

Forest Park Safety and Traffic Commission

Year to Date Report 9/26/22



Reviewed Issues – No Action

- 7200 Franklin – Parking in front of Dog Den, requested crosswalk
 - Isolated incident, parking is available, no history in police reports
- 1000 Lathrop – Traffic speeding through
 - Block is bounded by stop signs, no history in police reports
 - Discussed painting parking lanes, local traffic only signage at one-way entrances, broader village-wide approach rather than individual streets
- Elgin/Jackson – Request for crosswalk
 - Streets don't align, there are curb cuts, crosswalks not warranted, several crosswalks nearby
- Troost/Harvard – Northbound traffic not yielding to Harvard
 - Signage is proper and well marked
- Des Plaines/Brown/Franklin – 5-way intersection safety
 - Intersection is safe when traversed with care, no incidents reported

Reviewed Issues – Completed

- 1200-1300 Marengo (Betsy Ross) – No School Zone Signs
 - One police call, no formal report
 - Recommendations:
 - Install school zone signs
 - Sal and Public Works put signs up

Reviewed Issues – Action Recommended

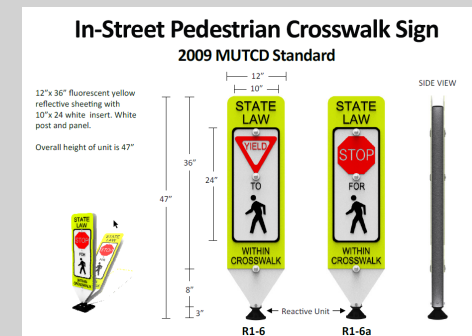
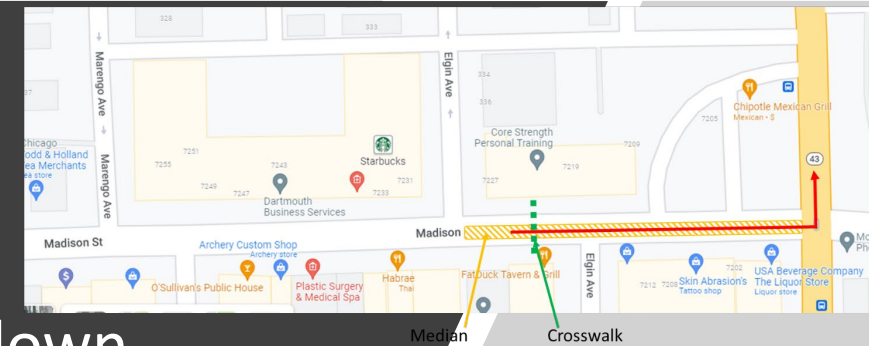
- Circle and Lehmer – No Crosswalk between Dog Park and Veteran's Park
 - Police reports have one pedestrian struck in last year
 - Recommendations:
 - Install crosswalk with proper cutouts on North side of intersection
 - No recommendation regarding timing



Reviewed Issues – Action Recommended

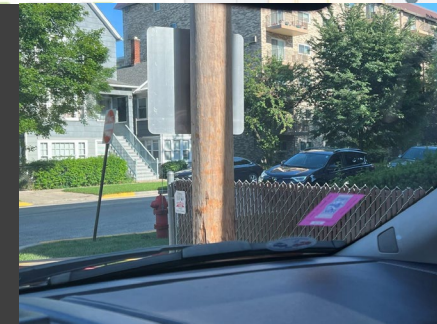
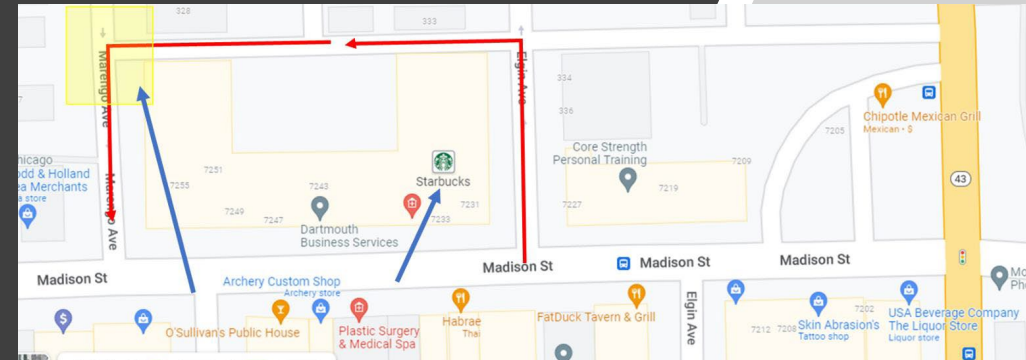
- Madison/Elgin

