

Attachment A
Letter of Explanation

September 14, 2024

Transportation Commission
Attn: Steven Pautsch
The Village Of Oak Park, Public Works Center
201 South Blvd.
Oak Park, IL 60302

Re: Petition for Traffic Calming Measures, Intersection of South Grove Ave & Pleasant St.

Dear Mr. Pautsch,

We, the undersigned, respectfully request that traffic calming measures be considered and implemented at the intersection of South Grove Avenue and Pleasant Street. It is a traditional 4-corner intersection that is currently controlled by a 2-way stop, with traffic stopping on South Grove Ave, and not stopping on Pleasant Street. There are pedestrian crosswalk street markings on Grove Avenue, but no pedestrian crosswalk markings on Pleasant Street.

This is an intersection with heavy foot traffic due to nearby retail establishments on Oak Park Ave. There are two churches and a park within a half-block. The Southeast corner of this intersection is a popular elementary school bus stop.

Here are a few examples of instances to support our petition:

- There is a stoplight on Pleasant Street and Oak Park Ave, 1 block East, which affects the eastbound traffic on Pleasant Street. The stoplight has long wait times. Drivers traveling eastbound on Pleasant will often accelerate through the intersection of South Grove in order to catch the green light.
- During the mornings, traffic is often backed up on Pleasant Street as cars wait for a green light to cross Oak Park Ave, and because there is no stop sign, cars will end up queued up in the intersection, which creates unsafe conditions.
- There is reduced visibility due to vehicles which park on the north side of Pleasant street. It makes it difficult for vehicles & pedestrians attempting to cross Pleasant street because they need to enter the intersection in order to see oncoming traffic, which doesn't stop. Many horns are honked every day as drivers along Pleasant audibly enforce their right of way.
- People supporting the businesses or attending the churches along Oak Park Ave will often park their cars on South Grove and walk over to Oak Park Ave. There is also a popular Economy Shop located on the 100 block of South Grove Ave. There are often drivers who are unfamiliar with the intersection and as they search for street parking they aren't aware that traffic doesn't stop on Pleasant Street, which leads to many "near miss" accidents.

- There are currently pedestrian road markings on the crosswalks on South Grove Avenue, but no pedestrian markings across Pleasant street, which is the traffic that doesn't stop. Many children are not allowed to cross this street without adult supervision due to the danger of the cars speeding past with limited visibility.
- There is a popular school bus stop at the Southeast corner of the intersection, and in the mornings and afternoons many children need to cross at this intersection.
- The intersection has one home at each corner, which don't have large setbacks, and 2 of which have historic iron front fences & bushes which limit visibility.

During the past few years we have witnessed multiple instances of pedestrians and vehicles nearly getting hit and we petition the village to take action as soon as possible.

Neighborhood Suggestion:

- Pedestrian markings on all crosswalks at South Grove & Pleasant Street
- 4 way STOP at Pleasant Street & South Grove Avenue

There seems to be very little downside and tremendous upside in having traffic momentarily stop along Pleasant street. Also, we have reviewed the Traffic Calming Measures Matrix and we believe that the addition of a STOP sign is among the least costly and least restrictive measures we can take to ensure pedestrian and vehicular safety.

Respectfully Submitted,



Luke Blahnik

Talia Treece

Anne Elyse Chambers



Attachment B
Public Testimony

Shrivastava, Anmol

From: Mary H [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 26, 2025 1:14 PM
To: Transportation
Subject: traffic calming device at intersection of S Grove Ave and Pleasant St

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

Hello,

My name is Mary Hayden. My husband, James Moy, and I live at [REDACTED] S Grove Ave in Oak Park. I am writing for both of us. We favor converting the intersection from a 2-way stop to a 4-way stop. We DO NOT favor changing traffic flow or closing a street to calm traffic at this intersection.

Thank you.

Mary Hayden

Shrivastava, Anmol

From: Andrew Doten [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, July 27, 2025 6:44 PM
To: Transportation
Subject: Traffic Calming- S Grove & Pleasant

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Hello

I am writing in favor of traffic calming measure at the S Grove and Pleasant intersection. I believe it will make the neighborhood safer.

