



Meeting Minutes

Transportation Advisory Board

Thursday, February 6, 2025

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Melaniphy called the February 6, 2025 Transportation Advisory Board Meeting to order.

B. ROLL CALL:

Present 9 - Jennifer Bruzan Taylor, Scott Hurley, Alice James, Michael Krzywinski, Michael Melaniphy, James Webb, Sarah Rose, Andrea Nair, and Brian Laird

Absent 1 - Nigel Neibel

C. PUBLIC FORUM:

Cathy Clarkin speaks on the Naperville bike-ability report that was drafted by students at her organization. She gives several examples how to improve mobility throughout the City. She would like the community to be involved in scoping the RFP for the City's bike and pedestrian plan update.

This was closed.

D. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Police Department Report

Police Sergeant Derek Zook gave an update on the grants that were completed at the beginning of the year. He also talks about the St. Patrick's Day campaign that is coming up in March. He reminds residents to drive sober during the upcoming Super Bowl weekend.

This was closed.

Approve the minutes of the November 7, 2024, Transportation Advisory Board Meeting

This Report was approved.

Aye: 8 - Hurley, James, Krzywinski, Melaniphy, Webb, Rose, Nair, and Laird

Absent: 1 - Neibel

Recommend approval to modify parking restrictions on Monticello Dr. from Plank Rd. to Bellingrath Ct.

Project Manager Mary Hartegan gave a presentation on the recommended

parking modification on Monticello Drive between Plank Road and Bellingrath Court.

Melaniphy asks if the residents were notified of the new restrictions since the last TAB meeting.

Hartegan states that all of the residents were notified and the residents supported the modification.

Webb thanks the Staff for finding a solution that works.

Nair asks if the resident who was most impacted by the restriction supported the change.

Hartegan states that he was in support.

A motion was made by Hurley, seconded by Krzywinski, approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Hurley, James, Krzywinski, Melaniphy, Webb, Rose, Nair, and Laird

Absent: 1 - Neibel

Recommend approval to remove parking restrictions on Triton Lane and Catalpa Lane

Project Manager Sydney Smith gives a presentation regarding the parking restrictions on Catalpa Lane and Triton Lane.

Melaniphy asks if staff was able to connect with the resident who opposed the change.

Smith states that they were but they did not give explanation on why they opposed the change.

This Report was approved.

Aye: 8 - Hurley, James, Krzywinski, Melaniphy, Webb, Rose, Nair, and Laird

Absent: 1 - Neibel

Approve the recommendation to modify the right-of-way control at the intersection of Vest Avenue and Rosewood Avenue

Prousa gives a presentation on staff's recommendation to modify the right of way controls at Vest Avenue and Rosewood Avenue.

Sharon Philips has concerns about the safety implications of changing the right of way controls. She states that the stop sign is the only way to cross Vest and this connects the school and neighborhood.

Julio Mayen states that the school walk route does not take into account how

children get to school. He states that the signs were installed for speeding down the street and that now with more development on Ogden, Vest is getting more traffic.

Noah Mattern states that he was the original requester to enhance the intersection. He states that the new proposal would not be safe for children and vehicles. He states that the traffic calming toolkit has stop signs as a tool that could slow vehicles down.

Alison Mattern states that markings and signage is needed to make the intersection safer. She states that the amount of children were not taken into account during staff evaluations on winter day. She states that a police officer in the area would help with compliance.

Jon Fleishman states that the stop signs were put in for a reason. He states that in the summer, children are out playing and removing would make the intersection less safe. He states that Vest is a busy cut through with the new developments on Ogden.

Mike Marek states that the city put the stop signs in for safety. He states that stop signs are used for speed control in the traffic calming toolkit. He states that taking the stop sign out will make Vest a raceway. Enhancement measures should be taken.

Kathleen Buettner states that she is an original resident and that residents fought for the stop sign 30 years ago. She states that nothing has changed to warrant taking the sign out. The City took out a sidewalk connection at Vest and Rosewood. She also would like a painted crosswalk at the intersection.

Frank Cozzi taking the stop sign out would create a dangerous situation. Costco has added traffic on Vest and it is a cut through.

Yvonne Pan states that she does not support the new proposal. She states that the stop sign plays a crucial role in safety in the neighborhood. She states that we should reward drivers for rolling and not stopping at the stop sign.

Tom King states that this is a safety issue for the children, he states that the stop sign does at least cause the vehicles to slow down.

Dale Dionesotes states that removing this stop sign will not make the intersection safer.

Irina Sullivan states that removing the stop sign does not make any logical sense. She states that stop signs can be used for slowing vehicles down.

