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Chairperson and Transportation and Safety Committee

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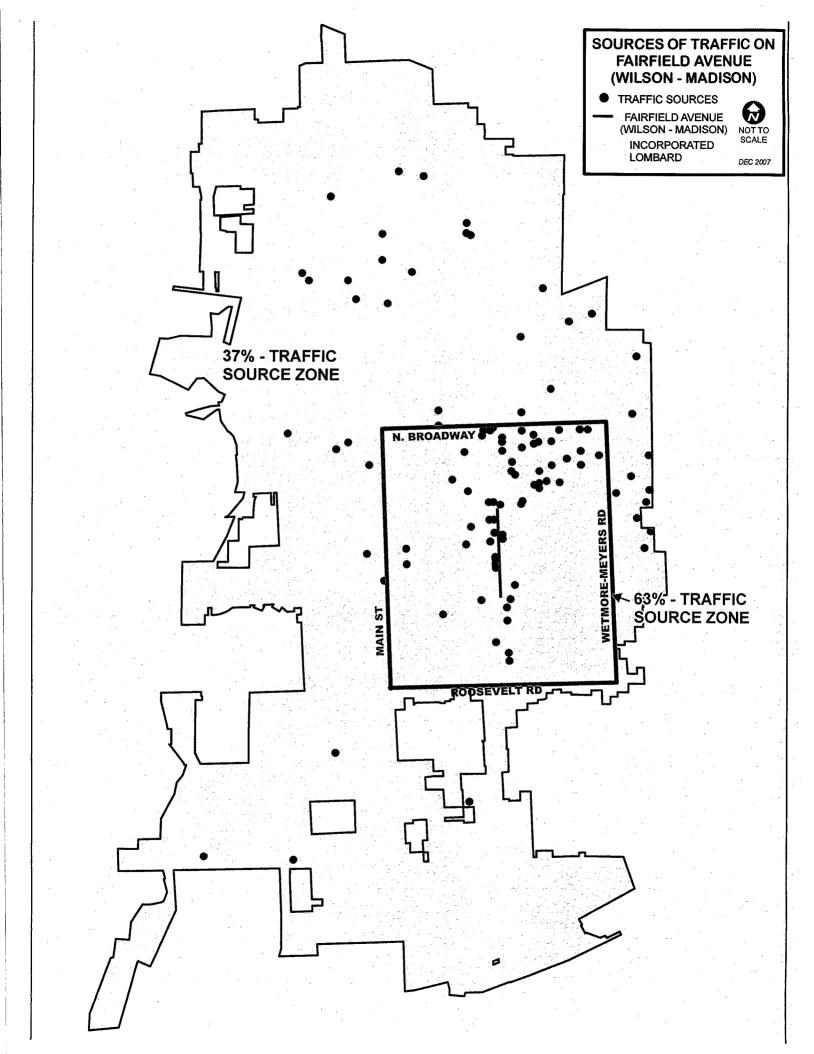
Subject:

Fairfield Avenue Traffic Speed Limit Reduction and Harding Road Stop

Sign Requests

A reduction in the regulated traffic speed from 30 mph to 25 mph and the placement of a four-way stop sign at the intersection of Fairfield and Harding were requested by the residents of the 600, 700, 800, and 900 blocks of Fairfield Avenue. Their requests for these regulated traffic control changes were based upon safety concerns and the desire to reduce excessive vehicle speeds. Utilizing historic traffic studies and accident reports, staff determined placement of a multi-way stop sign and lowering of the speed limit were not warranted in accordance with Illinois Department of Transportation traffic control standards. Staff recommended maintaining the speed limit and intersection in current conditions while increasing enforcement of the existing regulations. Per the request of the Transportation and Safety Committee, staff has conducted a study of the sources of traffic on Fairfield Avenue between Wilson and Madison.

On Thursday December 13, 2007, from 10:00 am to 11:00 am, and from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm, each vehicle traveling north and south on Fairfield Avenue at Taylor Road was observed, generating a total vehicle traffic count and general knowledge of the source of traffic by tracking vehicle stickers. At the given times, 82 and 155 units were observed, which respectively corresponds with historic volume distribution reports. Furthermore, approximately 63% of the traceable vehicles on Fairfield Avenue between Madison and Wilson Avenues were from the local area. The remaining 37% were from outside the local neighborhood (see attached map). If it is assumed that half of the "non-local" vehicles were conducting business in the area, such as school visitation or construction, one may conclude approximately 18 percent of observed traffic is "cut-through" traffic. Should Fairfield Avenue between Madison and Wilson, or a portion thereof, become designated as one-way traffic, it is estimated traffic on adjoining streets would significantly increase because of a redistribution of local traffic and not significantly reduce neighborhood "cut-through" traffic. Based upon this investigation, staff recommends enforcement of existing traffic controls as a means to increase traffic/pedestrian safety on Fairfield Avenue.



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Subject:

Fairfield Follow-up from Dec 3 T&S meeting

The residents from the 900 through the 600 blocks of south Fairfield were extremely disappointed in the discussion regarding 25 mph speed limit signs and the Harding and Fairfield stop signs issue, which were addressed together. The discussion of these items was confusing and seemed to lack direction from the committee. We felt we were not being taken seriously. We plan to attend January's meeting to address the alternative to stop signs and 25 mph speed limit signs, that being, making a section of Fairfield one way which the committee agreed to look into ASAP. If the latter is not an option then we, as taxpayers determined to make our street safer, will push for stop signs and 25 mph speed limit signs. We are hoping for a positive resolution at the next meeting. Lisa Biegalski

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