs and become lax about looking at the situation. A 4 way stop gives this sense of trust but I am skeptical that drivers will actually change much, which is a concern. Pedestrians currently are quite careful at this intersection, which they need to be - and should continue to be even if stop signs are added.

As transportation professionals, you may have other suggestions based on similar situations - painted crosswalks? Other speed control measures on Grove? All this said, I have no issue with the 4 way stop if you believe it is the best option to actually change driver behavior for the better.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.



## Juliano, Jill

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**From:** Karen Lareau Patel <karen\_lareau@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 21, 2016 3:48 PM  
**To:** Juliano, Jill  
**Cc:** Sanjay Yahoo Patel  
**Subject:** Support for all-way stop sign at Grove and Berkshire

Hi Jill - We'd like to thank the village for its consideration of the petition to upgrade to all way stop signs at the intersection of Berkshire Street and Grove Avenue. We strongly support this petition but, unfortunately are unable to attend the hearing in person. We would like the village to consider the following points in its consideration:

1. We have overwhelming support by the owners of the applicable blocks. In fact, we had 100% agreement/support from those we were able to connect with in person. We're sure we'd be able to find additional support if that's a factor in the decision.
2. The homes on the impacted blocks have had a significant increase in the number of small children over the past five years. It is becoming increasingly dangerous given the speeds at which people are driving on Grove. We have witnessed significant high speeds during times when children are present on the block. The main issue, in our opinion, is that drivers are using Grove to speed up to North Avenue since Grove has less traffic than Oak Park Avenue. We've personally witnessed drivers driving over 50 miles per hour.
3. This intersection is very close to both Mann school and the Julian bus stop at that corner. We need as much help as we can keeping driving speeds to safe limits with the amount of children walking across that intersection.

We're sure the village has many factors in its decision, but we think this is a serious safety issue for our children. We would encourage the decision makers to consider our input above and the ones submitted in our application -- and move forward with the all-way stop signs at the intersection of Grove and Berkshire to improve safety!

Karen Lareau and Sanjay Patel  
homeowners, 1034 N. Grove Ave.

## Juliano, Jill

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**From:** Rachel Caskey <rcaskey@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 21, 2016 4:23 PM  
**To:** Juliano, Jill  
**Cc:** Erich Krumrei  
**Subject:** stop sign petition

Jill

My husband, Erich Krumrei, and I would like to thank the village for its consideration of the petition to upgrade to all-way stop signs at the intersection of Berkshire Street and N. Grove Avenue. We strongly support this petition but, unfortunately, we are unable to attend the hearing in person as we are out of town. We would like the village to consider the following points in its consideration:

1. We have overwhelming support by the owners of the applicable blocks. In fact, we had 100% agreement/support from those we were able to connect with in person. We're sure we'd be able to find additional support if that's a factor in the decision.
2. The homes on the impacted blocks have had a significant increase in the number of small children over the past five years. It is becoming increasingly dangerous given the speeds at which people are driving on Grove. We have witnessed driving speeds in excess of 65 miles per hour during times when children are present on the block. The main issue, in our opinion, is that drivers are using Grove to speed up to North Avenue because Grove has less traffic than Oak Park Avenue.
3. This intersection is very close to both Horace Mann school and a Julian Middle school bus stop at the corner of Grove and Berkshire. We need as much help as we can keeping driving speeds to safe limits with the amount of children walking across that intersection.

The village has to manage a number of factors when deciding to install a stop sign but we feel the safety of our children should be paramount. We would encourage the decision makers to consider our input and move forward with the all-way stop signs at the intersection of Grove and Berkshire to improve safety!

Sincerely,

Rachel Caskey and Erick Krumrei

## Juliano, Jill

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**From:** rdkcj@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, August 22, 2016 9:17 AM  
**To:** Juliano, Jill; jack.french@usafp.us  
**Subject:** Stop Sign at Berkshire and Grove

Hi Jill - We'd like to thank the village for its consideration of the petition to upgrade to all way stop signs at the intersection of Berkshire Street and Grove Avenue. We strongly support this petition but, unfortunately are unable to attend the hearing in person. We would like the village to consider the following points in its consideration:

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3. This intersection is very close to both Mann school and the Julian bus stop at that corner. We need as much help as we can keeping driving speeds to safe limits with the amount of children walking across that intersection.

We're sure the village has many factors in its decision, but we think this is a serious safety issue for our children. We would encourage the decision makers to consider our input above and the ones submitted in our application -- and move forward with the all-way stop signs at the intersection of Grove and Berkshire to improve safety!

Kind Regards,  
Candace and John French  
1014 N. Grove Ave.  
708-383-7293

## Juliano, Jill

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**From:** Jennifer Stratman <jennifer@stratmanpartners.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 22, 2016 10:47 AM  
**To:** Juliano, Jill  
**Subject:** Intersection of Berkshire and Grove

Hi Ms. Juliano,

I cannot attend the meeting tonight, but I want to throw my support behind creating an all-way stop at Grove and Berkshire. This intersection is a well-worn path to Mann School and a bus stop for Julian Middle School. I believe there should be a three block radius of all-way stops around schools and bus stops.

