



# VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, July 17, 2024 – 7:30 PM

## AGENDA

Physical attendance at this public meeting is limited to 50 individuals, with Committee members, staff and consultants having priority over members of the public. Public comments will be shared with the Committee. You may submit written public comments via email in advance of the meeting to: [bkoclanis@vrf.us](mailto:bkoclanis@vrf.us). You may listen to the meeting by participating in a Zoom conference call as follows: dial-in number: 312-626-6799 with meeting ID: 833 5080 7173 and passcode 202850 or by clicking here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83350807173?pwd=dklvanBtZHluWitRdzBjNnl5cHYzZz09> If you would like to speak during public comment or if you wish to participate in-person at Village Hall, please email [bkoclanis@vrf.us](mailto:bkoclanis@vrf.us) by 3:00 PM on Wednesday, July 17, 2024.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Public Comment
3. Request by Sean Herring of 915 Monroe Avenue to install stop signs in the north and south directions at the intersection of Iowa Street and Monroe Avenue.
4. Adjournment



## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** July 17, 2024

**TO:** Traffic and Safety Commission

**FROM:** Bill Koclanis, Civil Engineering Technician

**SUBJECT:** Install Stop Signs in the North and South Directions at the Intersection of Iowa Street and Monroe Avenue

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**Issue:** At the May 15, 2024 Traffic and Safety Meeting, the Commission discussed a request from Sean Herring of 915 Monroe Avenue to install stop signs in the north and south directions at the intersection of Iowa/Monroe. The Commission indicated that these requests should be expedited to the next meeting so that they can be addressed immediately.

**Recommendation:** Whether the Commission wishes to recommend modification to the signage at these intersections or not, a formal motion and vote will be needed for Village Board consideration.

**Attachments:** Email Request  
Signed Petition

**From:** [Sean and Kimberly Herring](#)  
**To:** [Bill Koclanis](#)  
**Cc:** [Sean and Kimberly Herring](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Re: FW: Parking question  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 14, 2024 3:07:30 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[Petition For Stop Sign at Monroe and Iowa North and South.pdf](#)

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Hi Bill,

As we discussed last week, on behalf of the residents living around Monroe and Iowa, I Sean Herring request that a stop sign be installed at Monroe and Iowa going north and south. I attach a petition in which 82% (37/45) of the residents in the area signed in favor of adding the stop sign. As you will see, in the attached petition, the following residents in the designated area signed and request a stop sign:

**900 Monore**

1. **915**
2. **919**
3. **923**
4. **927**
5. **931**
6. **935**
7. **937**
8. **943**
9. **947**
10. **946**
11. **902**
12. **906**
13. **914**

14. 922

15. 938

16. 942

**800 Monroe**

1. 847

2. 843

3. 835

4. 831

5. 827

6. 823

7. 819

8. 846

9. 840

10. 834

11. 830

12. 826

13. 820

14. 806

**Iowa**

1. 7426

2. 7422

3. 7416 (no opinion)

## **Williams/Iowa**

1. **904**
2. **846**

## **Jackson/Iowa**

1. **903**
2. **847**

The request is being made due to the high speeds and volume of traffic that flow north and south on Monroe. Monroe is the first street west of Harlem that motorists know goes straight thru from Lake Street to North Avenue, so there is a tremendous amount of daily traffic going north and south on Monroe and at high speeds. Indeed, the residents have seen a number of recorded accidents at this intersection, which can be found in River Forest's traffic accident reports. The residents make this request for the safety of the kids and elderly residents who live in the area, as well as the many residents who walk their pets.

I intend to attend tomorrow's traffic and safety commission meeting at 7:30 pm, so please add this to the agenda.

Thanks,

Sean C. Herring, Esq.

On Tue, May 7, 2024 at 8:41 AM Bill Koclanis <[bkoclanis@vrf.us](mailto:bkoclanis@vrf.us)> wrote:

The Village has a Traffic and Safety Commission to review stop sign concerns.

I have attached a few documents for your review. The first is a quick summary of the steps to get an item on the agenda for the Traffic and Safety Commission. The other forms include a template petition form that can be used and some other detail regarding the overall process. Additional information regarding the Traffic and Safety Commission can be found on the Village website at [www.vrf.us/traffic-safety](http://www.vrf.us/traffic-safety).

