

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD



BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE OF MEETING: October 27, 2026

To: Village President and Board of Trustees

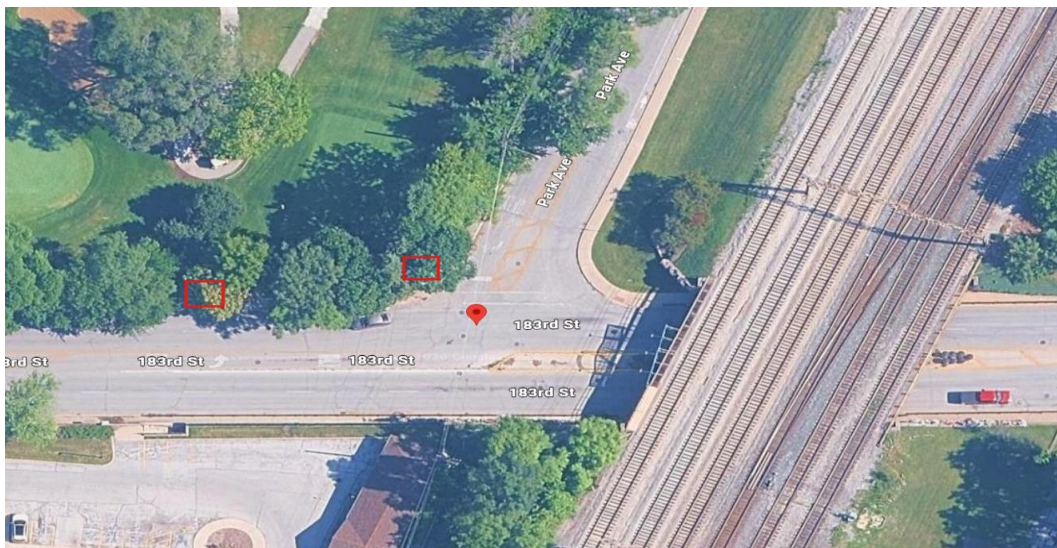
Through: Napoleon Haney, Village Manager

From: Joshua Burman, Director of Public Works

Topic: No U-turn Sign Request

PURPOSE

At the request of the Police Department, Public Works staff installed two (2) “No U-turn” signs at the intersection of 183rd Street and Park Avenue (west of the viaduct). This installation assisted the Police Department in responding to resident concerns regarding traffic compliance and intersection safety. Staff is requesting that the Board pass an ordinance amending the Traffic Regulation Schedule to accommodate these changes.



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PROCESS

In response to safety concerns expressed by local residents regarding frequent U-turns at 183rd Street and Park Avenue, the Police Department requested that Public Works install No U-turn signs on westbound 183rd Street (west of the viaduct) and on Park Avenue at 183rd Street.

The intersection is controlled by a stop sign and a No Left Turn sign. Despite these measures, residents and Village staff have observed motorists turning right from Park Avenue onto 183rd Street, then immediately making a U-turn—often utilizing the private driveway entrance to the Flosswood Condominiums. Notably, one motorist recently attempted a U-turn immediately past the delineators and struck the aluminum fencing along the south sidewalk on 183rd Street. This observed driver behavior demonstrates a clear need for regulatory signage.

Staff presents traffic sign requests to the Village Board when at least two warrants from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) are satisfied. Following staff review, the intersection was determined to meet the applicable criteria based on traffic volumes and the high frequency of U-turns.

Based on these observations and MUTCD guidance, Public Works installed the No U-turn signs to minimize vehicle conflicts and improve overall safety.

OUTCOME

The installation of the requested No U-turn signs will improve driver awareness, increase compliance at the intersection, and reduce the likelihood of future accidents. The change will enhance overall traffic safety while directly addressing the quality-of-life and safety concerns raised by neighborhood residents.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None

LEGAL REVIEW

Not Required

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION

Pass an ordinance amending the Village of Homewood Traffic Regulation Schedule for recently installed No U-turn signs at 183rd Street and Park Avenue.

ATTACHMENT(S)

Ordinance