Scott Sullivan wants the engineers to use engineering judgment to keep the intersection safe. He also would want enhancements made to the intersection.

Councilwomen Jennifer Bruzan-Taylor states that she went out to the intersection and that public safety is her number one issue. She states that from her observations this would not make sense. She states that the

crosswalk markings should be placed back and that we should keep the stop sign.

James states that she agrees with residents on not removing the stop sign. She asks staff if they evaluated the other intersections in the neighborhood for all-way stops.

Prousa states the process of how they would evaluate those intersections for an all-way stop.

Hurley agrees with the residents and recommends doing more in the traffic calming toolkit for this intersection to have enhancement.

Krzywinski is worried that the children in the neighborhood may not realize the stop signs are pulled and a dangerous situation could happen.

Rose thanks the residents for coming out to engage about the issue. Rose has a recommendation for a wider study throughout the neighborhood and more data collection at the intersection. She also asks if we should update the toolkit.

Laird states that staff should find a solution for the intersection that doesn't include taking the stop sign away.

Webb asks staff if they considered a three-way stop at this location.

Prousa stated that it would not be city policy to make this a three-way stop.

Nair thanks staff and the residents for the interaction and coming out.

Krzywinski asks what the reason was for the stop sign to originally be put in.

Prousa stated that residents at the time recommended an alternating stop sign policy to combat speeding concerns.

Melaniphy states that traffic flow changes constantly with developments. He states that this has been great government with the residents and staff coming out for this topic.

A motion was made by Rose, seconded by James, denied.. The motion failed by the following vote:

Nay: 8 - Hurley, James, Krzywinski, Melaniphy, Webb, Rose, Nair, and Laird

Absent: 1 - Neibel

E. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

This was closed.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

This was closed.

G. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Webb, seconded by Rose, to adjourn the Transportation Board Meeting at 8:23 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Hurley, James, Krzywinski, Melaniphy, Webb, Rose, Nair, and Laird

Absent: 1 - Neibel

FEBRUARY 6, 2025 TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

WRITTEN COMMENTS

PUBLIC FORUM

25-0083 – RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO REMOVE PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON TRITON LANE AND CATALPA LANE

WRITTEN COMMENT ONLY

1. **Courtney Jenkins** (Naperville) [Late Survey Response] No, I do not support the proposed Parking Modification on Triton Lane and Catalpa Lane.

24-1454 – APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION TO MODIFY THE RIGHT-OF-WAY CONTROL AT THE INTERSECTION OF VEST AVENUE AND ROSEWOOD AVENUE

WRITTEN COMMENT ONLY

1. **Kathy Buettner** (Naperville) As an original homeowner of North Edgewood, I have watched the neighborhood transition from empty lots to a vibrant neighborhood. The stop controls at Vest and Rosewood have been there many years. As a dog walker, I have crossed many times at the intersection of Rosewood and Vest. I understand the traffic studies, but I see the cars. If you remove the stop controls at Rosewood, then the cars will zoom from Kennebec straight to Bauer.
Safe walk to school route-currently, no sidewalk on the west side of Vest. (Schillerstrom home unincorporated).
“Stop compliance on Vest Avenue and Rosewood Avenue is very low.” This statement can apply almost anywhere in Naperville.
Last summer, the City of Naperville removed the sidewalk leading from 930 E. Rosewood Lane where I used to cross Vest to the driveway of 1533 N. Vest. The City of Naperville installed a sidewalk in the parkway of 1537 N. Vest across from 929 E. Rosewood Lane. There is no painted crosswalk, no crosswalk sign. I am against removal of the stop controls for Vest Ave. unless the City of Naperville is willing to stripe a crosswalk and install a crosswalk sign.
2. **Nancy Debruin** (Naperville) I am emailing you to support keeping the stop sign on Vest at the corner of Vest and Rosewood in Edgewood. I used to live at 929 (the corner of Vest and Rosewood) from 1988 - 199_. I currently live at 939 Amberwood Circle in Edgewood. During the time we lived on Rosewood, my 3 children ranged from newborn to age 8.
Before the stop sign, there was a lot of traffic on Vest and many cars would routinely speed down Vest, using it as a shortcut between Ogden and Iroquois. It was awful. We would be playing outside with our young children and often would have to yell at speeding cars to slow down. This is not an exaggeration. A group of neighbors and I petitioned TAB to install the stop sign on Vest and at first they rejected the request, noting the same rationale as in the notice. It took a lot of persistence, but eventually they agreed to put in the stop sign. I can attest personally that the traffic on Vest very quickly became much lighter and most cars did stop at the stop sign. Those few that would not stop completely would slow down to a "rolling" stop. I can personally attest that the stop sign absolutely made the neighborhood much safer for the many children that lived there and that continues to be the case today.
Even though I no longer live on that corner, I still walk and bike around the neighborhood regularly, often with my grandkids or dogs. The neighborhood has turned over once again to young families with children who are often outside playing, riding bikes, walking to school or the bus stop, etc. The neighborhood has also become a

