

**Glenview**

**SUBMITTED INFORMATION**

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**Name:** MJ Barberis

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:** Glenview

**Comment:** My husband and I will not be able to attend the public meeting on March 4th. We would like to provide our input as follows: I have lived on the Northshore my entire life and have always been amazed that Willow Rd in Northfield is only two lanes. What people say is true, this is causing, and has caused for years, impacts on other roads, neighborhoods and people. It is truly amazing that there is even a discussion occurring. If the land belongs to the State, then they can use it to widen the road and make it safer and more efficient for everyone including the residents. There is no question that the land in question was originally intended for that purpose in the future and everyone knows that. The residents do not own the land and the State is not abusing them by doing what was always intended in the first place. Now, if you were talking about placing wind turbines on that land, well that is another story. But to use it as originally planned, should be no problem. So please count me and my family in as a resounding YES to widening Willow in Northfield. The Barberis Family of Glenview

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**Name:** Pete and Beth Boland

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:** Glenview, IL 60025

**Comment:** We will not be able to attend the first public meeting, but wanted to express our opinions. We would like Willow Road expanded to 4 lanes to alleviate congestion. Thank you.

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**Name:** Julie Bruch

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:** Glenview

**Comment:** Willow Road must be widened to 4 lanes. I live in Glenview and work in Northbrook. The congestion on Willow forces me to drive on residential side streets such as Winnetka Rd. and Sunset Ridge Road on a regular basis. On Lake St. there are two primary schools - Lyon and Westbrook and residents have been able to safely get their children to school. Northfield's concerns on that issue are especially mystifying because the current configuration is clearly less safe and invites road rage from frustrated motorists. There is simply no reason why this community should hold the thousands of commuters who use Willow Road hostage.

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#### General Comment/Input:

Willow Road needs to be widened to 4 to 5 lanes. The development of the Glen, Costco Etc have put a huge strain on Lake and Dundee and the communities of Glenview and Northbrook have paid a huge price in terms of traffic volume. There are currently 2 schools on Lake in Glenview where kids have to cross Lake so the school argument falls. Also, kids have to cross Lake to get to Pleasant Ridge in Glenview.

#### Comment/Input Regarding the Community Context Audit (CCA):

Please provide your name if you would like to be added to the mailing list.

Name: Bonnie Buehler

Address: [REDACTED]

City/State/Zip: Glenview IL 60025

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

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### General Comment/Input:

The argument against widening Willow Road is that it runs by a school. This is a ridiculous comment as Lake Ave runs by two schools - Lyon + Westbrook. Many people currently avoid Willow because it is so slow and use Lake as an alternate. This is clearly more dangerous than widening Willow would be.

Children who go to Pleasant Ridge school do have to cross Lake.

### Comment/Input Regarding the Community Context Audit (CCA):

Great idea

Please provide your name if you would like to be added to the mailing list.

Name: John Breckler, M.A.

Address: [REDACTED]

City/State/Zip: Glenview IL 60025

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

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### General Comment/Input:

IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT THE VILLAGE OF NORTAFIELD CAN  
HANDCUFF THE ENTIRE AREA. WILLOW ROAD IS A STRATEGIC  
ARTERIAL ROAD FUNDED THROUGH STATE TAXES. AS SUCH,  
IT SHOULD BE CONTIGUOUS WITH THE DESIGN OF OTHER WESTERN  
SUBURBS. REGRETTABLY, THEY ARE USING CHILDREN'S SAFETY  
AS A SMOKESCREEN TO THE ISSUE OF RESTRICTING DEVELOPMENT.  
GLENVIEW HAS 3 SCHOOLS IMMEDIATELY NEXT TO LAKE STREET  
(5-7 LANES) WITH NO PEDESTRIAN PROBLEMS. WHY DOES  
GLENVIEW HAVE TO SHOULDER AN UNFAIR BURDEN OF  
TRAFFIC?

### Comment/Input Regarding the Community Context Audit (CCA):

Please provide your name if you would like to be added to the mailing list.

Name: BRIAN CASARANO

Address: [REDACTED]

City/State/Zip: GLENVIEW, IL 60025

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

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#### General Comment/Input:

I am a concerned citizen that is very much in favor of widening Willow Road to 4 Lanes not 3.

I believe the safety of the entire area is improved with widening Willow to this minimum threshold. I experienced the dangers of the merge lanes traveling East on Willow in 1989 - Long ago and before there were severe traffic issues. I was rear ended by a car unfamiliar with the merge (as often happens with merges I had a 9 mos. old baby in the back seat that was seriously whipped and we

Comment/Input Regarding the Community Context Audit (CCA): were very concerned about long term health issues. As a state road, Willow needs to be expanded to serve the greater good of the area, neighboring towns & residents, not purely to respond to the neighborhood wants & desires. As far as children safety, there are many examples of schools adjacent to 4-lane roads and safety has been addressed. I am confident

Please provide your name if you would like to be added to the mailing list. 7

Name: Tracy Cassano

Address:

City/State/Zip: Glenview, IL

Phone:

E-mail:

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Comment/Input Regarding the Identified Transportation Needs:

That the local residents would plan accordingly to ensure that safety & communication is the priority. It has been done & can be duplicated. Lyon School, Glenbrook South & Westbrook in Glenview are all adjacent to Lake Ave & there are no safety/accident issues.

Please move forward on this plan. I believe any funding short of it (3 lanes) is short-sighted & will ultimately be wasted as the problems will persist & will need to be addressed for more money down the road.

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Sincerely, *Joey Carmack Casarano*

John Baczek, P.E., Section Chief  
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1 in the past 18 years was at Henking School on a  
2 side street when a child darted in front of a  
3 carpool line, so I'm definitely -- I think their  
4 school issue is moot.

5 The third reason is that cars in order to  
6 avoid Willow, they use Winnetka Road, which is a  
7 very narrow two-lane street with ditches on the  
8 side. There are numerous accidents on Winnetka,  
9 there are multiple four-way stop signs, traffic is  
10 very, very slow, and these are cars avoiding  
11 Willow. Therefore, widen Willow.

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General Comment/Input:

I find the bottle necks on Willow outrageous - I can't imagine how bad it is now for emergency vehicles. It seems that the area has been commercially over-developed and the streets cannot handle it any more. The area south of Willow all the way to Lake has a ridiculous amount of cut-through traffic. Sunset Ridge has become choked and dangerous and the kids that cross Sunset are now jeopardized! (There has been at least one child hit in the street by the

Comment/Input Regarding the Community Context Audit (CCA):

school by a cut-through car!  
I think the ideas of some underpass/underground walkways is terrific! This eliminates all safety hazards for the children and in turn's make the Southern neighborhood of Sunsen safer for those children!  
Please widen Willow Road Soon!

