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To: Wes Anderson, Director of Public Works
From: Justine Gembala, PE, Civil Engineer *JG*
Date: November 29, 2004
Subject: Traffic Control at Charlotte and Berkshire

The Village received a letter from School District 44 requesting multi-way stop controls for the pedestrian crossing at Charlotte Street and Berkshire Street. Charlotte Street forms a T-intersection at Berkshire Street with school crossings on the north and west legs. Southbound Charlotte Street must "yield" at Berkshire Street.

John Johnson, Technical Services Supervisor, met with Mr. Kurt Frazier, Principal of Pleasant Lane School at the intersection. During this meeting, it was identified that trees and shrubs on the northeast corner were creating a possible sight distance problem. A safe stopping distance study revealed that there is insufficient sight distance for a "Yield" sign.

It is recommended to convert the "Yield" control to a "Stop" control. (This was converted under the Police Emergency Powers due to time restraints and safety of the children.)

The traffic volumes on Charlotte Street at Berkshire Street are below the nationally recognized minimum requirements warranting the installation of multi-way stop controls. Therefore, multi-way stop controls are not recommended. However, to assist the student patrols, it is recommended to place removable stop signs on Berkshire Street in the middle of the roadway at the crosswalks. These stop signs are mounted on a barricade with a red flashing LED light. The stop control on Berkshire Street at Charlotte Street will be used only in the morning while the children are going to school, and in the afternoon for pick-up. Mr. Frazier agreed to use the removable stop signs at the intersection on a trial basis.

This item will be on the December 6, 2004 Transportation and Safety Committee agenda. The meeting is held at the Village Hall in the Community Room at 7:30 pm. This is a public meeting and public participation is encouraged.

JG/jj

cc: Rick Soderstrom, Trustee, District 6
Steven Sebby, Trustee, District 4
Mr. Kurt Frazier, Principal, 401 N. Main
David Dratnol, Village Engineer
Transportation and Safety Committee



Dr. James A. Blanche, Superintendent
Dr. Catherine R. Berning, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction
Ms. Pam Schau, Assistant Superintendent for Finance
Ms. Mary Martin, Director of Special Services

Our Mission: "The mission of Lombard School District 44, working in partnership with students, families, and community members, is to educate the "whole child" in order to achieve personal excellence.

November 1, 2004

Mr. William T. Lichter
VILLAGE OF LOMBARD
255 E. Wilson Ave.
Lombard, Illinois 60148 - 3931

Dear Bill,

This letter is a follow-up to our earlier phone conversation relating to student safety on the north side of Pleasant Lane Elementary School. As I mentioned, we currently have a student crossing guard standing on the south side of Berkshire & Charlotte to cross students before and after school. This concern has been brought to our attention by parents who believe it is not safe to have a student crossing other students at this corner.

Kurt Frazier, the new principal at Pleasant Lane Elementary School, and I believe that stop signs on these three corners, two on Berkshire and one on Charlotte, will greatly improve this corner and alleviate safety concerns for our students. Currently, this student crossing guard is standing in the street helping other students cross with no normal barriers to stop oncoming traffic.

Please let me know what additional steps are necessary for District 44 to formally make this request to the appropriate governmental entities.

Thank you for your assistance in expediting this request.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jim Blanche
Superintendent

Cc: Kurt Frazier
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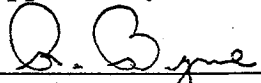
VILLAGE OF LOMBARD

AUTHORIZATION FOR TEMPORARY OR EMERGENCY PLACEMENT OF TRAFFIC CONTROL REGULATION OR DEVICE

Pursuant to the Village of Lombard Traffic Code, section 10-3-8, the below listed temporary or experimental regulation is authorized as an emergency or special condition: (please specify)

Requesting that the southbound Yield sign on Charlotte St. be converted to a Stop sign. The Superintendent of School District 44 sent a letter requesting a multi-way stop at Charlotte and Berkshire. While reviewing this request I noticed the northeast corner had many shrubs, trees and bushes. I conducted a sight distance study and found inadequate sight distance at this intersection, thus warranting the use of a Stop sign instead of a Yield sign. This intersection is located north of Pleasant Lane School and is a designated school crossing.

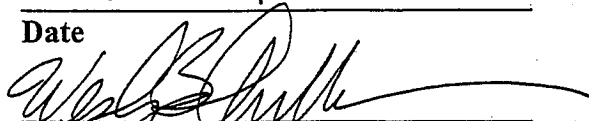
Approved by:



Chief of Police

11-18-04

Date



Director of Public Works

18 Nov 04

Date

This temporary or experimental regulation shall not be in effect for more than thirty (30) days after placement.

cc: Village Manager
Village President and Board of Trustees
Traffic and Safety Committee