popular walking route for residents of surrounding neighborhoods. Further, the continuing new builds on Bauer, particularly the townhome complex, have increased foot traffic in the neighborhood. Finally, car traffic has increased due to all of the new businesses we have in the Ogden/Naperville Road area, especially the Costco. For all of the above reasons, I believe that the stop sign on Vest continues to be absolutely necessary to keep our residents and visitors to and through our neighborhood safe. Please do not remove it.

3. **Gina & John Fiorelli** (Naperville) We highly disapprove of the proposal to remove the stop sign at Vest Ave and Rosewood Ave. Our North Edgewood neighborhood is home to approximately 80 children, mostly elementary school age or younger. As parents of three boys (7 years old, 5 years old and 3 years) we think it is imperative for their safety that this stop sign stays in place for them while crossing the street. All of these children frequently play outside and cross that intersection multiple times a day to visit their friends. In living here for the past seven years and witnessing the traffic that goes down Vest Ave, which has increased since Costco has arrived, we are fearful that no stop sign will result in higher speeds and cause a very dangerous situation for all of our children.
4. **Olimpia Gancarczyk** (Naperville) Me and my family are long time residents at 840 Lockwood Circle, which is a street just behind Vest Dr and drive through Vest Dr daily. Our little community, which includes neighbors on Lockwood Cir. Amberwood Cir., Rosewood Ave. and Vest Ave., prides ourselves in being a great place to raise a family, and where the little kids can thrive and roam freely through the neighborhood. Most of the houses in our little neighborhood do not have fences, and all kids are always welcomed to come to anybody's yard to play. We are one big community where kids thrive and no one wants to move from it. At the moment, our closest neighborhood is a home to around 80 kids, we all know each other. On a daily basis, our kids visit their friends on throughout the neighborhood, crossing Vest Ave. on multiple occasions. Few months ago, our peaceful little environment was disturbed: on Vest Dr, about one block from Vest/Bauer intersections, a gambling facility with slots and serving alcohol opened it's door. Since then, we've seen unusual increase in reckless traffic running (many times twice over speed limit) through Vest Dr towards Kennebec Ln. The stop sign you are trying to take away from us, is the only restraint for these reckless drivers. My son was almost hit by some strange by-passers on couple occasions, thankfully for the Stop sign the car slowed down and tragedy was avoided. I myself witnessed speeding cars flying by while walking dogs on countless occasions. I'm scared to think how will they behave if the stop sign gets removed. Do we really need to have someone hit by a car to justify a Stop sign in a neighborhood full of kids running around in this close proximity to busier streets and one block away from a gambling place that attracts questionable crowd from out of town? A better idea would be to add one more stop on Rosewood/Vest so there is all way stop and less confusion. We should strive to protect our children, and to mitigate the risks whenever possible. To conclude, please reconsider removing Stop sign on Vest by Rosewood. I do understand that on paper removing the sign makes sense, but in reality it will not benefit anyone. Removing the sign will put our kids in big danger, and will not be question IF accident happens, but WHEN will it happen.
5. **Sonia Hartmann** (Naperville) My name is Sonia Hartmann and I live on Vest Dr in Naperville. We received the attached notice for a proposal to change road stop signs. I am writing today to share with you some concerns regarding the proposed change to remove the two existing stop signs on Vest Avenue at the corner of Rosewood as per the attached notice that we received.

We live one block away from the above cross-section, at the corner of Vest Avenue and Amberwood Circle where there is no stop sign. We already have cars speeding past our house at such speeds that I feel like they will hit my car when I try to enter my garage. Since our garage is on a bit of an angle, I need to slow down and that makes cars tailgate me even though I put the signal on my car indicating my intention to enter my garage. Although most cars seem to use Vest as a shortcut to get to Iroquois, sadly, some cars also belong to neighbors who live down a block or two. I can not let my young child play or ride her scooter on the front sidewalk of our house given how often cars drive past at high speeds. Even checking our mailbox is hazardous as we have to make sure there are no cars and be very quick to get off the road as fast as possible. The removal of the stop sign on Vest will only exacerbate the above situation by removing the only deterrent there is now for speeding cars. If the proposed removal of the stop sign on Vest is due to the City's concern about safety, as stated in the notice we received, I am unable to understand how it would be safer since cars will now have a longer stretch of Vest Ave to speed along without any reasons to slow down. Perhaps a more reasonable and safer solution would be to leave the existing stop signs on Vest. And add a stop sign on Rosewood at Vest as well. Also, painting stop lines on the street on Vest before the existing stop signs might go a long way to making the existing stop signs visible to drivers. I hope my concern and thoughts above will be considered before implementing the proposed changes.

