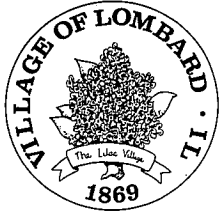


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To: Stan Rickard, Director of Public Works  
From: John Johnson, Technical Services Supervisor *JJ*  
Date: November 15, 2001  
Subject: Harrison Rd. and Charles Ln. between Rt. 53 and Finley Rd. Request for "No Left Turn" signs

At the November 5, 2001 Transportation and Safety Committee Meeting the committee requested staff to review traffic patterns in the above area to determine if "No Left Turn" signs are needed.

#### History

Harrison Rd. westbound has been a favorite route in the morning to access Rt. 53. In the evening Harrison Rd. eastbound is used to access Finley Rd. The volume of traffic on Harrison Rd. exceeded 6000 vehicles per day.

#### Current Conditions/Facts

- There are 4-streets affected by Rt. 53 traffic.
- Madison St. and Harding Rd. are controlled by the York Township/DuPage County.
- The Village of Lombard controls Harrison Rd. and Charles Ln.
- York Township/DuPage County is working with the IDOT to post southbound Rt. 53 at Madison St. and Harding Rd. "No Left Turn". No government agency has authorization to post signs in the States right-of-way.
- Harrison Rd. is under reconstruction, which includes a right in/right out raised landscape median (Pork Chop) at Rt. 53. The intersection of Rt. 53 and Harrison Rd. has recently been signed to prohibit left turns onto Rt. 53 from Harrison Rd. and left turns from Rt. 53 onto Harrison Rd.
- The York Township/DuPage County has posted westbound Harding Rd. at Rt. 53 "No Left Turn".
- The Village in cooperation with the York Township/DuPage County has posted northbound Finley Rd. at Harding Rd. "No Left Turn" between 6AM – 10AM and 2PM – 6PM. This was posted through the Village's construction ordinance, which allows the Village to control traffic in their construction zones and detours. This signage will be removed when Harrison Rd. officially reopens.

### What's Next Scenarios – Action and Reaction

1. If York Township/DuPage County pass an ordinance and are successful with the State in posting southbound Rt. 53 at Madison St. and Harding Rd. with “No Left Turn” signs, then the Village should pass an ordinance prohibiting left turns from southbound Rt. 53 onto eastbound Charles Ln. and Harrison Rd. This will eliminate Charles Ln. becoming the new “Harrison Rd.”.
2. If York Township/DuPage County pass an ordinance prohibiting left turns onto southbound Rt. 53 at Harding Rd. and Madison St., then the Village should pass an ordinance prohibiting left turns onto southbound Rt. 53 at Charles Ln. and Harrison Rd.
3. If the York Township/DuPage County pass an ordinance prohibiting left turns onto westbound Harding Rd. and Madison St. from Finley Rd. during certain hours, then the Village should pass an ordinance prohibiting left turns onto westbound Harrison Rd. and Charles Ln. from Finley Rd. during certain hours. The Village will need to work closely with the York Township/DuPage County so the time restrictions are standard along Finley Rd. The time restrictions should be determined by the Village and verified after traffic has returned to normal once Harrison Rd. is open to traffic for 2-3 weeks.

I would recommend that the Village pass an ordinance covering all 3 scenarios above. Coordinate with the York Township/DuPage County that they have their ordinances in place and submit ordinances to IDOT collectively. Then coordinate sign installations with all of the agencies involved.

cc: Rick Stoderstrom, Trustee, District 6  
Richard Tross, Trustee, District 2  
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Dear Trustee Rick Soderstrom,

I would like to thank the Lombard Village Board, Public Works Department and the Transportation and Safety Committee for their continued efforts and pro-active decisions concerning Harrison Rd. The recent improvements to the street have not only provided a safer place for pedestrians, but have enhanced the overall appearance of Harrison Rd., creating a desirable neighborhood atmosphere.

We are also aware that the Village of Lombard plans to conduct a traffic count on Harrison Rd. to determine the optimal times for a "No Left Turn" from Finley (North) to Harrison (West). It is no secret that the majority of traffic is cut-through traffic that neither begins nor ends in Lombard. The intent of the proposed left turn restriction, we assume, is to reduce this cut-through traffic during peak times. While this will help during peak times, it will not fully solve the safety problem caused by the enormous amount of cut-through traffic.

Harrison Rd. is a residential street that became a by-pass street for vehicles searching for a shortcut between two main thoroughfares, i.e., Roosevelt Rd. and Rt. 53. The large volume of traffic utilizing Harrison Rd. throughout the day and night is not local traffic, and such volumes are unsuitable for a residential street. This through traffic should be required to use the main thoroughfares that are designed for this purpose rather than the residential streets of Lombard.

Along with our neighbors, we ask you for your continued assistance to help make our neighborhood a safer place for our children and our families. The amount of traffic that uses Harrison Rd. for a by-pass is unacceptable for a residential Lombard street and should not be tolerated. It is with this in mind that we urge the Transportation and Safety Committee and the Lombard Village Board to review the facts and install a full restriction on left turns from North bound Finley to Harrison Rd. West. Only by barring all such left hand turn movements, will the residents on Harrison Rd. be able to enjoy and benefit from the substantial investment they have made to make Harrison Rd. a quiet and safe residential street. We need your assistance to make this possible. With your continued efforts, Harrison Rd. can be the anchor for a charming, residential area on the West end of Lombard, but only if we return it to what it was originally intended to be – a residential street.

Sincerely,



Jon & Laura Zuspann  
555 W. Harrison Rd

Cc: President Bill Mueller / Village Board  
Mr. John Johnson / Public Works Department  
Mr. Ray Schwab / Public Works Department  
Mr. Richard Tross / Village Trustee  
Mr. Steven Sebbly / Village Trustee – Transportation and Safety Committee