Thank you,

Andrew Doten, owner & resident at [REDACTED] S Grove Ave

[REDACTED]

Shrivastava, Anmol

From: LIZBETH J LEMKE [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 29, 2025 5:25 PM
To: Transportation
Subject: Traffic Calming Measures at Intersection of S. Grove Ave. and Pleasant Street - Attn. Steven Pautsch

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Dear Mr. Pautsch,

I support the implementation of traffic-calming measures at the intersection of South Grove Ave. and Pleasant Street, in particular the utilization of stop signs at all four corners, not just two. Vehicles traveling East-West on Pleasant Street often travel at high speeds. Vehicles and pedestrians crossing Pleasant Street, heading either North or South, often don't realize the traffic on Pleasant Street isn't required to stop, and they proceed into the intersection. I've witnessed a number of near-misses when vehicles traveling East-West on Pleasant Street have almost hit a vehicle or a pedestrian attempting to cross Pleasant Street. The situation is made worse by the fact that vehicles are allowed to park along the North side of Pleasant Street, which impedes the view of vehicles and pedestrians attempting to cross Pleasant while heading South.

I hope measures can be taken soon to make this a safer intersection.

Thank you,
Liz Lemke
[REDACTED] South Grove Ave. [REDACTED]
Oak Park, IL 60302

Shrivastava, Anmol

From: lilly <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, August 3, 2025 10:10 AM
To: Transportation
Subject: Traffic calming

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

I am a resident of the 800 block of Pleasant. I would like to convey my concerns regarding speeding cars down Pleasant Street between Grove and Kenilworth. I would like to see a 4 way stop added to the corner of Grove and Kenilworth. Hopefully this will help with traffic flow.

Shrivastava, Anmol

From: daniel retzner <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, August 6, 2025 9:30 AM
To: Transportation
Cc: Luke Blahnik; Ann C. Palma
Subject: Petition for Stop Sign - Corner of Grove & Pleasant

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

Hi Transportation committee-

Apologies I am not in attendance, my wife has a scheduled induction for our 3rd kid the morning of 8/12.

I am writing to voice my strong support for additional stop signs at the corner of Pleasant and S. Grove Ave to make the intersection a 4-way stop. This is a no-brainer that the community has requested.

This intersection is highly trafficked by pedestrians including many children, as well as cyclists and cars - with many cars cutting through along Pleasant or trying to shoot down Grove during rush hours.

Please consider that there is strong support in the neighborhood for stop signs and additional traffic calming measures.

Thank you,

Dan Retzner
[REDACTED] S Grove

Hahn, Kristen E.

From: Randi Ravitts Woodworth [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 6, 2025 3:13 PM
To: Transportation
Cc: 'Mark R Woodworth'
Subject: Pleasant St & Grove Ave traffic

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To Whom it May Concern,

My husband and I purchased the house at [REDACTED] S. Grove Ave., Oak Park, in 2006 and (after much renovation) have lived here from 2008 until the present. I am writing about the traffic situation in the area of the intersection of South Grove Ave. and Pleasant St.

Years ago, when South Boulevard became a one-way street, the traffic in our neighborhood increased to a concerning degree. We were able to get stop signs installed on Grove Ave. which helped somewhat, but Pleasant St. is still uncontrolled. Pleasant is actually the busier of the two streets. People use it as a thoroughfare between Oak Park Ave. and Kenilworth Ave., and they often drive in a very fast and careless manner. We frequently sit on our front porch at the SE corner of that intersection, and the zooming cars can be so fast and loud that we have to pause our conversation. In fact, we can also hear them from our living room. People are often careless when driving through the intersection on Grove, too, though that has less of an Indy 500 feel.

