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The residents of the 600, 700, 800 and 900 blocks of south Fairfield are petitioning this board, the Traffic and Safety Committee, to extend the 25 mph speed limit four blocks north from Wilson to Madison Street. We're extremely concerned about the overall safety of our neighborhood due to the speed of traffic that travels down Fairfield from Madison to Roosevelt Rd. and back. The ballparks across the street from Taylor to Harding, from early spring to late fall; add to the congestion and excessive speed on Fairfield. The first traffic study was requested in August of 2002 after a van jumped the parkway and ran between our parked car and the parkway tree, causing approximately \$2,300 in damage to our car and eventually killing the tree. A friend walking down the sidewalk at the time was almost hit. Fortunately, a twelve-year-old neighbor managed to get the license plate number.

At this time we asked for stop signs at Harrison and Harding to slow the traffic, which does not stop between Taylor and Madison. It has been observed that cars are at peak speed or better, by the time they hit the 700 block. Subsequently, a traffic study was completed which determined that stop signs were not warranted, as they would not slow down the traffic. It was noted by John Johnson that the speed on Fairfield between Harrison and Harding was considerable. This matter was referred to the police department. It was also suggested that our neighbor's park in the street to slow down the traffic.

In the meantime we see a lot of road rage, cars will not always pull over for each other. There is a lot of speeding to beat the oncoming traffic around the parked cars. We've seen several close calls as well. In September 2006 a car speeding down Fairfield hit our neighbor's sister's car pushing it onto the parkway, totaling the car. In another recent incident, a car flying too fast down Fairfield creased my neighbor's son-in-law's car as we all stood in his driveway. The driver never stopped and consequently we did not get his license plate number. The police were called and an accident report was completed.

There has been evidence of tire ruts on our parkways through out the years, and just recently a car hit our elderly neighbor's house. We heard that speed didn't play a role, however, I can tell you that the next-door neighbor heard that car coming down the street at a high rate of speed before it hit the house. I witnessed the car speeding away from the accident.

There are approximately 30 children between these four blocks, as well as, all the friends of these children who play throughout the front yards. There are also several grandchildren of residents in this area that frequent the neighborhood. We are concerned about those who walk near Fairfield and the pets that dart out into their front yards.

We are asking this committee to take all of our concerns into consideration and to please help us keep our children, our street and our neighborhood safe by extending the 25 mph speed limit signs four blocks north to Madison Street.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Biegalski  
720 S Fairfield, Lombard

**Gorman, Dave**

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**From:** Soderstrom, Richard  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 17, 2007 2:19 AM  
**To:** Gorman, Dave; 'lisa.biegalski@sbcglobal.net'  
**Cc:** Kuehnlenz, Paul; Kalisik, Frank; Johnson, John; Obrien, John; Wolf-Lindstrom, Patty  
**Subject:** RE: 25mph signs on South Fairfield

To Everyone,

I have a committment to another meeting on the evening of 12/3 but I want my position clear that I support the residents concerns regarding their neighborhood streets. If accepted by the Transportation & Safety Committee I will support a speed reduction to 25 MPH on Fairfield between Wilson and Madison. This street is a major cut through street between Roosevelt Road and Madison and is a detriment to the residents and their families in the area. Living in the area I have first hand experience of the problems that these residents face. Again, I encourage the T & S committee to look at this problem from a safety standpoint and not necessarily a traffic volume standpoint and reduce the speed limit to 25MPH just like we did south of Wilson Ave. I will look forward to the committee's recommendation.

Sincerely,

Rick Soderstrom  
District Six Trustee

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**From:** Gorman, Dave  
**Sent:** Friday, November 16, 2007 5:34 PM  
**To:** 'lisa.biegalski@sbcglobal.net'  
**Cc:** Kuehnlenz, Paul; Kalisik, Frank; Johnson, John; Obrien, John; Soderstrom, Richard; Wolf-Lindstrom, Patty  
**Subject:** Re: 25mph signs on South Fairfield

We will include your issue in the agenda. If you provide a letter explaining the matter, it can be included in the Transportation & Safety Committee packet if received by 11/28. The public is welcome at all such public meetings

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** Lisa Biegalski <lisa.biegalski@sbcglobal.net>  
**To:** Gorman, Dave  
**Sent:** Fri Nov 16 16:24:23 2007  
**Subject:** 25mph signs on South Fairfield

Hi Mr Gorman,

I was told by Rick Soderstrom, my neighborhood trustee, that I need to ask the T & S Committee to put on their 12/3 agenda our request to extend the 25 mph speed limit signs which are currently south of Wilson, north to Madison.

I called the village hall and was given your name and email address. I understand you are not in today, but I thought I'd follow up with an email. If you are not the person whom I should be talking, please redirect this email.

The neighbors on the 600, 700, 800 and 900 blocks of south Fairfield would like to know whether the meeting is open to residents.

Thank you,

Lisa Biegalski