- See attached report with more details
- Traffic backs up beyond crosswalk at Elgin (East)
- Vehicles attempting to turn NB onto Harlem drive down median
- Creates blind corner for pedestrians and vehicles at the crosswalk
- Recommendations (phased introduction):
 - Option 1: Fix/ensure existing crosswalk lighted signs are functioning
 - Option 2: Physical sign mounted in the street to yield to pedestrians in crosswalk
 - Option 3: Eliminate parking on south side of Madison between Elgin and Harlem to create right turn lane
 - Option 4: Move crosswalk to the west Elgin Ave leg so that it is at the intersection



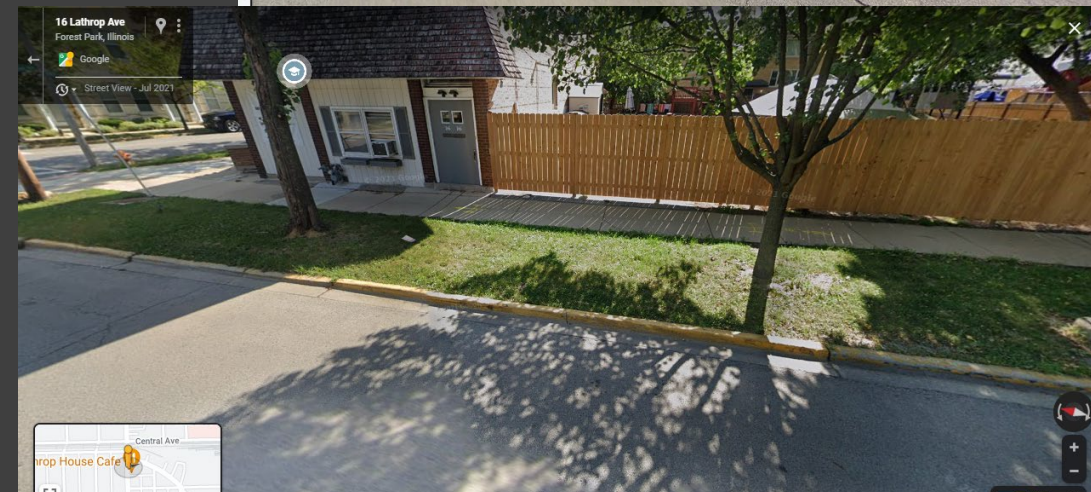
Reviewed Issues – Action Recommended

- Madison/Marengo/Starbucks Traffic Flow @ Alley and Marengo
 - See attached report with more details
 - Blind exit from alley to Marengo
 - Recommendations:
 - Install signs warning of the blind alley exit
 - Install mirrors on both corners



Reviewed Issues – Action Recommended

- Lathrop/Brown
 - Pedestrian traffic difficult when NB traffic from Brown blocks intersection or fails to stop
 - Recommendations:
 - Repaint yellow curb in front of Montessori school on Lathrop



Reviewed Issues – Action Recommended

- Madison Crosswalks
 - Commission to continue reviewing
 - Recommendation:
 - Install yield to pedestrian signs at all crosswalks with available medians, just as recommended in the Madison/Elgin report