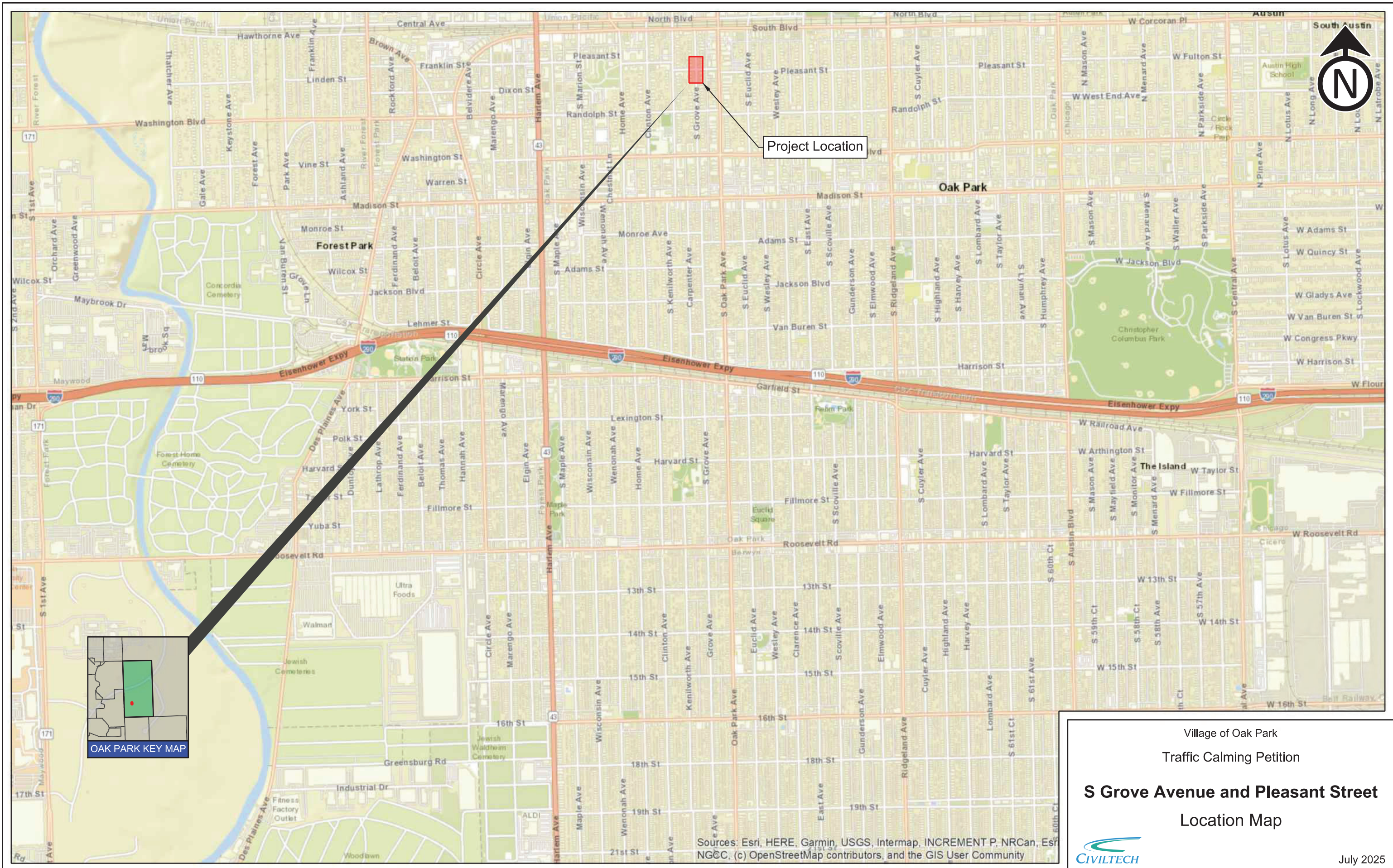
In addition to the automobile traffic, we have many people moving through the area, including young children playing, students walking to school, people walking their dogs, and cyclists. The calming sign recently added on the NE corner has not had any noticeable effect. We are very concerned that a tragedy could occur. We urge you to approve a four-way stop at the intersection of Pleasant St. and Grove Ave.

With many thanks for your consideration,

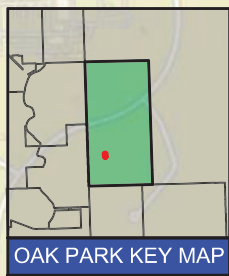
Randi Woodworth
[REDACTED] S Grove Ave.
[REDACTED]