At this point, what we would need from you to get moving is a “written request” (email is fine) of what you’re looking to change.

I know this is a lot of information to take in so take a look at everything and let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Bill Koclanis

Civil Engineering Technician

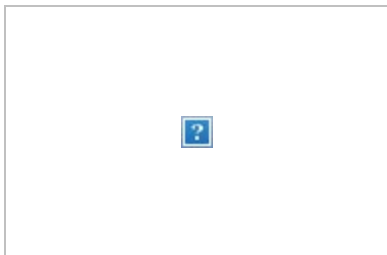
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Traffic and Safety Commission Petition

Requested Action(s): The residents below request a Stop sign on  
Monroe and Iowa, going North and South.

Michele  
Joubert

Name	Address	Date	Signature	Please Check One			
				Agree	Disagree	No Opinion	Unreachable
RUBEN LAMET	919 Monroe	5.7.24	[Signature]	✓			
[Signature]	923 Monroe	5.7.24	[Signature]	✓			
Jolynn Bennett	931 Monroe	5-7-24	[Signature]	✓			
MARLEEN GORMAN	937 Monroe	5-7-24	[Signature]	✓			
Matthew's	943 Monroe Ave	5/7/24	[Signature]	✓			
BOB KUNKE	947 Monroe Ave	5/9/24	[Signature]	✓			
Mary Duffy Reben	946 Monroe	5/7/24	[Signature]	✓			
H. Pelzer	946 Monroe	5/7/24	[Signature]	✓			
Deirdra Jones	938 Monroe	5/7/24	[Signature]	✓			
Rita Patel	926 Monroe	5/7/24	[Signature]	✓			
C. Kas. Vignier	923 Monroe	5/7/24	[Signature]	✓			
Sheri Dietzen	922 Monroe	5/7/24	[Signature]	✓			
JOHN FOREHAND	914 Monroe	5/7/24	[Signature]	✓			
Heidi Hamernik	914 Monroe	5/7/24	[Signature]	✓			
GLENN BYNUM	907 Monroe	5/7/24	[Signature]	✓			
Nikola Kucharic	847 Monroe	5/7/24	[Signature]	✓			
SCOTT DELANO	7426 Iowa	5/7/24	[Signature]	✓			
Nina Maci	7422 Iowa	5/7/24	[Signature]	✓			
Bonnie Marsico	935 Monroe	5-9-24	[Signature]	✓			
Frank Marsico	935 Monroe	5-9-24	[Signature]	✓			

DAVID MURRAY 927 Monroe 5-12-24 [Signature] ✓  
 Sean Herring 915 Monroe 5-14-24 [Signature] ✓

Traffic and Safety Commission Petition

Requested Action(s):

Name	Address	Date	Signature	Please Check One			Unreachable
				Agree	Disagree	No Opinion	
Erica Kelly	7416 Iowa St	5/11	<i>[Signature]</i>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
N. Simon Kulas	831 Monroë Ave	5/11	<i>[Signature]</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Caree Brennan	827 Monroë Ave	5/11	<i>[Signature]</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Nisa Bleda	819 Monroë	5/11	<i>[Signature]</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
HAROLD HICKS	840 Monroë	5/11	<i>[Signature]</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Jan Berger	835 Monroë	5/11	<i>[Signature]</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Berenice Berger	838 Monroë	5/11	<i>[Signature]</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Nadim Karpis	834 Monroë	5/11	<i>[Signature]</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Joseph LaRosa	830 Monroë	5/11	<i>[Signature]</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Paul Kottmann	906 Monroë	5/11	<i>[Signature]</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Jean O'Brien	903 Jackson Ave	5/11	<i>[Signature]</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
GARY FERKOWITZ	904 WILLIAM	5/12	<i>[Signature]</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Steve Marseille	846 William	5/12	<i>[Signature]</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
TOM WARRIOR	846 Monroë	5/12	<i>[Signature]</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Julianne Nery	847 Jackson	5/13	<i>[Signature]</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Frank Zarate	823 Monroë	5/13	<i>[Signature]</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
ROBERT SPARKS	826 MONROE	5/13	<i>[Signature]</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
JOHN HILSON	806 Monroë	5/13	<i>[Signature]</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
E DEL BERNARD	843 Monroë	5/13	<i>[Signature]</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
TERRY CUNNINGHAM	820 Monroë	5/14	<i>[Signature]</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			