



# VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, January 16, 2019 – 7:30 PM

Village Hall – Community Room, 400 Park Ave., River Forest, IL

## AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Public Comment
3. Presentation of Comprehensive Plan by Houseal Lavigne Associates for public discussion.
4. Request by Village Staff to make recommended improvements on Park Ave and Franklin Ave, just north of Lake Street for the purposes of clearing congestion during drop-off and pick-up times.
5. Adjournment



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## MEMORANDUM

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Date: December 7, 2018

To: Sustainability Commission, Historic Preservation Commission, Economic, Development Commission, Traffic & Safety Commission

From: Lisa Scheiner, Assistant Village Administrator

Subj: Preliminary Working Draft - Comprehensive Plan

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Attached please find a PRELIMINARY WORKING DRAFT of the River Forest Comprehensive Plan. It is being provided to various Commissions so that Commissioners may review and comment on the draft as it is being developed and refined. A member of the consultant team and someone from Village staff will be meeting with you at your December/January meeting to facilitate a discussion of the draft plan. We ask that you review it from the perspective of your group's primary area of expertise and interest (historic preservation, sustainability, economic development, bicycling, etc.). Once we have received feedback from the various boards and commissions, a revised draft will be prepared for Plan Commission review and discussion. After Plan Commission review, a revised draft will be brought to the public for review and discussion prior to undertaking a public hearing process and adoption.

It is important to note that pieces of the plan are still being developed, and that this is a working draft. Changes and additions to maps, graphics, photographs, and more are anticipated in the coming weeks.

A Bicycle Master Plan is also being developed and will be incorporated into the Plan. The draft Bicycle Master Plan is not yet completed and therefore is not reflected in the draft Comprehensive Plan at this time. A resident bicycle group will be reviewing and discussing preliminary bicycle plan materials this coming Monday.

*This Preliminary Working Draft is not yet ready for public review. The intent at this time is to get feedback from various Commissions to help us get the draft ready for the public. Public feedback is the next step. Therefore, at this time, please do not circulate this draft beyond the membership of your group.*

Thank you very much for your time and commitment to our Village and to helping us develop our new River Forest Comprehensive Plan!



## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** January 16, 2019

**TO:** Traffic and Safety Commission

**FROM:** Jeff Loster, Village Engineer

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Improvements – Park and Franklin Avenues at Lake Street

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**Issue:** During drop-off and pick-up times, Park Avenue and Franklin Avenue regularly become severely congested around Lincoln Elementary School. This is caused by a combination of vehicles dropping students off, parked vehicles, through-traffic, and vehicles attempting to turn onto Lake Street from Franklin Avenue. This often causes back-up onto Lake Street (from Park Avenue stacking) as well as emergency vehicle access concerns.

**Analysis:** In reviewing the situation, Village Staff has determined that parking restrictions in the two areas indicated on the attached exhibit will greatly reduce congestion. The restrictions would be limited to the drop-off/pick-up times (school days, between 7:30-9:00am and 2:00-4:00pm) and the limits of the restriction would match the limits of the “Student Loading Zone” signage on the opposite side of each street.

In addition to the proposed parking restrictions, a “No Left Turn” restriction is also proposed at the south end of Franklin Avenue at its intersection with Lake Street. This restriction would also be limited to the drop-off/pick-up times associated with the proposed parking restrictions.

It is anticipated that these improvements will greatly reduce area congestion during drop-off/pick-up times. Vehicles that access either of these streets would be able to move through both areas more efficiently than they currently do.

**Recommendation:** Village Staff recommends that a No Parking Zone be installed on the west side of Park Avenue and the east side of Franklin Avenue from the north curb line of Lake Street to the north property line of Lincoln School, on school days from seven thirty A.M. to nine o’clock A.M. and from two o’clock P.M. to four o’clock P.M. and to prohibit left turns from southbound Franklin Avenue onto Lake Street on school days from seven thirty A.M. to nine o’clock A.M. and from two o’clock P.M. to four o’clock P.M.

**Attachments:** Exhibit A

EXHIBIT A

Existing "Student Loading Zone" (School Days, 8am-4pm)

Proposed "No Parking Zone" (School Days, 7:30-9:00am and 2:00-4:00pm)

Proposed "No Left Turn" signs (School Days, 7:30-9:00am and 2:00-4:00pm) for southbound traffic