Attachment C

Aerial Images



Project Location



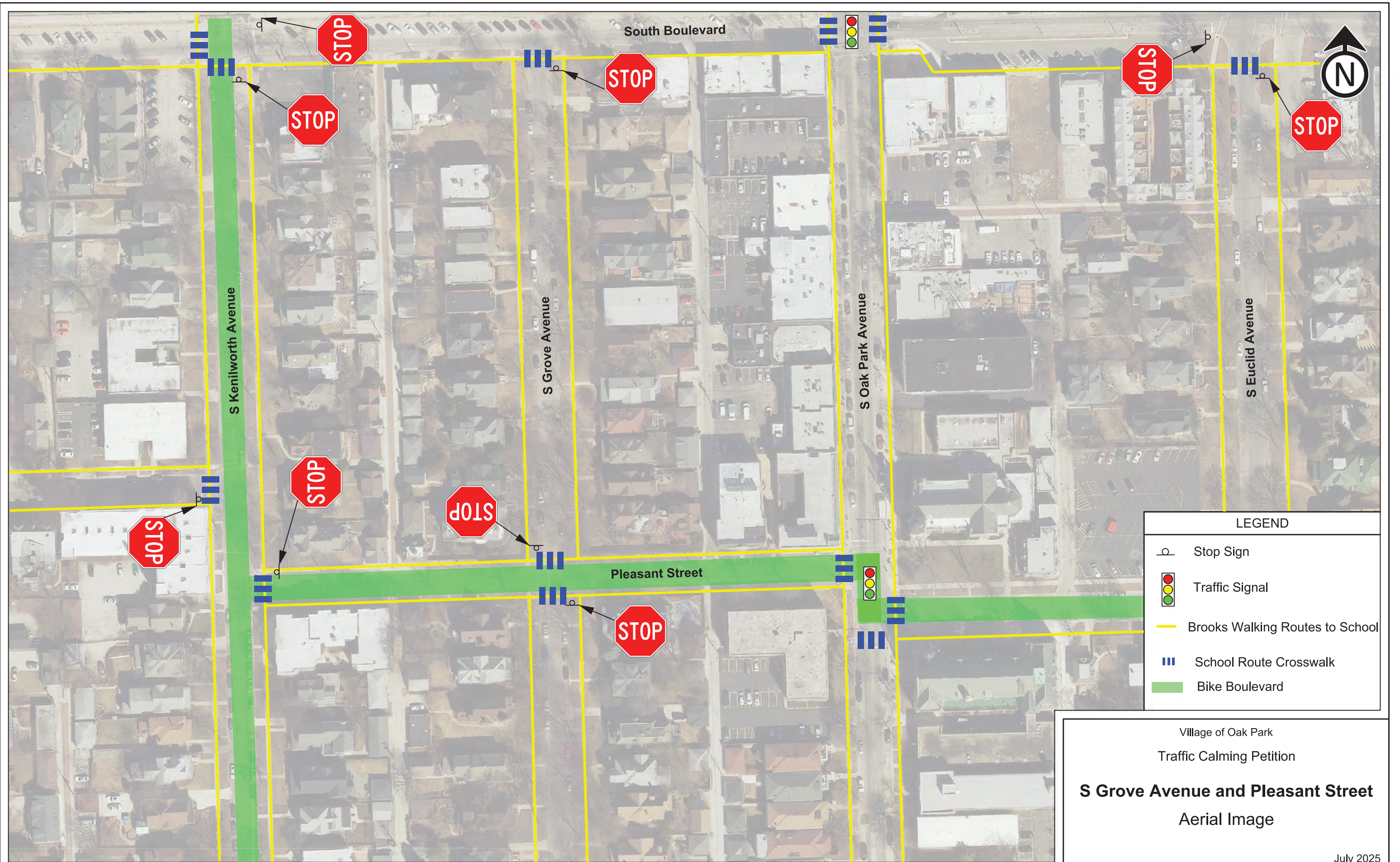
Village of Oak Park
 Traffic Calming Petition
S Grove Avenue and Pleasant Street
 Location Map

Sources: Esri, HERE, Garmin, USGS, Intermap, INCREMENT P, NRCan, Esri, NGCC, (c) OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community



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Exhibit 2a



LEGEND	
	Stop Sign
	Traffic Signal
	Brooks Walking Routes to School
	School Route Crosswalk
	Bike Boulevard

Village of Oak Park
 Traffic Calming Petition
S Grove Avenue and Pleasant Street
 Aerial Image

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Exhibit 2b

**Attachment D
Speed and
Volume Data**



Pleasant Street

Kenilworth Avenue

S Grove Avenue

S Oak Park Avenue

← 450 (21 mph)
← 1,014 (22 mph) →
564 (23 mph) →

← 231 (20 mph)
← 490 (20 mph) →
259 (20 mph) →
← 242 (24 mph)
← 665 (26 mph) →
423 (26 mph) →

← 571 (21 mph)*
← 1,207 (21 mph)* →
636 (21 mph)* →



LEGEND

Count Date: July 16 and 17, 2025
(Wednesday and Thursday)