Please provide your name if you would like to be added to the mailing list.

Name:

Edwina Cowell

Address:

[REDACTED]

City/State/Zip:

Glensview, IL 60025

Phone:

[REDACTED]

E-mail:

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**Name:** Rick Davids

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:** Glenview

**Comment:** · Currently the bottleneck on Willow, through Northfield, forces additional traffic onto roads in our community such as: Waukegan Road, Sunset Ridge and Wagner Road. · By widening Willow Road in Northfield, we will lessen the cut through traffic in Glenview neighborhoods and keep all children safe. · It will also Improve traffic congestion on Waukegan Road and Lake Avenue by reducing the traffic which diverts/avoids the bottleneck. · Northfield (with IDOT's approval) has supported the four lanes on Willow where it is helpful to Northfield (their downtown commercial district and adjacent to Kraft where Northfield is collecting a large amount of property and sales taxes), but Northfield has not supported four lanes on the rest of the Northfield section of Willow Road where traffic data clearly justifies the need. · Currently, Northfield does not pay to bus their kids and they argue that widening Willow is unsafe. We think that IDOT should build an underpass to allow children to bypass the street entirely (which Northfield is against) or that Northfield parents should pay for bussing like families in other communities do.

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**Name:** Scott Decker

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:** Glenview IL 60025

**Comment:** The Northfield strangler. Willow is choked down from 4 to 2 lanes between Sunset Ridge and Old Willow. Willow is a major access route between 94 and developments to the west. We can not escape the forces of population growth. I see these as the basic facts and until Willow is widened like Lake and Dundee related problems will continue. Address the local safety issues and widen the road to 4 lanes!

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**Name:** John DeCosmo

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:** Glenview, IL

**Comment:** My family and I firmly believe that a widened Willow Road through Northfield is in the best interest of all concerned.

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**Name:** Dawn Denzel

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:**

**Comment:** Being a Glenview resident who travels Willow Road I would welcome the widening of the road which would help with the congestion and time needed to travel on Willow Road between Waukegan and Edens Expressway. We have a junior high and high school at Shermer and also had concerns with our children crossing a well traveled road, but we understood the necessity to keep traffic moving. I think the time has come for the road to expand and address the current and future traffic issues. Thank you Dawn Denzel

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#### General Comment/Input:

PLEASE WIDEN WILLOW.

I live in Glen Oak Acres on Canterbury 2 doors North of Lake Ave. Our community doesn't have sidewalks so often the kids walk in the streets. Because all the traffic going North to Northfield; Northbrook gets off the Edens at Lake Ave - the traffic is often backed up. ~~Maybe~~ They travel on Lake to Sunset Ridge or Waukegan ~~to go~~ to travel North to the 4 lanes of Willow. While doing that

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often traffic backs up and people cut thru our neighborhood to get to Sunset Ridge via Elmwood making it very dangerous for our kids walking the streets.

My kids also walk to school crossing sunset ridge daily many times the traffic is speeding down the street. We need to reduce the traffic.

Please provide your name if you would like to be added to the mailing list.

Name: Susie Feldstein

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Glenview IL 60025

Phone:

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### General Comment/Input:

I SEE BUTTONS THAT SAY "MY KIDS CROSS WILLOW RD". WELL MY KIDS CROSS WAUKEGAN, LAKE, & SUNSET RIDGE RD. SAFETY REALLY IS NOT AN ISSUE BECAUSE WE HAVE SUPPORT PEOPLE TO ENSURE CHILDREN'S SAFETY. TIMES HAVE CHANGED AND LIKE GLENVIEW, NORTHFIELD IS NO LONGER A QUANT, FARM COMMUNITY. ITS ~~REALLY~~ HOME VALUES AND TAXES ARE BASED ON A VIBRANT LOCAL ECONOMY THAT INCLUDES ALL THE NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES. ONE CANNOT HAVE IT "BOTH WAYS" WIDEN THE LANES!!!

THIS IS A DEMOCRACY - MAJORITY RULES

### Comment/Input Regarding the Community Context Audit (CCA):

SECTION 2 IS WAKLET BUT IT CAN BE FIXED  
~~IT~~ IT IS A GOOD STUDY BUT ALL THE ISSUES CAN BE ANSWERED. ~~RESIDENTS~~

Also, I DON'T LIKE THE FACT THAT NORTHFIELD RESIDENTS USE THEIR CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE TO SWAY THE TAXPAYING ADULTS

Please provide your name if you would like to be added to the mailing list.

Name: I AM ALREADY ON LIST

Address: Tom Fox

City/State/Zip:

Phone:

E-mail:

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#### General Comment/Input:

Willow Road needs to be widened! This is 2010 not 1910. People need to have a road that is not jammed up at all hours of the day and night.

#### Comment/Input Regarding the Community Context Audit (CCA):

Build a walkway over the road that children can use to get to the park & school. There will always be hazards involving children. Deal with them in an intelligent manner!  
Widen the Road!

Please provide your name if you would like to be added to the mailing list.

Name: Corne Frick

Address: [REDACTED]

City/State/Zip: Glenview 60026

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Name:** Merrill and Beverly Gassman

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:** Glenview, IL 60025

**Comment:** We favor making Willow Road a 4-lane roadway east of Waukegan Rd in Northfield. It is in the interests of the large number of motorists who travel on this road every day to have a safe roadway capable of carrying the traffic as expeditiously as possible. We are sure that a 4-lane plan can accommodate the needs and concerns of Northfield residents and protect pedestrians who must cross the road in this area. In the final analysis, it is the interests and welfare of the majority that must be given priority over that of the much smaller minority.

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**Name:** Diane Gazda

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:** Glenview

**Comment:** The road must be widened. The Northfield community is part of its surrounding communities and we all benefit from the roadways outside of Northfield. It is self serving for a community to be able to use well trafficed roadways such as the Edens, Willow Road westbound, Waukegan Road, etc. while demanding that a bottleneck on their area of Willow Road be a constant source of frustration to all others. Claims of safety issues are bogus when there have clearly already been demonstrated ways to correct these issues.

