

CITY OF WARRENVILLE
MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council
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CC: Public Safety and Legislative Committee
Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Commission
Subject: Pedestrian Safety, Intersection of Rt. 59, Continental Drive and Meadow Avenue
Date: April 4, 2017

The Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC) is concerned with the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists within the City of Warrenville, as multiple pedestrian fatalities and injuries have occurred near the intersection of Route 59, Continental Drive and Meadow Avenue within a short span of time. This is an intersection that attracts pedestrian and bicycle traffic, with Summerlakes Subdivision, Johnson Elementary School, and Summerlakes Park located immediately to the west; Kiwanis Park and strip malls containing retail and restaurant establishments, including Dairy Queen and Roma D'Italia Pizza, located immediately to the east; and additional establishments (e.g., East China Inn, Dunkin' Donuts) located just north of the intersection, along the east side of Route 59.

BPAC is recommending that City Council direct City staff to work with IDOT to investigate and research potential alternatives to increase overall pedestrian safety at the intersection of Route 59 and Meadow/Continental Drive, including but not limited to the following:

- Reduction of the Route 59 speed limit, similar to what is done for West Chicago (Route 59 and Main Street);
- Alter timing of the stop light for pedestrian safety;
- Improve pavement markings to indicate presence of pedestrians and pedestrian crosswalk;
- Improve lighting at and leading up to the stop light;
- Add pedestrian related signage visible to individuals driving north and south on Route 59;
- Change programming on the countdown timers so that they run for every light change (currently the countdown timers are only activated if a pedestrian presses the walk button);
- Consider a safety rail or guard rail to encourage pedestrians to use the crosswalk;
- Recognize pedestrians are part of the transportation system and identify potential safety improvements by investigating all pedestrian injuries and deaths from a pedestrian perspective.