← XXX (YY mph) → Bi-Directional Volume
(85th Percentile Speed)

XXX (YY mph) → Volume
(85th Percentile Speed)

● Stop Sign
* August 6, 2025
(Wednesday)

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Traffic Calming Petition

ADT and Speed Data
S Grove Avenue and Pleasant Street

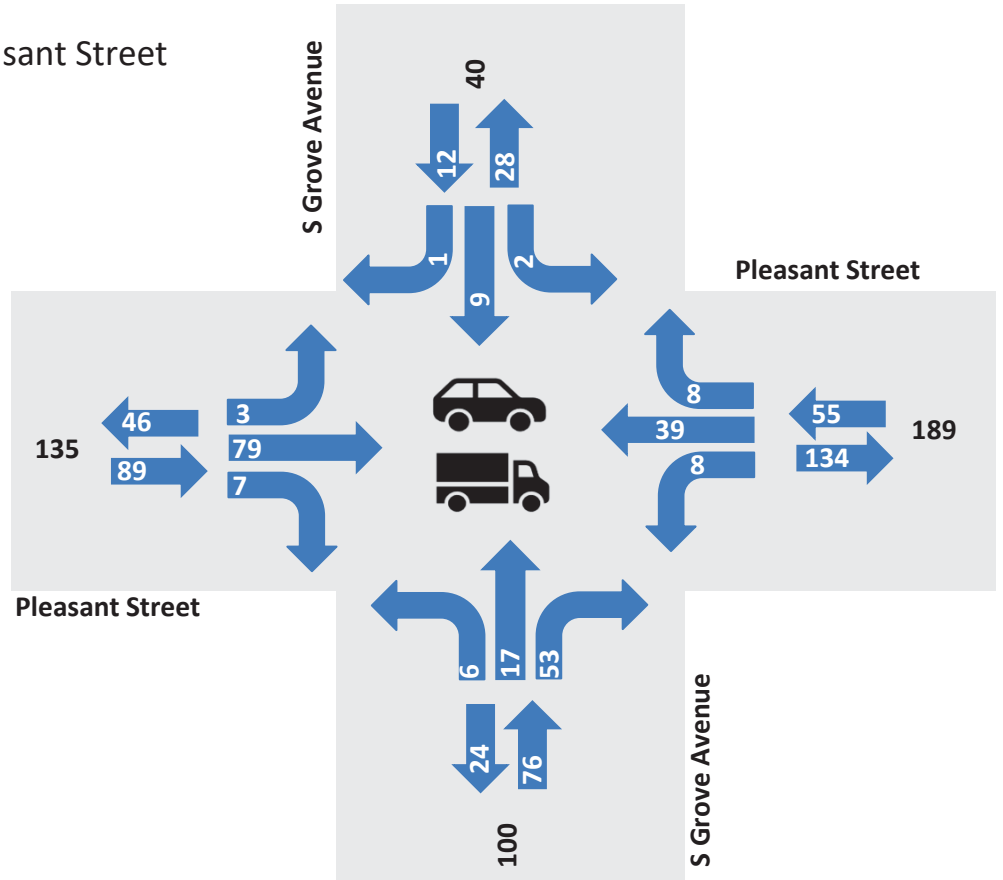


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Not to Scale