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**Name:** John George

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:**

**Comment:** I am a resident of Glenview. I believe that the village of Northfield should retain control over the section of Willow that goes through their community. If they do not wish to widen the road, it should remain as it is today. Glenview and Northfield aggressively built out the Willow/Waukegan area in recent years. I have read that Glenview, especially, was very clever about the placement of the commercial and retail development to derive maximum tax revenue. I don't believe Northfield gains any tax or other benefit from these developments. Now, several years later the two larger towns are concerned about traffic! It is not fair that the residents of Northfield should have to change the character of their town and live with the additional noise and pollution that would result from a widening of Willow. This project would bring benefit to everyone except the folks in Northfield. They should not have to be subjected to all the negatives involved, just so someone who lives in (say) Evanston can get to his job in "The Glen" four minutes faster. Glenview and Northbrook should have considered this before planting their large developments at the end of what is essentially a two-lane country road. Glenview could have easily pushed the commercial part of "The Glen" over to front on Lake St. The traffic would then have had a nice wide four lane road to Edens. Similarly, Northbrook could have directed their development to use the east-west roads in their community, but chose not to. Willow Road goes through the heart of Northfield. They should have the final say on its future. Let Glenview and Northbrook undertake to engineer their roads and traffic patterns to accommodate the traffic that their towns generate. John George

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**Name:** Eileen Gerald

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:** Glenview, IL

**Comment:** This Willow Road project REALLY needs to happen. People avoid Willow Road and use other cut through roads, creating hazards in our community. Why should Northfield be able to BLOCK this project when it affects so many of us. PLEASE widen Willow Road. Let Northfield enjoy people finding out about their main businesses before they get on or off I94.

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**Name:** Glenn Gottfried

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:**

**Comment:** I fully support the widening of Willow road to reduce congestion in the surrounding communities. My family uses Willow road at least once a week and we would be better served if the road were wider.

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**Name:** Carol Hanley

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:** Glenview IL

**Comment:** I support widening of Willow Road to 4 lanes in Northfield.

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**Name:** Doreen Healy

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Website

**Address:** Glenview, IL 60026

**Comment:** I can not attend the meeting on March 4, 2010 regarding the widening of Willow Road from just East of Waukegan Rd to the Edens, but want you to know I feel it is essential that the government acts on this past-due project. I have lived in Glenview and Northbrook all of my live and am astonished that the wishes of a small group of Illinois residents can jeopardize the safety and cause major disruptions in traffic of a much larger group. There is always a bottleneck on Willow just East of Waukegan during rush hours causing a lot of the eastbound traffic to spill into Glenview's secondary streets. The inverse is true in the afternoons. I have been hearing Northfield's arguments for years and frankly they just don't hold up. It's time to quit playing politics and act in the best interests of tens of thousands of Illinois residents instead of catering to the wishes of a relatively few. Best regards. Doreen M Healy

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I live in Glenview near Willow & Landwehr. If I need to go to the Eden's State Lake. Utilizing Willow makes sense to me to relieve some of the traffic on Lake. Glenview has 2 elementary schools on Lake & it does not seem to be a problem.

F.S. We have a high school on Lake Av  
A.S.D.

#### Comment/Input Regarding the Community Context Audit (CCA):

Please provide your name if you would like to be added to the mailing list.

Name:

Barbara Henwood

Address:

[REDACTED]

City/State/Zip:

Glenview, IL 60026

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1 the widening of Willow, and I would hope that IDOT  
2 could -- could review that alternative. That's  
3 really all I have.

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**Name:** Elizabeth holden

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:** Glenview, IL 60025

**Comment:** I am a 16 year resident of the Circles in Glenview and strongly encourage IDOT to put an end to Northfield's endless stall tactics and widen Willow road to four lanes. Widening Willow Road to four lanes through Northfield would: Eliminate hazardous merge lanes; Greatly reduce gridlock; Reduce Glenview cut-through traffic; Reduce potential hazards at Pleasant Ridge and Lyons Schools from increased cut-through traffic, and Eliminate accidents caused by an inconsistent flow of traffic. The effect of Northfield's stalling has resulted in making Willow Road the one to avoid...so many drivers take diversions through Glenview neighborhoods and schools to access Lake Street, the Edens Expressway and other outlet roads. Widening Willow Road would greatly reduce traffic on Waukegan Road, Sunset Ridge Road, Lake Street and peripheral streets. This has gone on forever. Please put this to an end and let the traffic flow! It's crazy for a little village to hold up it's larger neighbors on all four sides because they don't want change. Thank you, Elizabeth Holden

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**Name:** John Kareken

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:** Glenview IL

**Comment:** I oppose widening Willow to 4 lanes. That area is one of the last North Shore places that has any semblance of a town and not a speeding opportunity for luxury cars. Leave the residents of that area alone. Thank you.

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**Name:** Daniel Karlin

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:** Glenview Il

**Comment:** It's about time something is done to that ridiculous section of Willow Rd in Northfield. For too long the population has been inconvenienced by the stubbornness of a few who refuse to join us in the 21st century. I hope IDOT will utilize Federal funds to expeditiously improve that portion of Willow Rd to 4 lanes to facilitate the efficient movement of traffic.

1 DEBBY KARTON

2 [REDACTED]

3 Glenview, Illinois 60026

4 I just am hoping that IDOT who is  
5 responsible for regional roads, being Willow is a  
6 state road with a designation of SRA, which is  
7 strategic regional arterial, and the job of IDOT  
8 when dealing with roads with that designation is to  
9 take into consideration regional traffic, not just  
10 the parochial concerns of one small community.

11 The traffic counts for Willow Road from  
12 the Edens to Waukegan have for over a decade  
13 supported four lanes, and Northfield through their  
14 political connections has been able to stop the  
15 widening to meet the demand. The time for that is  
16 over, and I'm hoping that IDOT will stand up for  
17 the whole region and the people in the region and  
18 announce once and for all that Willow will be four  
19 lanes from the Edens to 294.

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**THOMAS A. KLOEMPKEN**

**[REDACTED]**  
**Glenview, Illinois 60025**

March 16, 2010

Mr. John Baczek, P.E., Section Chief  
Project and Environmental Studies  
Illinois Department of Transportation  
Bureau of Programming  
201 West Center Court  
Schaumburg, IL 60196-1096

Dear Mr. John Baczek:

I recently attended the meeting concerning Willow Road held on March 4<sup>th</sup> at the Renaissance Hotel. I attended not only because of my personal concerns with local area traffic but also because I am a member of the Board of Directors for the Heatherfield Attached Homeowner's Association. The Heatherfield development is located southwest of the intersection of Waukegan and Willow Roads in Glenview.

I firmly believe that the section of Willow Road which is in question should be widened to a full four lane road with turn lanes and a median to assist those crossing the street. The current road has caused traffic which would normally use the road to be diverted to other major and secondary roads. I do not feel that the alternate approach being pushed by some Northfield residents would alleviate the problems caused by the road constriction. It does not make sense to me to have a major road that has connections to both Edens Expressway and the Tri-State Tollway to be only two lanes at any point.