6. **Patricia Hurt** (Naperville) I am an original owner in the Edgewood subdivision. I understand that there is a proposal to remove the stop signs at Vest and Rosewood Avenues. I have lived here long enough to know what it was like without stop signs and what it like with the stop signs. It is a much safer neighborhood with the stop signs. Without the stop signs Vest was a cut through for cars coming from Iroquois and from Bauer and dangerous for all because of the speeding. That is why owners asked for the stop signs years ago. Edgewood is a very kid friendly neighborhood with children crossing at the stop signs daily to visit with friends and walk to school. My main concern if the signs were to be removed is the speeding. Stop signs slow the traffic and makes drivers more aware of what is happening on the street and the sidewalks as I can attest to since there is a stop sign in front of my house at Rosewood and Amberwood. That is why when the development first began we asked for something to slow down drivers coming from Iroquois and Bauer. Please reconsider this proposal and keep the stop signs at Rosewood and Vest Avenues. This would be a positive for our neighborhood. There is no downside.
7. **Gary Kujawinski** (Naperville) I live at 947 Amberwood Cir, Naperville, IL 60563. I walk my dog on Vest daily and see cars barreling down the street rarely stopping and hardly slowing down. I don't have small children but I agree with my neighbors who are concerned that the removal of the stop signs would increase the speeds and certainly not make the street safer. So I am **Against** removal of the stop signs on Vest.
8. **Kevin & Katie Lapham** (Naperville) We are residents of Naperville, with a home on Rosewood Ave. Ahead of tonight's Advisory Board Meeting, we wanted to voice our concern about the proposed removal of stop signage on Vest Ave. Please note that, if the stop signs on Vest at Rosewood Ave. are removed, there will be no impediment to speeding through a residential neighborhood with many young families and children. As it is, many people do not stop fully at this 3-way intersection, but it does help to slow traffic. With the new businesses coming into this area (Costco, Chick-Fil-A, Taco Bell, etc), the congestion it has caused at intersections such as Iroquois and Ogden has and will result in even more traffic using Vest to circumvent them. These factors make the proposed removal of stop signs a highly important safety concern. If a change needs to be made, we hope the board will consider *adding* a stop sign on Rosewood (and keeping the ones on Vest) so that there is a true 3-way stop. This could

also include the addition of a crosswalk perhaps from the northeast corner of Rosewood to the northwest side of Vest.

Thank you for your time. We hope that this will be taken under advisement and consideration.

9. **Delgermaa Leclerc** (Naperville) My name is Delgermaa Leclerc and I live at 1008 E Rosewood Ave in Naperville, intersection of Vest and Rosewood. I am reaching out regarding the notice I received about the proposed stop signage change at the intersection of Rosewood Ave and Vest Ave.

While I understand the intention behind the proposal, I need to express my concerns and disapproval of the proposed change. When we purchased our home, the biggest contributor of moving to the North Edgewood neighborhood was the community. The community of family and kids, the block parties, the get togethers in the driveways - there are approximately 80 children in the area who frequently play together outside and **this change will have negative impact on pedestrian safety.**

Although I live towards east end of Rosewood, I often see vehicles speeding over the speed limit on Vest Ave and the stop sign is a great deterrent to folks speeding and provides a layer of safety to the neighborhood kids and families.

10. **Mike Marek** (Naperville) A notice dated December 17, 2024 and signed by you outlined a proposed change of removing two existing stop signs on Vest Avenue and adding a stop sign on Rosewood Avenue. Staff notes "(s)top compliance on Vest Avenue and Rosewood Avenue is very low" and recommends this change "(t)o increase safety for both pedestrian and vehicular traffic."

While I agree that compliance with the stop sign at that intersection is low, I respectfully and strongly disagree that removal of the stop signs will increase safety. Removal of the existing stop signs will result in four straight blocks of Vest Avenue with no stop signs, almost certainly increasing speed of traffic in a residential area. While I understand that stop signs are not meant to be used for speed control, the stop signs unfortunately perform that function at that intersection.

If the City's intent is to increase safety, a more effective way than the proposal would be to keep the existing stop signs on Vest Avenue, add a stop sign on Rosewood Avenue, paint a crosswalk on Rosewood Avenue at the intersection of Vest and on Vest Avenue at the corner of Rosewood, and add stop lines on the pavement on Vest Avenue at the stop sign without a crosswalk.

