



To: Chairperson and Transportation and Safety Committee
Through: Dave Gorman, P.E., Acting Director of Public Works *DAG*
From: David A. Dratnol, P.E., Village Engineer *DAD*
Date: November 27, 2007
Subject: Intersection Madison Street and Stewart Avenue

This investigation is based on a request from a student at Hammerschmidt School for a pedestrian crossing at Madison Street and Stewart Avenue (see attached letters). Currently Stewart Avenue stops for Madison Street traffic. In addition, there is no pedestrian crossing at the intersection. See attached aerial photo.

Staff is recommending that students cross at the existing pedestrian crossing at the Hammerschmidt Avenue intersection. As was stated in the student's letter, this is the safe, designated crossing for all the students. Students that are currently trying to cross at Stewart Avenue should be directed to cross at Hammerschmidt Avenue.

Staff is working with the schools and school district to put together new Preferred Pedestrian School Route Plans for each school. As part of the process the crossing of major streets, such as Madison, will be looked at to determine which intersection will be the best place for students to cross.

This item will be on the December 3, 2007 Transportation and Safety Committee agenda. The meeting is held at the Village Hall in the Community Room at 7:00 PM. This is a public meeting and public participation is encouraged.

DAD/pk

cc: Rick Soderstrom, Trustee, District 6
Dr. William Schewe, Superintendent, School District 45
David Danielski, Interim Principal, Wm. Hammerschmidt School
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October 23, 2007

Transportation and Safety Committee
Village of Lombard
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Dear Sir or Madame,

I am a fifth grader at Wm. Hammerschmidt School and I have a safety concern. I have to cross Madison at Stewart Street to get to and from school. A lot of the drivers on that street drive very fast. Some drivers are talking on their cell phones and aren't paying much attention to kids trying to cross there. I think that there should be a crosswalk to help children cross. I have written once before, but nothing has changed. I do want something to happen soon! There are at least ten people that cross there. To make things better for the children who cross there, I would like there to be a crosswalk and school crossing sign.

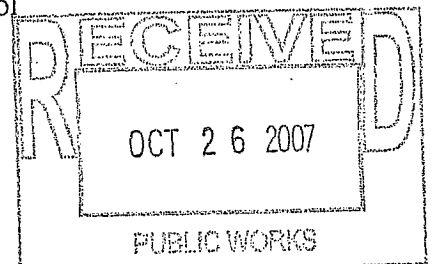
There is another crosswalk at Hammerschmidt, but kids going to school grades 1-5 have to walk around some of the school to get to where they need to go. That crosswalk get a lot of kids but only because it is a safer way to cross. Not only in the crossing at Madison and Stewart not safe, but it also takes a long time to cross on busy days. What I think would be helpful is a crosswalk and a school crossing sign that makes other drivers aware of the kids trying to cross. I really feel that this is important, and hope that something will be done.

Sincerely yours,

Hannah Appleyard

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(NOT ENCL.) → encl.: 5.26.2006 letter from R.J. Byrne
cc; Mr. Daniel Danielski, Principal, Wm. Hammerschmidt School



May 26, 2006

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Re: Madison and Stewart

Dear Hannah,

Thank you very much for the letter you recently sent to me about crossing the intersection of Madison and Stewart. We are always happy to receive information from residents about safety concerns. I am particularly pleased to see a young person such as yourself reach out to her Village government and public safety officials to address concerns. Your parents should be very proud of you.

I am going to forward your letter to the Village's Transportation and Safety Committee for review. The Transportation and Safety Committee is charged with the responsibility of evaluating traffic safety problems and making recommendations for improvements. They typically meet on the first Monday of every month and you can obtain their meeting agendas and minutes from the village's website (www.villageoflombard.org). You may also feel free to contact the staff liaison to the Committee, Deputy Police Chief Dane Cuny, at 630-873-4465.

Once again, let me thank you for your letter and your civic knowledge. Lombard's future will be well served with young people such as yourself.

Sincerely,

Raymond J. Byrne
Chief of Police

cc: William T. Lichter, Village Manager
Dep. Chief Dane Cuny, Transportation & Safety Committee