Because of the present bottleneck, traffic meant for Willow Road is diverted to Lake Avenue and Waukegan Road. Since Lake Avenue was improved a few years ago, the traffic favors Lake over Willow even more. During the morning rush, eastbound traffic on Willow turns right on Waukegan and then turns left on Lake Avenue heading to the Edens. Some also take Winnetka Road to Sunset Ridge or Wagner Road to circumvent the left turn backup at Waukegan and Lake. During the evening rush, the same alternate routes are used in reverse. Significant backups result in at least two spots. Westbound traffic backs up significantly waiting for the Waukegan light. Some impatient drivers illegally cut through the shopping center on the northeast corner putting pedestrians in the parking lot at risk. The tenants in the shopping center have noticed reduced patronage as a result of the traffic problem. The diverted traffic then heads north on Waukegan only to get into another backup to make on left turn in order to proceed west on Willow. Members of our Heatherfield Board have studied this intersection finding that normally only 6 or 7 cars can make the left turn due to the length of the left turn arrow. When a truck is involved, even fewer vehicles make the arrow. During the peak period left turn traffic backs up two to three blocks almost to the Westleigh intersection. The only way to improve this would be to add a second left turn lane if the Willow bottleneck is not eliminated. Impatient drivers have discovered a way around the backup by coming through our local streets at 40 MPH rather than the designated 20 MPH. They take Westleigh to Summit to Aberdeen exiting at our Willow Road entrance in the northwest corner of our area.

I have noticed a number of large trucks that are taking these alternates going to and from Edens. Amongst them are semi's from the large regional UPS and FedEx distribution facilities located near Shermer and Willow along with beer and moving trucks from companies located in the Glen area which was the Glenview Naval Station years ago.

Especially during the morning and evening rush, cars going to and from the Northfield and Northbrook communities are using both Wagner and Sunset Ridge on the way to and from Lake Avenue and Edens as an alternate to Willow.

One Northfield resident who said she lives about three blocks north of Willow on Sunset Ridge tried to tell me that widening Willow to four lanes would drastically increase traffic on Sunset Ridge. I told her that I believe the opposite would result. I am currently one of many that now use Sunset Ridge as a way to get from and to Edens Highway and US 41 because of the Willow bottleneck. For example, I frequently come from the Lake Forest area via US 41 and exit at Clavey or Lake Cook Roads. I then proceed south on Skokie Highway to Sunset Ridge and turn right on Willow heading west to Waukegan Road. This is much better than exiting Edens at Tower Road and heading south on the frontage road to the westbound Willow bottleneck. Just watch the number of vehicles making the right turn from Sunset Ridge on to westbound Willow to verify what I believe is now happening.

Another devised alternate to avoid the bottleneck results in the overuse of Winnetka Road which is now in disrepair. Glenview traffic heading to northbound Edens goes east on Winnetka Road to Happ Road. They then go north on Happ across Willow to the frontage road eventually entering Edens at Tower Road.

I don't believe that anyone has addressed the possibility that the U.S. Post Office may eventually build a facility near Shermer and Willow to provide route service for the communities of Northfield and Winnetka. Since neither community wanted the facility located in their backyard, they were near making a decision to locate the post office on Chestnut two blocks west of Willow in Glenview. Because of the complaints lodged by a number of Glenview residents that a traffic problem would result on Chestnut, the postal officials announced that the facility would be located near Willow and Shermer in the village of Northbrook. As I recall, the number of postal route vehicles involved was between sixty and seventy. Should this happen, the main route for these vehicles would be Willow Road. Though they would probably go east on Willow after the morning rush, they would be returning to the facility along with the evening rush hour traffic. I believe that this move is currently on hold since the Winnetka post office has opted for a one year extension of their lease.

I do understand the concern Northfield parents have for those that have children crossing Willow Road. However, I feel that it is just as bad to have a bunch of frustrated drivers trying to get down a two lane road versus not so upset drivers on a four lane thoroughfare. As they have done in the past, the Northfield Police Department could do an excellent job of enforcing the speed limits on a four lane road especially in the school zone. It is too bad that Northfield residents don't have any concern for the Glenview students attending the school located on the southeast corner of Lake Avenue and Waukegan Road. They have a bad intersection along with two busy streets to deal with versus one busy road in Northfield.

I would like to thank you for taking the time to read my thoughts on this problem. Thanks also for allowing the public to voice their opinions at the meeting. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions. Our home phone is [REDACTED] and my email address is [REDACTED]

Very truly yours,

Tom Kloempken

**SUBMITTED INFORMATION**

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**Name:** Mark and Cheron Kneedy

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:** Glenview IL

**Comment:** We are definitely for widening of Willow Rd. There is too much congestion on it and it then spills over to the other roads to cause congestion and accidnts.

**SUBMITTED INFORMATION**

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**Name:** Marc Kravets

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:** Glenview, Il. 60025

**Comment:** Willow should be increased to four lanes with a 30 mile an hour speed limit, east of Sunset Ridge. Also, the construction should be the same time as improvements on Waukeegan Road or there will be releif for drivers and total gridlock.

**Submit:** Submit

KAY LAURIE

[REDACTED]

Glenview, Illinois 60025

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4 This has been going on for way too long.  
5 Willow Road is a designated regional arterial road.  
6 It does not belong to Northfield. As a taxpayer of  
7 Illinois, I pay for this road. Keeping it at two  
8 lanes causes traffic to be pushed into Glenview  
9 local roads. That is not fair to Glenview. The  
10 state of Illinois needs to fix this problem, and it  
11 is a problem. Widening the 1.2-mile stretch  
12 through Northfield will not hurt Northfield  
13 residents. The state of Illinois is going to build  
14 an underpass for children to cross under Willow  
15 Road. The children of Northfield will be safe.  
16 Leaving this road to two lanes causes a potential  
17 safety risk to the children of Glenview who do not  
18 have an underpass to cross to school. The state of  
19 Illinois needs to widen Willow to four lanes to  
20 ensure the safety of all the surrounding  
21 communities.  
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1 JUSTIN L. LEE

2 [REDACTED]

3 Glenview, Illinois 60025

4 It's been far too long that the town of  
5 Northfield has imposed its will upon the drivers  
6 and commuters in many communities by causing an  
7 inordinate long wait to go through that town.

8 It's just unfathomable that such a small number of  
9 people can affect such a large group of drivers.

10 This is a no-brainer project that needs to  
11 be done immediately, regardless of what the town of  
12 Northfield thinks. They have built themselves up  
13 around this road, they have done everything they  
14 can to make sure this is a very difficult,  
15 expensive project, with a great deal of planning  
16 and political clout applied.

