



## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** January 16, 2019

**TO:** Traffic and Safety Commission

**FROM:** Jeff Loster, Village Engineer

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Improvements – Park and Franklin Avenues at Lake Street

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**Issue:** During drop-off and pick-up times, Park Avenue and Franklin Avenue regularly become severely congested around Lincoln Elementary School. This is caused by a combination of vehicles dropping students off, parked vehicles, through-traffic, and vehicles attempting to turn onto Lake Street from Franklin Avenue. This often causes back-up onto Lake Street (from Park Avenue stacking) as well as emergency vehicle access concerns.

**Analysis:** In reviewing the situation, Village Staff has determined that parking restrictions in the two areas indicated on the attached exhibit will greatly reduce congestion. The restrictions would be limited to the drop-off/pick-up times (school days, between 7:30-9:00am and 2:00-4:00pm) and the limits of the restriction would match the limits of the “Student Loading Zone” signage on the opposite side of each street.

In addition to the proposed parking restrictions, a “No Left Turn” restriction is also proposed at the south end of Franklin Avenue at its intersection with Lake Street. This restriction would also be limited to the drop-off/pick-up times associated with the proposed parking restrictions.

It is anticipated that these improvements will greatly reduce area congestion during drop-off/pick-up times. Vehicles that access either of these streets would be able to move through both areas more efficiently than they currently do.

**Recommendation:** Village Staff recommends that a No Parking Zone be installed on the west side of Park Avenue and the east side of Franklin Avenue from the north curb line of Lake Street to the north property line of Lincoln School, on school days from seven thirty A.M. to nine o’clock A.M. and from two o’clock P.M. to four o’clock P.M. and to prohibit left turns from southbound Franklin Avenue onto Lake Street on school days from seven thirty A.M. to nine o’clock A.M. and from two o’clock P.M. to four o’clock P.M.

**Attachments:** Exhibit A

**EXHIBIT A**

Existing "Student Loading Zone" (School Days, 8am-4pm)

Proposed "No Parking Zone" (School Days, 7:30-9:00am and 2:00-4:00pm)

Proposed "No Left Turn" signs (School Days, 7:30-9:00am and 2:00-4:00pm) for southbound traffic