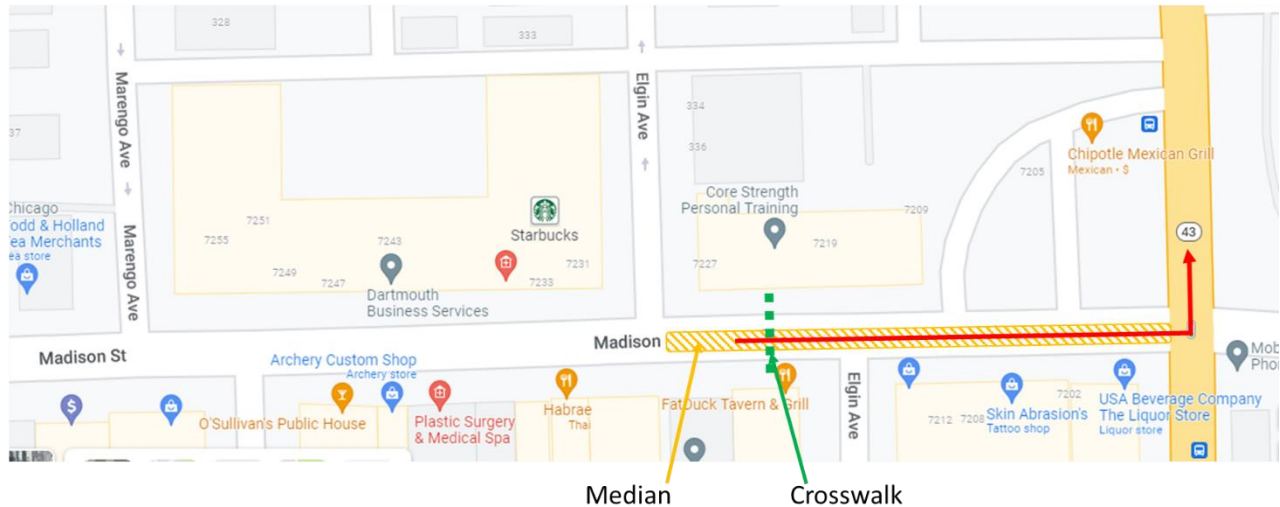


Pending Issues

- Madison Crosswalks – Pedestrian safety
- 1100 Elgin – Speeding traffic, ignoring one-way
- Harlem (Elgin)/Randolph - Crosswalk

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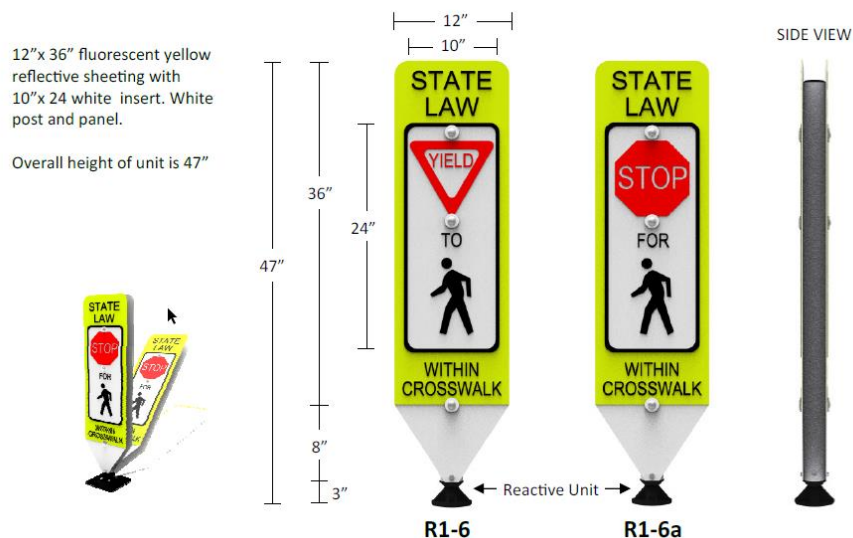
Eastbound Madison to Northbound Harlem @ Elgin and Crosswalk



- Problem Statement/Facts
 - There is a mid-block crosswalk located between the two Elgin Ave legs, in front of Fat Duck
 - There is a painted median prior to the crosswalk when traveling eastbound
 - There is a left turn lane at Harlem to head northbound
 - Traffic at the light often backs up beyond the beginning of the left turn lane
 - Vehicles will travel down the median when traffic is backed up in order to enter into the left turn lane
 - When traffic is backed up pedestrians at the crosswalk are blind to any vehicles driving down the median
 - Emergency vehicles make use of this median during emergencies and require it to be passable
 - 10 traffic incidents in that area have been reported from 1/1/21 to 5/23/22 though none were involving pedestrians. Only speaks to documented incidents
 - Staff at Fat Duck have reported continual close calls involving pedestrians attempting to cross at the crosswalk
- Proposed Solutions – Ranked in order of preference, propose 1 & 2 for immediate consideration
 - Option 1: Fix/ensure existing crosswalk lighted signs are functioning
 - Option 2: Install a break away in-road pedestrian crossing sign as pictured below:

In-Street Pedestrian Crosswalk Sign

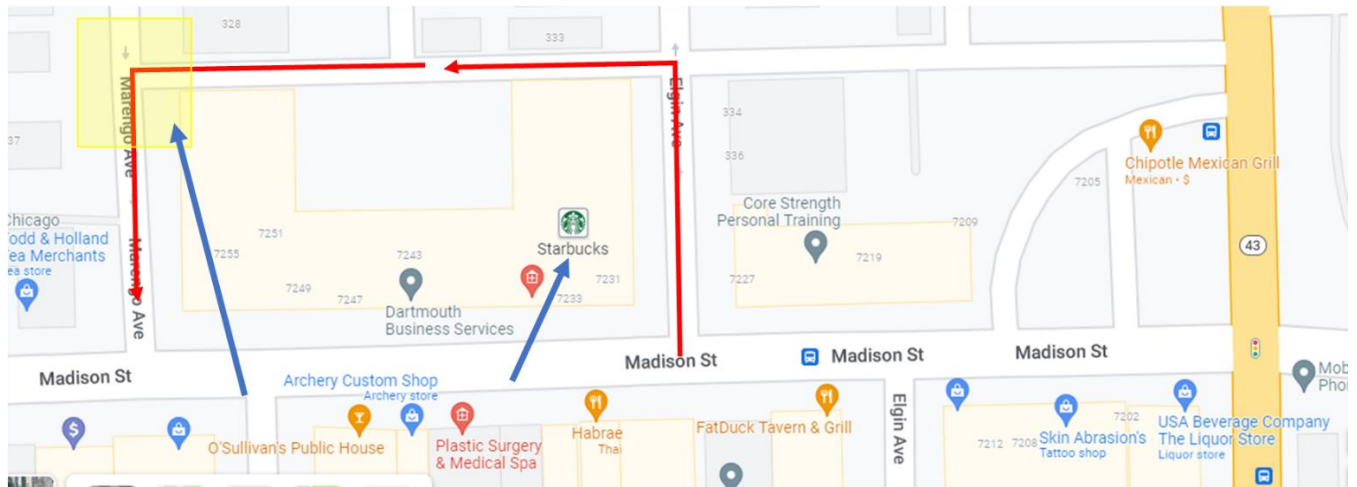
2009 MUTCD Standard



- Datasheet from one vendor attached
- This sign would be mounted in the street, but it would fold over if hit. "Unit has an anti-twist reactive spring assembly that rebounds to upright when struck."
- Sign is removable for plowing and other needs
- We expect that this sign would present not just increased visibility for the crossing, but it would also act as a physical barrier to traffic entering into the median without impeding emergency vehicle traffic.

- Option 3: Eliminate parking on south side of Madison between Elgin and Harlem to create right turn lane
 - This would reduce the line length in the center lane and facilitate legal access to the left turn lane
 - Lane could be right turn only, or right turn and straight. Lanes merge into one on Oak Park side of Harlem.
- Option 4: Move crosswalk to the west Elgin Ave leg so it is at the intersection
 - This is a more expensive option, but would eliminate the mid-block crosswalk and provide greater visibility to it
 - Vehicles would be traversing both the Elgin/Madison intersection illegally, and the remaining median

Madison/Marengo/Starbucks Traffic Flow @ Alley and Marengo





- Problem Statement/Facts
 - Traffic exiting Starbucks travels northbound on Elgin or enters the alley north of Starbucks and loops to Marengo to return to Madison
 - There is covered parking in the building with access via the alley as well as a lot north of the alley
 - The westbound exit from the alley to Marengo is blind in both directions to southbound traffic and bi-directional pedestrian traffic
- Proposed Solution
 - Install signs warning of the blind alley exit
 - Install mirrors on both corners