I appreciate and share the City's concern for the safety of our residents, and ask that staff not proceed with the current proposal at the intersection of Vest and Rosewood Avenues.

11. **James R. Matter** (Naperville) I live at 1533 N. Vest Drive Naperville, IL 60563. I am concerned with the proposal to remove the stop signs on the corner of Vest Drive and Rosewood Avenue.

My wife and I have a 2 year old, who often plays outside.

I strongly believe that the stop sign should remain in place and that a crosswalk should be painted on the road, at the intersection of Vest Drive and Rosewood Avenue.

I have observed many times, when outside with my 2 year old, cars completely ignoring the stop sign. Painting a crosswalk would add additional visibility to this intersection.

I also believe that it makes sense to add an additional stop sign at the corner of Rosewood Avenue and Vest Drive.

There are many families with young children in the Edgewood Neighborhood and these additions should be put in place, rather than the removal of the stop sign. Such a recommendation is curious at best, and it ignores the large number of young children in this small neighborhood.

12. **Alison Mattern** (Naperville) My name is Alison Mattern and I live at 930 E Rosewood Avenue in Naperville. I am reaching out regarding the notice I received about the proposed stop signage change at the intersection of Rosewood Ave and Vest Ave and I would like my email included in any documentation for the Transportation Advisory Board meeting on February 6, 2025.

I have major concerns and disapproval about the proposed change. My desire is to see the neighborhood safety increase and this action is directly in contradiction to that request. There are approximately 80 children who live in our neighborhood (North Edgewood) and this change puts the children in greater risk. I cannot believe we are having to ask to keep the stop sign when we specifically asked for MORE signage and markings to ensure people actually stop at a stop sign - this is the opposite of our request to the city. The use of any blanket transportation guideline does not take into consideration the families living in the area, the fact that Vest has become a cross-through street due to the increased business in the area, or the change in economic ways due to delivery drivers frequenting the streets (and disregarding stop signs). I am stunned the city is disregarding a safety request from its residents in this way.

13. **Noah Mattern** (Naperville) Thank you for your thorough evaluation of the intersection at Vest Avenue and Rosewood Avenue and for sharing the proposed changes. I appreciate the city's efforts to address traffic safety in our neighborhood. However, I, and many others in the neighborhood, have significant concerns about the recommendation to remove the stop signs on Vest Avenue. To be blunt, this is the exact opposite of what I was requesting - I was asking for more safety and feel like the proposed solution leaves the children in our neighborhood less safe.

As a resident living on the corner of Vest and Rosewood, I witness daily instances of drivers ignoring the current stop signs. I have 9-year-old twins who frequently play in our yard, and they have friends living directly across the street. Vest Avenue effectively divides our neighborhood, which is home to approximately 60+ children. Expecting these children to walk a few blocks north or south to either Kennebeck or Bauer to cross safely is impractical and unrealistic.

I have discussed this matter with many parents in the neighborhood, and there is a unanimous concern that removing the stop signs on Vest will only exacerbate the issue. Without these stop signs, drivers may feel emboldened to increase their speed, posing an even greater risk to the safety of our children.

While I understand the city's criteria for additional pavement markings, I urge you to consider the unique dynamics and safety needs of our neighborhood. I am supportive of adding a stop sign on Rosewood to create a three-way stop, but I strongly believe that the stop signs on Vest should remain to ensure the safety of both pedestrians and drivers.

I welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter further at the upcoming Transportation Advisory Board Meeting on February 6th and hope to make it there (I currently have a conflict with some work travel). If not me, representatives from our neighborhood will be there to convey the community's concerns and I hope we can work together to find a solution that prioritizes the safety of our neighborhood's children.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

14. **Julio Mayen** (Naperville)

- The North Edgewood neighborhood is currently home to 80+ children. Most of whom are under the age of 10.
- One of the reasons cited in favor of the proposed change is to align traffic patterns with the designated school walk routes. However, this assumes that all children in the neighborhood will strictly adhere to these routes, when in reality, children take unpredictable routes or the shortest path home.
- The provided school walk route directs children on the western side of Vest Ave to walk southbound toward Bauer. However, the southern portion of Vest Avenue near Bauer

lacks a sidewalk on the west side. As a result, children would either have to walk in the street or cross Vest Avenue to the east side, where a continuous sidewalk is available. This does not appear to have been accounted for in the study or provided designated walk routes.

