



Village of Skokie

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Oakton Street "Road Diet" Test Begins May 9, 2011

The Village of Skokie continuously works to develop a more vibrant and sustainable Downtown. Since 2009, the Village Board has been studying the possibility of a "Road Diet", which would basically entail a reduction of lanes and the widening of sidewalks along Oakton Street in Downtown Skokie. The intended result from this effort would calm traffic, increase available parking and widen sidewalks to accommodate more pedestrians, outdoor dining and streetscape amenities.

Several public presentations regarding the proposed "Road Diet" have been made to the Village Board and, while opinions were largely favorable, the Village Board also heard from those concerned about the proposal. The major concern of the project was that the lane reduction might cause traffic problems particularly during rush hour periods. As a result of this concern, the Village Board approved a "Road Diet" test, which will be conducted along Oakton Street in Downtown Skokie over an estimated six-week period beginning approximately May 9, 2011.

The test will be accomplished by placing roadway markings, cones or other equipment necessary to re-direct traffic along Oakton Street, in conjunction with electronic message boards and careful monitoring by Village staff and the consulting engineer. Village staff and consultants will closely monitor the test each day to address any issues that arise pertaining to traffic and pedestrian flow. During the test on-street parking will be retained along Oakton Street and approximately 30 additional spaces will be striped. Following the completion of the test, existing striping on Oakton Street will be reestablished, results will be analyzed and a full report will be presented to the Village Board.

The Village appreciates your patience and understanding while the "Road Diet" test is underway. "Road Diet" information and a bi-monthly update will be provided on the Village's website, www.skokie.org. If you have any questions, please email info@skokie.org or call the Community Development Department at 847/933-8447.

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