17 I do understand there are many families  
18 affected by this decision and that the parents of  
19 school age children who have to cross Willow Road  
20 have many concerns about the increased traffic.  
21 Rest assured, the traffic increase is nothing  
22 compared to how dangerous that road has become  
23 because of drivers' inattentiveness and inability  
24 to navigate through that town. At some point

1 there's a tradeoff between the needs of the few  
2 versus the needs of the many.

3 This is a good time for IDOT to just do  
4 it. I've been dealing with this for 40 years. For  
5 40 years this has been a growing issue. The  
6 traffic has increased fivefold in the last 20  
7 years. How can anybody justify not having the  
8 infrastructure to keep up with the needs? I think  
9 that's it.

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**Name:** Cleo Leftakes

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:** Glenview

**Comment:** I'm writing to you regarding the Northfield Willow Road Contruction Project. I live one mile directly south of Willow Rd. I would like to see Willow Road widened to four lanes, two lanes east and two lanes west. I also, have children like the residents of Northfield who now have placed their children safety at the forefront of this contraversy. We need to have the road expanded because, traffic has quadrupled since the road has been built. State roads in many other communities have been widened to accomandate in traffic flow but, Willow road has never changed because of Northfield wanting to keep it as is. Increased traffic over the years has created terrible backups especially during rush hour. To avoid the bottle necked traffic drivers have selected other routes such as Glenview roads running east and west. Winnetka and Lake Street are options for these drivers, which directly affect our subdivision and our children. We do have crossing guards by our schools just as Northfield does during school days. So crossing a four lane road should not be a concern for those parents. And Idot suggestion of an underpass by Willow and Wagner should address the pedestrian traffic. Keeping the main traffic flow on Willow Rd. rather down Wagner, Sunset Ridge, Winnetka, or Lake St. should be Northfields and Glenviews priority. By not expanding Willow road our side streets both in Northfield and Glenview will be increasingly dangerours for residents and children. In conclusion, I hope that four lanes for Willow Road will pass.

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General Comment/Input: Widening the Willow Road to four lanes from Edens Expressway to Uaukegan will reduce the congestion created by car dealerships on frontage road, Kraft headquarters, and new commercial businesses in Northfield, reduce congestion of traffic through Northbrook and Glenview, making both of those villages safer. If the children of Glenview can learn to cross four lanes of traffic at such schools as Lyons, Pleasant Ridge, Westbrook, OLPD, and the high school, surely the Northfield students can learn to do the same — or use the tunnel (underpass) that is planned. This whole situation seems to have come down to the "Not In My Back yard" feeling of entitlement.

Comment/Input Regarding the Community Context Audit (CCA):

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Please provide your name if you would like to be added to the mailing list.

Name: LOUIS MAROHN  
Address: [REDACTED]  
City/State/Zip: GLENVIEW, IL 60025  
Phone: [REDACTED]  
E-mail: [REDACTED]

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**Name:** Herb Nelson

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:** Glenview, IL. 60025

**Comment:** I totally support making Willow Road 4 lanes. The bottleneck caused by Willow being 2 lanes through Northfield is like living in the horse and buggy days. Yes, making the road to 4 lanes will require a walk over for school students safety, no different than other 4 lane, heavily traveled streets. Let's face the facts, our homes have changed and it's time our roads become modern also. Thank you for this opportunity to express my feelings.

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### General Comment/Input:

THIS HAS GONE ON WAY TOO LONG. THE VILLAGE OF NORTHFIELD NEEDS TO JOIN THE REST OF SOCIETY. IT IS NOT 1932.

WILLOW ROAD IS NOT SOME COW PATH. THEY MAKE ALL THIS COMMOTION ABOUT "SCHOOLS" ON WILLOW RD, AS IF THIS IS THE ONLY ROAD WITH SCHOOLS. THEY HAVE THE TEMERITY TO PUT THE KRAFT HEADQUARTERS ON WILLOW, DUMPING HUGE NUMBERS OF CARS TWICE A DAY ON WILLOW AND THEN PROCLAIM "ITS TOO MUCH", "IT IS DESTROYING OUR CHARACTER", THEY ARE ELITE SNOBS, THE LAND OF PRIVATE ROADS. GROW UP!! STOP THIS NONSENSE. PUT IN 4 LANES, PROPER SIDEWALKS, CROSSING SIGNALS ETC. THEY HAVE HELD THE REST OF THE NORTH SHORE HOSTAGE FOR FAR TOO LONG.

### Comment/Input Regarding the Community Context Audit (CCA):

Please provide your name if you would like to be added to the mailing list.

Name: SKIP NEWMAN

Address: [REDACTED]

City/State/Zip: GLENVIEW IL 60026

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

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#### General Comment/Input:

As a resident of Glenview (Men Oak Acres) it appears traffic is often moving off Willow to avoid the congestion greatly impacting Waukegan Rd, Wagner Rd, Winitka Road & Sunset Ridge Roads. These streets are often travelled by kids on foot & bikes, let alone the increased travel times to run to a dry cleaners or grocery store. The fact that our kids have to cross Sunset Ridge for school & baseball practices is a concern. I paid for busing b/c of my safety concerns. Why ~~can't~~ bus service be an option in Northfield?

#### Comment/Input Regarding the Community Context Audit (CCA):

Realizing many interests are competing, I appreciate a process that allows many voices to be heard. I look forward to seeing data that helps those of us in surrounding communities <sup>understand</sup> what <sup>impacts</sup> ~~are being in our~~ could be alleviated.

Please provide your name if you would like to be added to the mailing list.

Name: Chris Northwicle

Address: [REDACTED]

City/State/Zip: Glenview IL

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

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**Comment/Input Regarding the Identified Transportation Needs:**

for 3 years @ \$570/per year. *OK*

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**John Baczek, P.E., Section Chief  
Project and Environmental Studies  
Illinois Department of Transportation  
Bureau of Programming  
201 West Center Court  
Schaumburg, Illinois 60196-1096**



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1 MARY NOVOTNY

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3 Glenview, Illinois 60026

4 Nobody likes change, and I think a lot of  
5 the Northfield residents are overreacting. We all  
6 care about the safety of their kids, but I think if  
7 they realistically sat down and talked to IDOT and  
8 we all worked together, we can resolve some of  
9 these issues. All the money that Northfield has  
10 put in for attorneys and lobbyists, they could have  
11 paid for their own bus system to transport their  
12 kids to their schools. But instead of talking and  
13 sitting down with everybody, they want to fight. I  
14 think it's a situation where IDOT has to make a  
15 decision, stick with it, bring in the bulldozers.  
16 Once they see the bulldozers, I think then they'll  
17 realistically sit down and say this is what we  
18 need.