Thank you for considering my thoughts.

Best regards,

*Jennifer W. Stratman*



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## Juliano, Jill

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**From:** Michele Silveti-Schmitt <MSilveti-Schmitt@HBRA-ARCH.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 22, 2016 1:32 PM  
**To:** Juliano, Jill  
**Cc:** Family Silveti-Schmitt  
**Subject:** Stop Sign Request for Grove and Berkshire intersection

**Importance:** High

Dear Jill –

Unfortunately we are unable to attend this evening's meeting, as we have conflicting parent meetings at both Julian and OPRFHS.

We would however like to show our support for the stop-sign petition at our street corner. We'd like to thank the village for its consideration of the petition to upgrade to all way stop signs at the intersection of Berkshire Street and Grove Avenue. We strongly support this petition but, unfortunately are unable to attend the hearing in person. We would like the village to consider the following points in its consideration:

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We're sure the village has many factors in its decision, but we think this is a serious safety issue for our children. We would encourage the decision makers to consider our input above and the ones submitted in our application -- and move forward with the all-way stop signs at the intersection of Grove and Berkshire to improve safety!

**Michele and Jochen Silveti-Schmitt  
with children  
Antony and Aubrey Silveti-Schmitt**

1011 N. Grove Ave,  
Oak Park, IL 60302

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## Juliano, Jill

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**From:** Laurie Bunkers <lbunks@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 22, 2016 3:02 PM  
**To:** Juliano, Jill  
**Subject:** Berkshire & Grove Stop sign

Hi Jill - We'd like to thank the village for its consideration of the petition to upgrade to all way stop signs at the intersection of Berkshire Street and Grove Avenue. We strongly support this petition but, unfortunately are unable to attend the hearing in person. We would like the village to consider the following points in its consideration:

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We're sure the village has many factors in its decision, but we think this is a serious safety issue for our children. We would encourage the decision makers to consider our input above and the ones submitted in our application -- and move forward with the all-way stop signs at the intersection of Grove and Berkshire to improve safety!

Bill and Laurie Bunkers

1017 N Grove Ave  
Oak Park II 60302

Sent from my iPhone

## Juliano, Jill

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**From:** Jessica L. Malmquist <jlmalmquist@goddardlaw.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 22, 2016 3:26 PM  
**To:** Juliano, Jill  
**Subject:** Stop Sign at Grove & Berkshire

Dear Jill,

I would like to thank the Village for its consideration of the petition to upgrade to all way stop signs at the intersection of Berkshire Street and Grove Avenue. We strongly support this petition but, unfortunately are unable to attend the hearing in person due to the late nature of the notice. I cannot tell you strongly enough how much we need four-way stop at the intersection of Grove and Berkshire. Please consider:

1. The homes on the impacted blocks have had a significant increase in the number of small children over the past five years. We have two four-year old's and it has become increasingly dangerous and increasingly common to have people drive down Grove, presumably to avoid the traffic on Oak Park, at extremely high speeds. Not only are high speeds more common than not, there is often no more than a cursory slow-down at the no existing stop sign. I have personally witnesses speeds in excess of 50 mph and almost been clipped by speeding cars more than once. It is difficult to even contemplate allowing out children play out front with the other many, many children on the block with the current speeding situation.
2. This intersection of Grove and Berkshire is half a block from Horace Mann school and the location of the Julian bus stop.

Please help us keep the driving speeds to safe limits with the amount of children walking across this intersection and living on the adjacent blocks.

Although I am sure the Village has many factors in its decision, but we think this is a serious safety issue for my children and all the children in the area, attending Horace Mann, and using the Julien bus stop. I would encourage the Village to consider my input, and those of the many other family who support this petition, and move forward with the all-way stop signs at the intersection of Grove and Berkshire to improve safety!

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## Juliano, Jill

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**From:** Pasquale Di Rico <prdirico@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 22, 2016 3:52 PM  
**To:** Juliano, Jill  
**Subject:** Petition Stop Sign - Berkshire St Grove Ave

Mrs. Juliano,

In regards to petition for all way stop signs at the intersection of Berkshire Street and Grove Avenue, we support this petition. Unfortunately we are unable to attend the hearing in person. We would like the village to consider the following points in its consideration:

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Thank you for watching for our children's safety. We would encourage the decision makers to consider our input above and the ones submitted in our application -- and move forward with the all-way stop signs at the intersection of Grove and Berkshire.

Best regards,

Pasquale & Patricia Di Rico  
1026 N. Grove Ave.  
Oak Park, IL 60302

## Juliano, Jill

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**From:** SBC <n\_turley@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 22, 2016 4:37 PM  
**To:** Juliano, Jill  
**Subject:** Stop sign support

Hi Jill - We'd like to thank the village for its consideration of the petition to upgrade to all way stop signs at the intersection of Berkshire Street and Grove Avenue. We strongly support this petition but, unfortunately are unable to attend the hearing in person. We would like the village to consider the following points in its consideration:

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Nicole Turley  
1042 N. Grove Ave