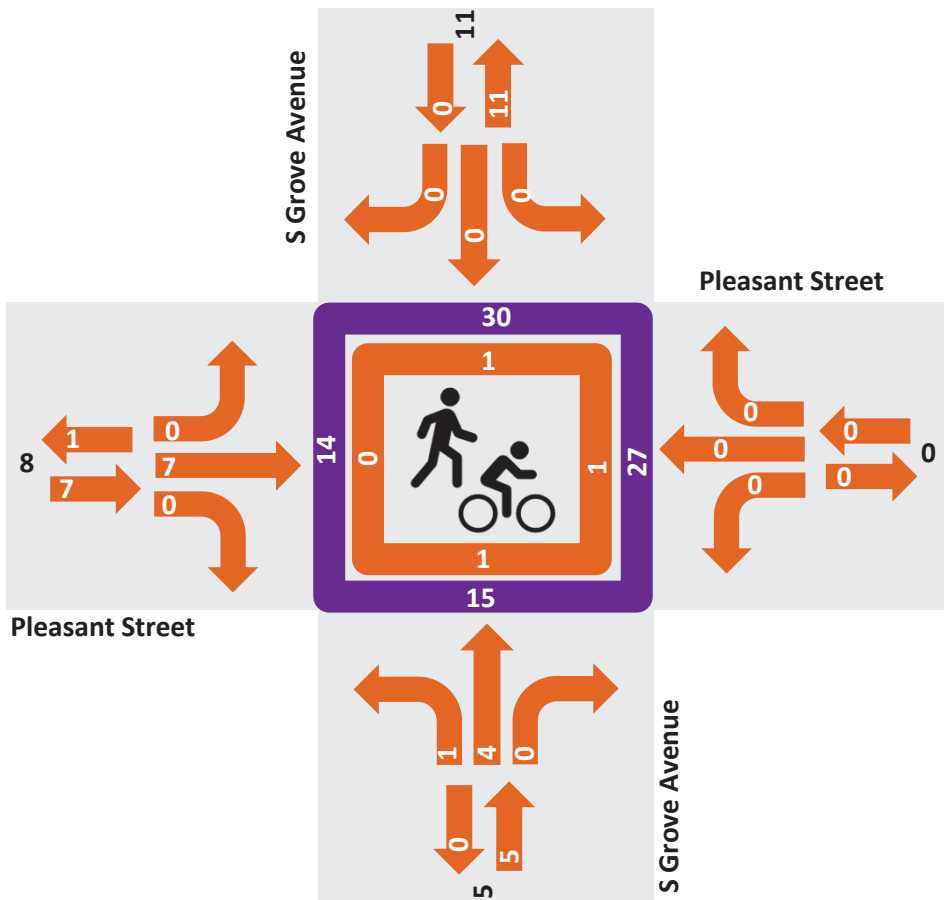
Attachment E
Turning Movement
Counts

Oak Park Traffic Signal Study

S Grove Avenue and Pleasant Street
 AM Peak Hour
 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM
 Thursday 5/15/2025

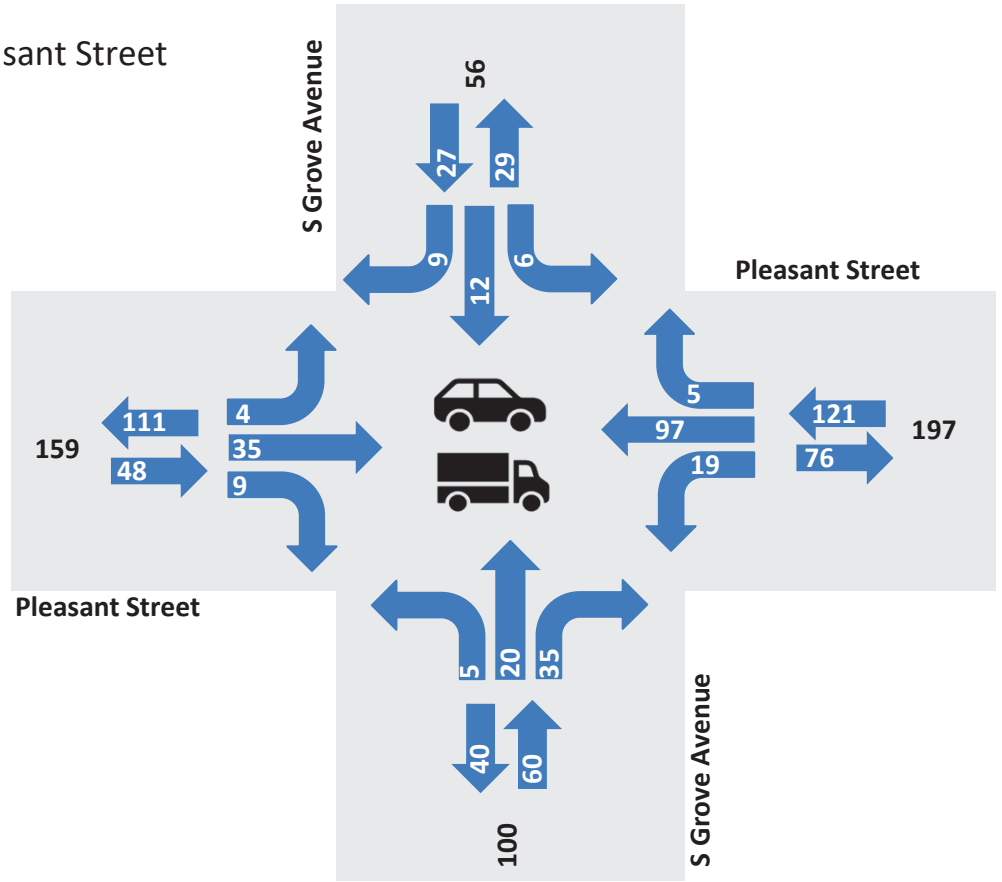


- Key**
- Motor Vehicles
 - Bicyclists in Street
 - Bicyclists in Crosswalk
 - Pedestrians in Crosswalk
 - ###** Total bidirectional count per leg