19 There's some Glenview residents that's  
20 more than willing to meet with some of the  
21 Northfield residents and just to offer some  
22 suggestions. Suggestions we'd have would be block  
23 some streets that enter into Willow Road and  
24 redirect them to a stoplight. Increase the height

1 of the fences around the schools and the play  
2 fields so no balls or kids just jump over the fence  
3 and try to cross in the middle of the road. The  
4 bus system, I'm in School District 31, I pay for my  
5 bus service. If they're so concerned, then maybe  
6 they should get a bus service and pay for it. But  
7 in this day and age, Northfield is not an island,  
8 it's a suburb of Chicago. There has to be a way to  
9 connect the tollway to Edens Expressway.

10 Also, too, Kraft, Kraft Foods, I was at  
11 the hearings for Kraft Foods. They agreed to widen  
12 the street for Kraft Foods. Never in a million  
13 years did I think they would only go for a block or  
14 two, and then all of a sudden there's this  
15 bottleneck. So again, working with IDOT is the way  
16 to go.

17 I think it's a shame that it's such an  
18 emotional issue that they're bringing their kids to  
19 a public hearing. I've seen a little girl cry  
20 because she's scared that she's going to get killed  
21 crossing Willow Road. Our kids cross Willow Road  
22 all the time. There's crossing guards, there's  
23 police and education. It is a busy street, and I  
24 think putting the fear in the kids either at school

1 or at home is truly not beneficial. I just feel  
2 bad for these kids.

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### General Comment/Input:

Traffic on Wrentham Road parallel to Willow Rd bottleneck is a nightmare during rush hours.

Traffic is pushed onto Wagner Sunset Ridge, Wrentham + Lake to avoid Willow.

Widen Willow to 4 lanes w/ left turn lanes @ Hays + Sunset Ridge.

Sooner the better.

### Comment/Input Regarding the Community Context Audit (CCA):

Good audit

Please provide your name if you would like to be added to the mailing list.

Name:

already signed up - Barb Palmer

Address:

City/State/Zip:

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**Comment/Input Regarding the Identified Transportation Needs:**

PLEASE WIDEN Willow Rd to 4 LANES w/ a <sup>left</sup> turning lane  
@ Sunset Ridge + Happ.

Northfield should have bus service for children on opposite side  
of Willow from their schools. Glenview does. Glenview has no  
safety concerns w/ busy streets + schools. Our children went to  
Lyon school (Waukegan + Lake) since Lake was widened, it is a much  
safer street. Instead of traffic being a constant 2 lane nightmare, there  
are gaps of non-traffic, safe-crossing <sup>traffic</sup> interruptions. This works much better.

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**Name:** Jim Patterson

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:** Glenview, IL 60025

**Comment:** This road is a necessary connection between 294 & 94. It should be at least 4 (plus left turn) lanes to simply allow for the continuous flow rather than restricting it. The traffic that is forced down Waukegan, Sunset Ridge and Wagner would all seek a normal level if this was built to the capacity, and a bit straighter as it was envisioned in the 80's. It is now 6 lanes at Landwehr bottlenecking to 2 before it expands back to 4 through the town of Northfield. Get on with it already.

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**Name:** Rosalie/Norm Persky

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Website

**Address:** Glenview, IL 60025

**Comment:** The corridor from Wagner through Sunset Ridge is part of my daily route. Many mornings the west bound traffic is backed up from Sunset Ridge almost to Wagner Road. In the evenings, the west bound traffic is often backed up from Sunset Ridge to beyond Wagner, even as far as Happ Road or the Edens exit ramp. This is a main route. Strong consideration should be made to widening this section of Willow to 4 lanes.

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### General Comment/Input:

I would like to see Willow Road widened.  
It would avoid traffic delays and ~~the~~ reduce  
traffic congestion. Safety could be protected  
with crosswalks and even an overpass.

Please widen Willow Road.

### Comment/Input Regarding the Community Context Audit (CCA):

*Please provide your name if you would like to be added to the mailing list.*

Name: Daniel B Peterson

Address:

City/State/Zip: Glenview, IL 60025

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**Name:** Anne Pillion

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:** Glenview, IL

**Comment:** I am unable to attend the IDOT meeting on March 4th as I will be out of town but wanted you to get my comments. Willow road must be widened to 4 lanes as it is west of Waukegan Rd. The traffic is cutting over to side streets which are not able to handle the volume. The speed at which the traffic is going down the side streets is very dangerous. This has gone long enough - Willow must be widened.

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**Name:** barbara ellis racic

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:** Glenview, IL 60025

**Comment:** The expansion of Willow Road is necessary for all of the suburbs in the area. Good traffic flow is a benefit for all the communities involved. The bottleneck currently caused by the narrowing of the road is a negative for Northfield, Northbrook, Winnetka, and Glenview The widening project should be approved

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General Comment/Input:

I live in Glenview near Wagner + Lake. The congestion has been a problem for 30 years. Whether we widen it to 3 lanes or 5, something needs to be done. I favor 3 lanes. An ancillary problem is people cutting through our neighborhood to avoid congestion on Willow. This is a safety hazard.

Comment/Input Regarding the Community Context Audit (CCA):

Please provide your name if you would like to be added to the mailing list.

Name:

Robert Richmond

Address:

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City/State/Zip:

Glenview, IL 60025

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**Name:** David W. Riddell

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:** Glenview

**Comment:** I wholly endorse the plan to widen Willow Road, from Sunset Ridge to I-94. This should have been done long ago. I live near Lake Avenue in Glenview. We have seen increasingly heavy traffic on this road, and I can't help but think that a good portion of this traffic is diverted to Lake Avenue because of the narrow traffic flow on Willow. It was painful during the 2-3 years it took to widen Lake Avenue, but it was worth it. The widened lake Avenue does not jeopardize Lyon School children, Loyola Academy students or others, so I would expect similarly small risks to the children whose schools are on Willow Road. Please proceed with widening of Willow Road. Dave

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**Name:** Thomas Rinella

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:** Glenview

**Comment:** I am not able to attend the meeting on March 4th concerning the widening of Willow Road through Northfield. I support the widening of Willow to 4 lanes. I personally avoid that section of Willow because it is too congested. I observe that many other drivers are cutting through residential areas of Glenview to avoid the congestion. The widening can be safely done as evidenced by how well traffic flows on Lake avenue through Glenview.

