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Leadership? - We have known the correct solution to these challenges for over 30 years. Where are the leaders that have the fortitude to execute the right solution? The objective studies point to 4 lanes with a median. WE appreciate the process, but the effort and time and the money involved need to produce a long term solution. Roads are supposed to move people effectively, efficiently, and safely. A three lane ~~option~~ option does not address all of these needs and is truly short sided. The emotional objections have all been addressed. Thank you for doing this process and gathering the objective data that all point to yet again, the correct and yet unpopular decision. Thanks!

Name: BRENT BRONSE

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WINNETKA IL 60093

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**Name:** Karl Ellensohn

**EMAIL:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:** Winnetka

**Comment:** I have lived in Winnetka for 18 years and have seen this stretch of road go from bad to worse. The debate preceeds my time on the North Shore. Enough is enough, time to take action and build. I am in favor of the 4 lane option that matches up on both ends. Anything less is short sighted and will continue to cause problems for the next generation. Please stop wasting money on decades of study and debate and start construction on a much needed road. The East side of Northbrook is no longer farmland leading to an airforce base, is has become a vital part of commerce in the 21st century and deserves a road that is part of the 21st century. Please start construction on the 4 lane road in 2011. Thanks Karl Ellensohn

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**Name:** King Embry

[REDACTED]

**Subject:** Website

**Address:** [REDACTED] Winnetka

**Comment:** I am strongly in favor of Willow Road being expanded to at least 4 lanes. Reasons: 1. Merging traffic from two lanes into one at either end of the stretch of road in question is not safe, given the amount of traffic throughout the day. A 3-lane Willow road doesn't address this situation, and traffic slowing or stopping for cars turning left is a very minor issue based on my driving on this road for over 25 years. 2. As for the safety of children crossing Willow, I think this argument is bogus. I have lived in Winnetka since 1984 and very rarely see anyone crossing Willow except during school hours when a Northfield Safety Officer monitors the intersection at the West end of the 2-lane. If crossing Willow in areas where there is not a traffic light is a concern because of people wanting to get to the ball field on the East end, consider constructing an 8' fence with evergreen planting in front of it along the length of the ball field. Doing so would require entering the ball field just across from where stoplights are located. Wouldn't this discourage people from crossing Willow in areas where they knew they could not get into the ballfield except at the end where there is a traffic light? I have suggested camera monitoring previously, but if anyone disputes my assertion that only a handful of people cross Willow throughout the day, excluding when school is opening or closing, simply install some cameras along Willow with 24/7 recorders to determine just how many people really do cross Willow Rd, both at intersections where traffic lights exist and all other areas. Performing one expensive study after another is simply pouring money down the drain. This is not a peaceful rural road as Northfield officials have tried to depict it. Let's fix it once and for all. If four lanes are voted down, then please repave and widen Winnetka Avenue just to the south so that Willow can be avoided.

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This decision should have been made 30 years ago. A huge amount of money has been wasted.

A four lane road should be built with a divider strip from the expressway west to where the four lane Willow Road starts in Glenview.

Traffic is always growing. Concerns the children - build a pedestrian overpass like on the outer drive. A four lane will solve the problem - not a 2, 2+, 3 or any other possibility.

Need a four lane with a pedestrian overpass.

*John W. Grubler*

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DISTRICT #1

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I agree that the alternative options will not address the problem at Willow, significantly.

In order to take ad vantage of the green lights on Willow, a four lane option must be adopted to increase flow when the light is actually green!

The curved median seems to be the safest + most mobile alternative to the current grid lock.

The sooner this is done the better; do not allow further stalling by Northfield village, <sup>10 years is enough</sup> they ~~2 years ago they~~ just want their way and you to pay for it!

Name:

E. Kubie pay for it!

Address:

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WILLOW, IL

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3 Winnetka, Illinois  
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5 I think the only option is to widen it,  
6 four lanes, get the traffic flow up and not  
7 allow this delay that's been going on for the  
8 last 12 years, and total gridlock that's been  
9 going on for just as long, to continue. It  
10 seems that the four lanes with the curbed is the  
11 best alternative, which seems to be working very  
12 nicely along Willow and Palatine Road, until you  
13 get to this Northfield section, which is clearly  
14 not working and hasn't been working in years.  
15 And I don't feel the other alternatives will  
16 provide a significant change on Willow. And  
17 many of the alternatives I see with the  
18 roundabouts and things like that I don't believe  
19 they're going to increase the traffic flow  
20 significantly to the degree that would solve  
21 current problems at all.  
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I am a Winnetka Resident who frequently drives on Willow going west. Over the years the traffic at the opening of Willow and Happ has gotten so backed up that I am forced to go through residential streets even to move a couple of blocks west, I am (as well as many of my neighbors) ~~to widen~~ in support of widening Willow Road. It would make for much happier Northshore residents. Especially with all the new stores at the intersection of Waukegan + Willow, which has increased the amount of <sup>drivers</sup> ~~traffic~~ and, in turn, increased the back-up of traffic. Thanks!

Name: Kim Prosniewski

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JOHN W STRAUB

WINNETKA, IL 60093-4032

May 16

RE WILLOW ROAD RENOVATION—NORTHFIELD.

IT HAS BECOME A POLITICAL FOOTBALL:

NORTHBROOK/GLENVIEW VS THE NORTHFIELD COMMUNITY.

A COMPROMISE IS CALLED FOR:

A THREE LANE ROADWAY WILL SOLVE MOST OF THE PROBLEMS

The major delay is caused by left turns and 'delayed right turns'(this can be remedied by adding "right lane must turn right" lanes where needed.

East bound and West bound would be separated by a 10-12' turning lane. —speed limit control would be improved by DO NOT PASS.

The same sign can feature speed limit—and warning drivers to keep a proper interval. Accidents are caused by unattentive and/or irresponsible driving. A roundabout is NOT a good idea—too much of a free for all. The signals can—and should very much favor Willow Road—say 75%--25% Green arrow sequence probably not necessary

This probably will not make the rush hour driver in full agreement. But To impose literally almost a freeway right through the heart of a community would be Unjust, indeed.

A three lane configuration is a sensible(especially as to cost) solution

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**Name:** Robert Whitcomb

**EMAIL:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:** [REDACTED] Winnetka, IL

**Comment:** I understand that the concerns of the Northfield community must be heard on this issue - they have. Thus far however, I think the concerns of the larger community have not really been heard - they have been ignored. Willow road must accommodate the needs of the north shore as a whole and it will never do so if it remains as a two or three lane road. Please widen Willow Road to four lanes in a way that makes it as safe as possible for pedestrians, but also meets the needs of commuters, shoppers and residents of the surrounding communities.

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