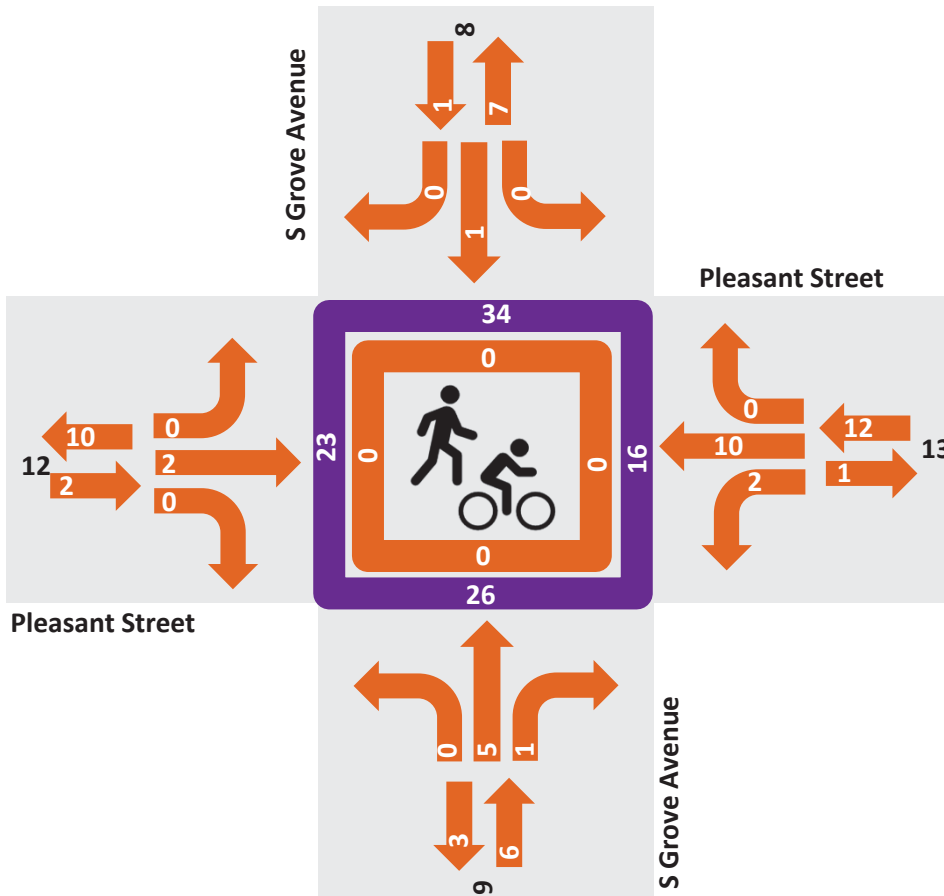


Oak Park Traffic Signal Study

S Grove Avenue and Pleasant Street
 PM Peak Hour
 3:15 PM to 4:15 PM
 Thursday 5/15/2025



- Key**
- Motor Vehicles
 - Bicyclists in Street
 - Bicyclists in Crosswalk
 - Pedestrians in Crosswalk
- ### Total bidirectional count per leg



Attachment F

Crash History



KEY
 (xx/xx/xx, hh:mm, YZ, A):
 Date, Time, Weather Pavement Condition, Injury
 Red: Injury Crash Blue: Non-Intersection Crash

LEGEND

Right Angle Collision Stop Sign

Rear End Collision

Parked Vehicle

Fixed Object

Date:
 Month/Day/Year

Time:
 00:00 (Military Time)