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**Name:** Allan J. Ruter

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:** Glenview, IL 60025

**Comment:** No doubt about it: Willow Road must be widened to four full lanes from the Edens Expressway west to Waukegan Road. For 33 years I have lived in Glenview, and for that entire time I have had to adopt a devious, circumlocutional mindset whenever needing to travel on Willow Road through the Village of Northfield. Most local traffic, of course, winds through Glenview's and Northfield's residential sidestreets near Willow. For Northfield residents to oppose the widening of Willow due to safety issues is outright inconsistency, if not hypocrisy: A properly widened Willow will increase traffic safety for both Northfield and Glenview by channeling greater numbers of cars appropriately and expeditiously on Willow Road while decreasing cut-through traffic in residential areas. Please do not hold this long-discussed, long-awaited project hostage to the whims of a vocal portion of Northfield, population 5000 or thereabouts. Instead consider the impact of Northfield's fabled intransigence--an attitude born of money, presumed privilege, and political croneyism--on Glenview's nearly 50,000 citizens. No municipality should have the ability to stonewall a project like this while maintaining virtual "country-club" entrance to and exit from the Edens Expressway. Please, IDOT officials, stand firm and implement the one sensible solution that benefits the entire Willow Road corridor.

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**Name:** Larry Schumacher

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:** Glenview, IL

**Comment:** In reference to the proposed widening of Willow Road through Northfield I would like to say that I fully support the proposal. The congestion caused by the current 2 lane road would be minimized by widening this stretch of road to 4 lanes. This would also reduce the amount of cut-through traffic thru the local neighborhoods which would improve safety for school children as well as all residents. Please approve the widening of Willow Road to 4 lanes in Northfield.

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#### General Comment/Input:

I THINK THE PROJECT WAS DELAYED TOO LONG, AND NOW HAS A VERY HIGH COST DUE TO POLITICAL REASONS. A FEW POLITICALLY CONNECTED PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO STOP THE LOGICAL 4-LANE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM. ANYTHING LESS THAN TWO LANES IN EACH DIRECTION CAUSES SAFETY PROBLEMS CAUSED BY MORE TRAFFIC ON NEARBY SIDE ROADS BECAUSE OF PEOPLE AVOIDING TRAFFIC JAMS. WILLOW ROAD IS 4 LANES WIDE IN ADJACENT COMMUNITIES WITH SCHOOLS LOCATED RIGHT ON WILLOW ROAD. ~~THESE~~ THESE COMMUNITIES HAVE NO SAFETY ISSUES WITH THIS. ALSO THE ECONOMIC & ENVIRONMENTAL COSTS OF TRAFFIC JAMS ~~WILL~~ WILL BE ENORMOUS IF A 4-LANE ROAD IS NOT BUILT

#### Comment/Input Regarding the Community Context Audit (CCA):

Please provide your name if you would like to be added to the mailing list.

Name: PAUL SERAL

Address:

[REDACTED]

City/State/Zip: GLENVIEW, IL 60026

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#### General Comment/Input:

We need to expand Willow Road to alleviate the traffic in Glenview, a community of over 44,000 people. People are cutting through Glenview, via Sunset Ridge Road, where there is also a primary school (3rd - 5th grades). Should Willow Road be expanded, it would allow traffic to stay on the flow on Willow straight to the expressway without endangering our children and ~~themselves~~ Right now, people are cutting through Glenview to get to Lake Avenue.

Comment/Input Regarding the Community Context Audit (CCA):

Please provide your name if you would like to be added to the mailing list.

Name:

Haren Shishem - Foley

Address:

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Glenview, IL 60025

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**JORY SIEGEL**

**Glenview, Illinois 60026**

Well, I just want to speak out in favor of the widening of the road. Willow Road has been a bottleneck as long as I've known it, and I've lived in the suburbs all my life. I think that the issues that the small minority of Northfield residents bring up about safety can be handled easily with proper stoplights and occasional fences, if necessary, in their schools and parks. There's plenty of space along Willow Road for widening to five lanes, two lanes in each direction and a center left turn lane. It's a major thoroughfare that I think a small group of people have blocked and a lot of other people pay the price.

Going through Glenview we have Lake Street, very large street, four lanes in each direction, often times multiple left turn lanes, we have Willow Road, Northbrook has got Dundee Road, these are big roads. Safety issues are always a concern. There are schools and kids in all those areas, and those communities seem to be able to

1 handle it.

2 Walking in, I saw some Northfield, I  
3 assume, residents pushing for three lanes. 15  
4 years ago that would have worked, you know. Now  
5 push comes to shove, they want to compromise.  
6 Well, it's time that the transportation issues of  
7 the masses take precedent over that of the  
8 minority, and I know it runs through their town,  
9 but they seem to be able to deal with the fact that  
10 we've got a tollway entrance on Willow, we've got a  
11 highway entrance on Willow, there's four lanes  
12 through Winnetka and four plus five, six, seven  
13 lanes sometimes in Glenview, so get her done.

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- 1) NEED 4 LANE SOLUTION TO ALLEVIATE TIE-UPS, SLOW DOWNS & DIVERSION TO N-S STREETS.
2. NOT CLEAR WHY 3 LANE SOLVES CONGESTATION PROBLEM.
3. LIVING IN GLENVIEW, NEAR SUNSET RIDGE, EXPERIENCE HEAVY TRAFFIC IN MORNING & EVENING AS TRAVELERS USE LAKE AS THEIR 4 LANE ACCESS.
4. WHY ARE THERE NO SCHOOL SPEED LIMIT SIGNS IN NORTHFIELD?

#### Comment/Input Regarding the Community Context Audit (CCA):

WHERE ARE FACTS SUCH AS TRAFFIC COUNTS, ETC? THIS SITUATION HAS EXISTED FOR YEARS & BEEN STUDIED SEVERAL TIMES. WHY NO "HISTORY" OR DATA?

Please provide your name if you would like to be added to the mailing list.

Name:

George Silca

Address:

[REDACTED]

City/State/Zip:

Glenview, IL 60025

Phone:

[REDACTED]

E-mail:

[REDACTED]

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**Name:** David Stefani

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:** Glenview, IL 60026

**Comment:** I cannot attend the March 4th meeting, but I wanted to voice my opinion in favor of widening Willow Road through Northfield.

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#### General Comment/Input:

I think this project should go forward. I am aware that this has been debated for @ least 30 years. Traffic goes through Glenview neighborhoods (secondary streets) because a primary street in Northfield is not designed to handle the through traffic.

#### Comment/Input Regarding the Community Context Audit (CCA):

Please provide your name if you would like to be added to the mailing list.

Name: Ellen Stern

Address: [REDACTED]

City/State/Zip: Glenview 60025

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: ellenisyourrep@yahoo.com

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**Name:** Anita Straus

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:** Glenview 60025

**Comment:** I believe it is very selfish and inconsiderate for the people living along Willow Rd in Northfield to continuously oppose the widening of this artery. It is very well traveled and is extremely slow at almost all hours. It is impossible to transverse this stretch and there is nowhere to turn off to get around the area. We need 4-lanes here and have for years. There is a traffic light at the Northfield Park and the road to the school that could be made into a arrow-turn-off which would alleviate any concerns for children crossing. And there are school guards that could be there when the times of going to and from school to make it safer for concerned parents.