- The majority of the time children are out on the street is not when they are walking to/from school, but rather when they're playing, riding bikes, or walking to a friends/neighbors house.
 - Longtime residents have shared that these stop signs were originally placed on Vest Avenue in the 1990s due to concerns about speeding along the straightaway and the presence of many children in the area. If the City placed these signs for the safety of children, why remove them now?
 - I understand that the study was conducted to address low stop and rolling stop compliance at the stop signs. While compliance may be lower, maintaining the stop signs ensures that drivers passing through Vest Avenue will at least have their foot on the brake, reducing their reaction time and improving overall stopping response in the event a child runs or bikes into the street.
 - While the stop signs may not be "warranted" under MUTCD guidelines, the MUTCD does allow for engineering judgment to address local safety concerns. Though the guidelines discourage the use of stop signs for speed control, this is not a theoretical intersection - it is part of a well-established neighborhood with existing traffic patterns. Removing the stop signs could disrupt those patterns, potentially leading to confusion, high speeds, and increased risks for both pedestrians and drivers.
15. **Timothy McFadden** (Naperville) I live on Rosewood Avenue and am in receipt of your letter regarding the intersection signage. While I don't mind adding stop signs on Rosewood, I think eliminating the stop sign on Vest since people don't stop is a dangerous solution. Vest is a busy arterial road with heavy traffic. Our neighborhood has an unusually high number of school-age children under the age of 10 who are still learning traffic rules. Eliminating a stop sign on a busy street is sure to increase the speed of cars and increase safety risks for our children and others. Again, I am fine with adding stop signs on Rosewood and Amberwood. That solution would increase safety, which should be the top priority.
16. **Mark Pan** (Naperville) The idea of removing stop signs to lessen adherence by removing any adherence seems a bit ridiculous. With 80+ kids under 21 in this neighborhood, it is imperative to have some form of stops on vest to slow traffic down. we aren't worried about traffic, but safety and removing the stop signs do not give us any sense of safety in what should be a town that is focused to be family friendly and a great place to raise children. It won't feel right if the city decides to focus on traffic patterns over safety of our kids. Also - if the plan to walk to school is going down the unincorporated side of vest to Bauer, then it should be made known that, that area does NOT have a sidewalk. To which crossing at Bauer and vest is NOT ideal as that intersection is even more dangerous.
17. **Justin & Sharon Philips** (Naperville) We are writing as residents of Naperville to express our deep concerns regarding the city's proposal to remove the stop sign located on N. Vest Dr, which sits directly in front of our home at 1537 N. Vest Drive. As parents with 3 children who frequently play in our front yard, we believe that the removal of this stop sign could significantly jeopardize the safety of our children and the neighborhood, and we would like the stop sign to remain in place. In addition, we would like to reconsider the use of additional painted crosswalk markings, as we do believe this is a legitimate and necessary crosswalk route for school-aged children. There are several important points we would like to highlight:
- **High Number of Local Children:**

There are approximately 80 children in our neighborhood who regularly play outdoors, crossing Vest Drive to interact with each other. With so many friends crossing to and from Rosewood over to Vest Drive, this crosswalk sees a high amount of foot traffic. In fact, all spring, summer and fall this area is full of happy children knocking on each others' doors, riding bikes, and playing joyfully. We cherish this part of our neighborhood, which supports the growth and independence we desire for our children, with an appropriate amount of safeguards in place. The stop sign was originally erected in the early 1990s in response to a high number of children in the area. Considering that the population of local children has grown since then, the rationale for the stop sign remains valid, if not more critical than it was when initially installed.

- **Safety Concerns on Residential Roads:**

The path to the local schools do in fact require them to cross Vest Drive; the recommended walking route to Beebe Elementary and Jefferson Junior High School misses the fact that a section of Vest Drive where it meets Bauer Road is unincorporated and does not have a sidewalk on just the western side. Therefore our children will always cross Vest Drive to congregate with their classmates at the corner of Rosewood/Vest and proceed to walk together to Jefferson Junior High School or Beebe Elementary School. The presence of a stop sign currently serves as an essential safety measure, and the crosswalk is both necessary and heavily utilized.

- **No Mandate for Removal:**

Importantly, there is no existing code or regulation that necessitates the removal of the stop sign. In fact, its continued presence is supported by historical safety needs, the current usage patterns of our neighborhood, and public opinion.

We understand that an engineering survey was performed over the winter 3 different times for 1 hour each time. These were all performed on a Friday in winter months where traffic is lower than typical during summer months. Regardless, the proposal to remove the stop sign would see an increase of ~73% in traffic that does not stop at this intersection (this is based on the # of Complete Stop and Half Stops that would convert to "blown stops" in this study). We consider this equivalent to a ~73% decrease in public safety for the children that frequent this intersection. Naperville prides itself on a safe place to raise children and this effort directly contradicts this message.