Injury:
 K=Fatal,
 A=Incapacitated,
 B=Non-Incapacitating,
 C=Not Evident

Pavement:
 D=Dry,
 W=Wet,
 I=Icy

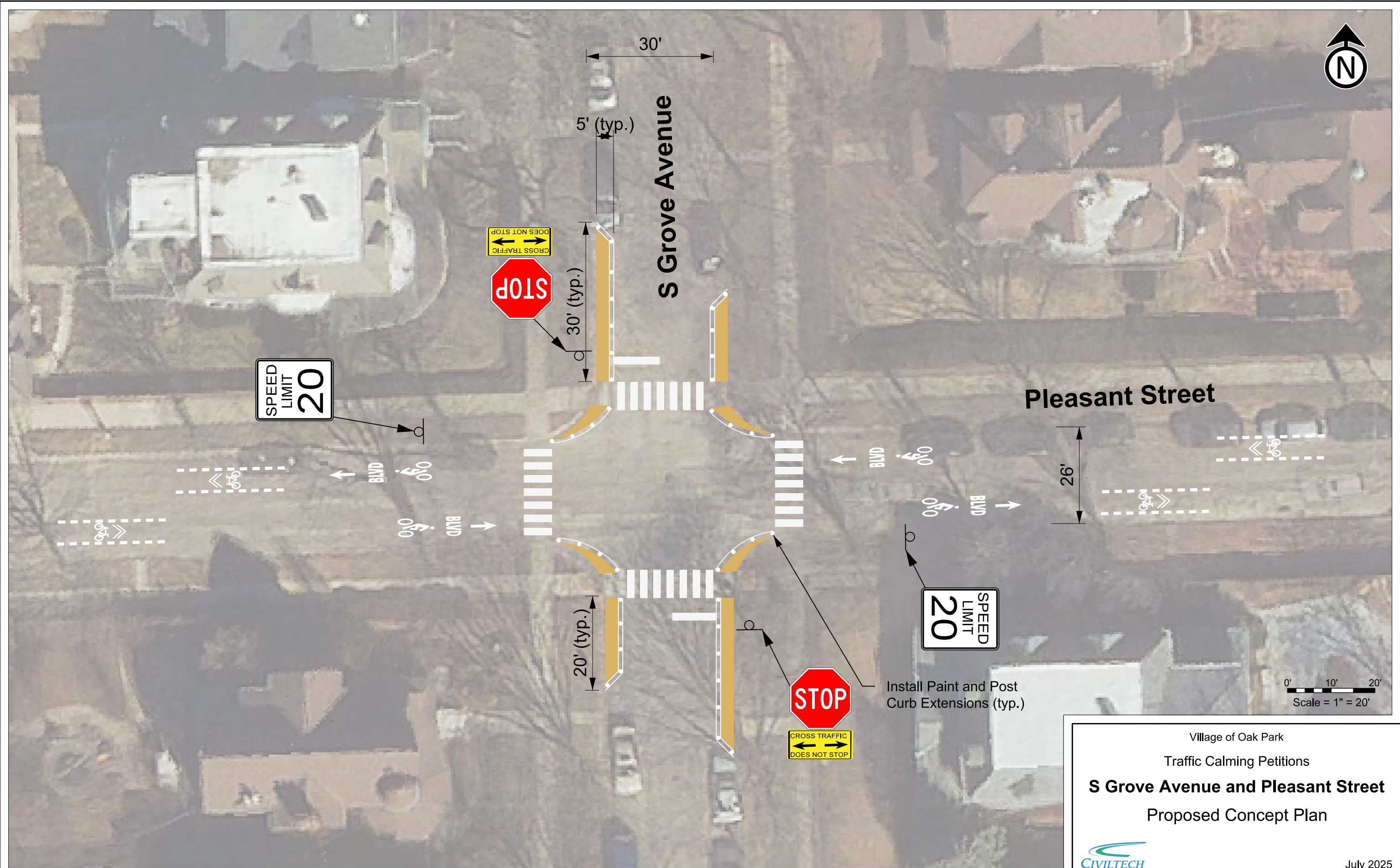
Weather:
 C=Clear
 R=Rain
 F=Fog
 S=Snow

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 Traffic Calming Petition
Collision Diagram
January 2020 - December 2024
 S Grove Avenue and Pleasant Street

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Attachment G
Recommended Improvements



0' 10' 20'
Scale = 1" = 20'

Village of Oak Park
 Traffic Calming Petitions
S Grove Avenue and Pleasant Street
 Proposed Concept Plan



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Paint and Post Curb Extension Example

Attachment H
Meeting Minutes