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#### General Comment/Input:

I would love to see Willow Road Widened. 1 line in Glenview near the intersection of Sunset Ridge and Lake Avenue. It seems ~~that~~ reasonable that commuters to our east & west would need to travel Lake Avenue to get to and from I-94. It also seems reasonable that commuters ~~are~~ west of Northfield would need to pass through Northfield to get to and from I-94. But, because of ~~congestion~~ congestion in Northfield, many of these commuters come south and use Lake Avenue. We are getting a double dose. We have kids and schools too.

#### Comment/Input Regarding the Community Context Audit (CCA):

Please provide your name if you would like to be added to the mailing list.

Name: Tim Thoelecke Jr

Address: [REDACTED]

City/State/Zip: Glenview IL 60025

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

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#### General Comment/Input:

I'm a Glenview resident. I've been timing my daily trips through Willow Road. Even at the worst traffic jams in the 1.2 mile from I-94 through Sunset Ridge, I've never spent more than 3 minutes at Sunset Ridge.

Unless we live in a "fast" society but \$25 an hour is not worth spending to save 2 minutes in traffic.

The residents of Northfield should have more to say over this issue!!

#### Comment/Input Regarding the Community Context Audit (CCA):

*Please provide your name if you would like to be added to the mailing list.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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General Comment/Input:

I am a Glenview resident and feel that Glenview roads have a disproportionate percentage of the regional traffic load. I believe that Willow Road should be expanded to four lanes. Measures to protect pedestrians along Willow Road can and should be incorporated into the plan.

Comment/Input Regarding the Community Context Audit (CCA):

Please provide your name if you would like to be added to the mailing list.

Name: *Glenview resident*

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Phone:

E-mail:

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### General Comment/Input:

As a Glenview resident, I have seen extreme increases in traffic on Waukegan Rd, Spenset Ridge Rd and Winnetka Blvd. Anything that could be done to alleviate this congestion would be most welcome. If done properly, a (4 way road) would move traffic along. Willow is a busy road now. With proper protection for students and pedestrians, a wider road need not be less safe.

Note: Lake Ave traffic in Glenview is very busy. ~~Willow~~ Why should Glenview have all the east/west commuter traffic?

Please provide your name if you would like to be added to the mailing list.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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General Comment/Input:

I strongly support a 4-lane Willow Rd. I've lived in East Glenview for 35 years, & during this time I've seen congestion on Willow grow & grow. It seems ridiculous to have a 2-lane road that feeds Edens & the nearby communities that is continually a bottleneck. I understand Northfield's feelings about safety & kids, but we in Glenview have similar feelings about our crowded roads & safety of our kids due to

Comment/Input Regarding the Community Context Audit (CCA):

run-off from Willow. Common sense, & numbers (80,000 Glenview/Northbrook residents & many others who use Willow) dictate a wider thoroughfare for the good of all!

Please provide your name if you would like to be added to the mailing list.

Name:

Jim Vlazny

Address:

[Redacted]

City/State/Zip:

Glenview, IL 60025

Phone:

[Redacted]

E-mail:

[Redacted]

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#### General Comment/Input:

My husband, Rick, and I are both for  
the widening of Willow Rd.

It would alleviate "cut through" traffic  
@ The Glen in Glenview, where we live.

#### Comment/Input Regarding the Community Context Audit (CCA):

*Please provide your name if you would like to be added to the mailing list.*

Name:

Linda West

Address:

[Redacted]

City/State/Zip:

Glenview, IL 60026

Phone:

[Redacted]

E-mail:

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### General Comment/Input:

WE ARE DEFINITELY FOR THE WIDENING OF  
WILLOW ROAD.

### Comment/Input Regarding the Community Context Audit (CCA):

*Please provide your name if you would like to be added to the mailing list.*

Name: RICK WEST

Address: [REDACTED]

City/State/Zip: GLENVIEW, IL 60026

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

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1 RICK WEST

2 [REDACTED]  
3 Glenview, Illinois 60026

4 My name is Rick West. I live at [REDACTED]  
5 [REDACTED] in Glenview. I believe the  
6 widening of Willow Road will facilitate traffic  
7 throughout the different communities. I think that  
8 the development makes this more important today  
9 than it was in the past, and I think for the  
10 community to continue to grow and for the traffic  
11 patterns not to preclude further development as  
12 well as the safety of the people, that this needs  
13 to be done, because there's too much cross traffic  
14 on streets that are occurring that could be more  
15 facilitated by a Willow Road widening and would  
16 take some of the traffic off of Waukegan, as well  
17 as from between Willow on Patriot to Lake.  
18 Therefore, we think this is a very important and  
19 critical step for further development and safety of  
20 the communities.

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**Name:** Vincent J. Wilk

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:** Glenview

**Comment:** My wife and I wholeheartedly support the widening of Willow Road through Northfield. The failure to widen Willow pushes traffic down side streets and into my neighborhood. I see people using my neighborhood as a bypass for this bottleneck every day, as as the parent of 2 small children, this concerns me greatly. Again, we support the widening of Willow. My wife and I vote and donate to campaigns of both political parties, and we will be watching this closely.

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**Name:** Kathleen Zoran

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:** Glenview, IL 60026

**Comment:** I fully support expanding Willow Road to four lanes east of Waukegan to the Edens expressway. This is necessary and long overdue. It will reduce current neighborhood traffic on Winnetka Road, ease congestion, and reduce neighborhood pollution because of the many who drive through the neighborhoods to avoid Willow congestion.

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**Name:** Lisa

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Website

**Address:** Glenview, IL

**Comment:** We are in support of the widening of Willow Road in Northfield! Please continue with these efforts.

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#### General Comment/Input:

WILLOW RD DOES NEED TO BE WIDENED:  
PROBLEMS WITH CURRENT WILLOW RD

① CONGESTION

② TIME AWAY FROM WORK, HOME DUE TO TRAFFIC DELAYS

③ SAFETY ISSUES - DUE TO CONGESTION, DRIVERS SPEED THROUGH SIDE STREETS - MANY OF THE SIDE STREETS HAVE NO SIDEWALKS, AND

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SO WALKERS, SCHOOL CHILDREN AND BIKERS ARE JEOPARDIZED.

④ NORTFIELD/GLENVIEW LOSE OUT ON SALES DUE TO LOST BUSINESS - PEOPLE AVOID WILLOW RD AND DON'T PATRONIZE THE BUSINESSES.

Please provide your name if you would like to be added to the mailing list.

Name:

Jane

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Glenview, Ill.

Phone:

[REDACTED]

E-mail:

(over please)