The reasoning provided in this study is that the removal of the stop sign on Vest would "match the driver's expectations of how this intersection should function" based on the understanding that T-intersections must yield. We do not believe that the average Naperville citizen has an innate understanding of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) Section 2B.04. However, overwhelming public opinion by the residents of this neighborhood supports the stop sign at its current location.

We respectfully urge the City of Naperville to keep the stop sign at Vest Drive where it meets Rosewood, and to reconsider the use of additional painted crosswalk markers on this essential school route. The safety of our children should remain a paramount consideration in any decisions affecting residential traffic control. Maintaining the stop sign would continue to protect not only our children but also the many other local children who use this area daily.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to your response and a solution that prioritizes the safety of our community.

18. **Larry Randell** (Naperville) I received your Notice dated December 17, 2024, and have the following comments regarding this signage change:

1. I have lived at 1545 N Vest Dr for 20 years and feel that the primary reason that this signage is currently this way, is to reduce the speed of traffic along Vest Avenue, for the 4 blocks between Bauer and Kennebec. If there is no stop sign at Rosewood, then the speed of this traffic will easily get up to 40 mph, even though the speed limit is 25. Having this stop sign forces traffic to slow down.

2. I do agree that a stop sign should be added for the cars west bound on Rosewood to stop, so then it would be a 3-way stop. Not having the traffic on Rosewood stop is just confusing for all traffic on Vest, as it is very easy to assume that it is a 3 way stop. The traffic on Rosewood knows this confusion already, so they are already cautiously slow, and also have to pretty much slow down close to a stop anyway to make the right or left turn, so they might as well stop.

3. I feel that most people on Vest do stop at this stop sign, even if it is just a rolling stop, which at least forces drivers to slow down, which is the intent of this stop sign.

4. In the past 15 years, people are driving faster and faster every year. Enforcement of Speed Limits by the Naperville Police is no longer a priority. My guess is that this is probably due to budget constraints, so that they simply do not have the staff to do this. It is pretty much a free for all out there on our city streets, everyone drives 5 mph over, and at least half drive 10 to 15 mph over. No one drives the 25-mph neighborhood speed limit, and that is fine, I'm sure the point of this limit is to get people to only drive 30 to 35 mph. I have no problem with people driving 30-35 mph by my house, but I'm sure 25% of the northbound traffic will be up to 40 mph if they don't have to stop at Rosewood.

5. Vest is a through street to/from Ogden, even though you have to take Kennebec to get to Iroquois. Now that Costco has replaced Kmart at the Ogden mall, more people are using Vest going to and from this superstore. And I'm sure the new Chick-fil-A will also increase the volume of traffic on Vest. And the new 7-Brew store has really impacted the flow of Iroquois traffic at the intersection of Ogden and Iroquois. As a side comment, Turn Arrows for Iroquois need to definitely be added to this traffic light, maybe you can pass this comment along to the County or State.

6. Finally, as another side comment, there has been a new house built at the NW corner of Bauer and Vest. There is currently no sidewalk along the west side of Vest on this property, but as part of that construction, I was expecting the current southbound sidewalk on the west side of Vest to be extended. Maybe there are still plans to do this, as some trees will need to be removed, and the parkway graded. I would appreciate if you could look into this, as right now you have to cross the street mid block or walk in the street until you get to Bauer.

I have just one more comment on the sidewalk issue:

Pedestrians walking south on the existing sidewalk on Vest, upon coming to the end of this sidewalk mid-block, are tempted to continue walking in the parkway, which is owned by the City of Naperville. In choosing to do so, they find that the ground is uneven, slick with leaves, contains holes/tree roots, and limb debris from the trees above. These obstacles are very unsafe and can lead to a twisted ankle or a fall. The other choices are to walk in the street with traffic at their back for this half block (which is also unsafe), or cross over to the East side of Vest, where there is a sidewalk.

So, in the interest of **Pedestrian Safety**, which I'm sure the Council supports, it would be in the best interests of the City of Naperville to complete the sidewalk in this area as soon as possible.

19. **Irina Sullivan** (Naperville) Thank you for the work you do for the City of Naperville. As one engineer to another, I sincerely appreciate your professional judgement and the care you take to make sure that our City is the best community in which to live and raise our children.

I am a resident near Vest Avenue and, having studied the City's proposal to remove stop signs on Vest at Rosewood, I write to you to convey my deep concern regarding this proposed action.

Based on my direct, lived experience with vehicular traffic on Vest, it is paramount that we keep the stop signs because they serve an **important traffic-calming function** for north-south Vest traffic. Below I provide some points for your consideration.

- External "through" vehicular traffic on Vest increased significantly since the opening of Costco. The Costco traffic moves north-south and the activity is heaviest in the evenings

on weekdays and throughout the day on Saturday and Sunday, coinciding with the times when the neighborhood children and residents are most active and likely to be crossing Vest.

- The external vehicular traffic travels this stretch of Vest to/from Bauer on the south end and Kennebec on the north end with **the at-Rosewood stop signs being the only traffic-calming measure** between the two ends.
- As external "through" travelers, these drivers show little regard or care about ensuring safety and frequently speed past 3 intersections (north and south ends of Amberwood-Lockwood loop and the Rosewood intersection). This is evidenced by the City's own findings that "stop compliance on Vest Avenue at Rosewood Avenue is very low" and that "the majority of vehicles on Vest Avenue do not stop, creating a safety hazard".
- However, **addressing low stopping rates by removing the stop signs, as the City suggests, makes absolutely no logical sense** and will result in an increased danger to both, the drivers and the pedestrians. After all, vehicles that already travel too fast through a residential neighborhood will be even more likely to do so because there is absolutely nothing to slow them down.
- Accordingly, the findings of the City's engineering study of the low stop sign compliance is the reason for *maintaining* the stop signs, as well as, *applying additional traffic-calming measures, such as adding stop lines*, to supplement the signs, rather than removing them. These stop signs are crucial in preventing the vehicles traveling on Vest to/from Bauer and Kennebec from reaching high rates of speed.

Thank you for your time in considering my expressed concerns. I plan to attend the upcoming TAB meeting on February 6th and look forward to a constructive dialog.

20. **Scott Sullivan** (Naperville) I am a Naperville resident in the North Edgewood subdivision, and I'm emailing you regarding the proposed change to the stop signs at the Vest Avenue and Rosewood Avenue intersection. Currently there are stop signs on Vest, and not on Rosewood at this intersection. You propose eliminating the stop signs on Vest and adding one on Rosewood.

Talking to some neighbors, they remember when they had to petition Naperville to add stop signs on Vest at this intersection due to the high number of speeding cars down Vest, which was a danger to the children (and adults) in the neighborhood, especially on roads which are a walking route for the local schools.

Instead of removing the stop signs on Vest (which will cause cars to speed even faster through our neighborhood), I think that it would make a lot more sense (and be a lot safer) for you to add stop sign markings on the road at the stop signs, and also add crosswalks, similar to what is at the Arrowhead park crossing at Iroquois and Columbia avenues. This will make the intersection more visible to drivers and also make this intersection safer for our children (my child is one of the children who walks or bikes to Beebe Elementary from this neighborhood daily). There is a severe lack of stop-sign markings and crosswalks on his walk to Beebe in general, but that's a different discussion for another time...

Another option would be to leave the current 2 stop signs on Vest, and add an additional stop sign on Rosewood, so that the intersection is a 3-way stop. That would make the most sense for traffic in all directions, assuming that everything was properly marked as well.

Also - it doesn't make sense to me that Naperville Township marks all of their stop signs with road markings, but the City of Naperville does not. It just makes sense that road markings help make stop signs more visible to drivers.

21. **Sandie Thomas** (Naperville) I live at 941 E. Rosewood Avenue, Naperville, and am very concerned about the city's proposed intersection signage change at the corner of Vest and Rosewood Avenues.

Although I am 84 years old, a few days away from 85, and have no children of my own living in my neighborhood, I love and care deeply about the children who are living here,

and I believe this change would dangerously increase speeding cars traveling on Vest, putting our children and adults at risk.

My neighbors have discussed this issue and suggested leaving the existing stop signs on Vest, adding a stop sign on Rosewood at Vest, painting a crosswalk on Rosewood, and painting stop lines on the street on Vest before the existing stop signs.

I am not a traffic expert, but my neighbors have researched, discussed and thought this through carefully, and I strongly agree with and trust their judgment.

Kindly add my name to the list of residents who have recommended the changes I outlined above.

Please give strong consideration to our request. Thank you.

22. **Carol Wood** (Naperville) I am a longtime resident of the North Edgewood subdivision (30+ years) where the proposed removal of the stop sign on Vest at Rosewood is being considered.

I do not agree that removal of the stop sign will increase safety. When the addition of the stop sign was first considered, the neighborhood was new and many young families were moving in. The stop sign was added to prevent drivers from speeding down Vest and endangering the many children in the neighborhood, as well as to control the increased traffic of the growing subdivision. That batch of children has grown but once again the neighborhood is filled with young families and visiting grandchildren (like mine) and I still strongly feel the stop sign is a deterrent to speeding down Vest, and prevents accidents from the drivers exiting Rosewood. In addition, the new townhomes north of our subdivision and the addition of the Costco and the many new businesses that Costco attracted to our area has made Vest a more common thoroughfare. I respectfully request the stop sign remain in place.