

Richard Paul Jr

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Sent: Friday, March 6, 2026 10:48 AM
To: Tom P. Harrigan
Cc: Richard Paul Jr; Travis Brush; John Kannall
Subject: **SPAM_RBL** Re: Village Contacts for Public Works

My name is John Kannall. I live at 1045 Highland Drive. The purpose for this meeting is to discuss the new pathway and how it impacts my turnaround zone, specifically the safe use of my driveway.

My home was built in 1950. The original driveway had a small turnaround zone that bordered the village right of way. At some point in the 1950s, the turnaround zone was extended closer to the road to allow cars to easily back into the turnaround zone and pull out straight into the street as opposed to backing into the street. This additional concrete slab was probably installed some 30 years or more prior to me purchasing the house in 1988.

My concern with the new pathway project is purely one of safety. There is a peak in the road on Highland Drive approximately 250 feet north of my driveway that creates a blind spot making it difficult to see cars when exiting my driveway.

Emergency vehicles driving at 60 mph and speeders at 40 mph come over the peak in the road frequently. It only takes 3 to 5 seconds, respectively, before reaching my driveway. It is hard enough to avoid this traffic when pulling straight out into the street and almost impossible to avoid these vehicles when backing into the street.

My next door neighbor, Anna Ratas, who lives at 1035 Highland Drive further south of my driveway has had 3 near misses with cars exceeding the speed limit in the last month, and she pulls straight out into the street. We have both lost mailboxes, 3 at my house and 2 at her house over the years, from vehicles running into them. Hence, traffic is exceeding the speed limit much of the time.

The new pathway design is proposing to remove a significant portion of my turnaround zone that makes it impossible to use for safe exiting of my driveway. It would be just a matter of time before there is an accident at my driveway.

For the safety of my wife and I, my children and grandchildren who visit often, I am requesting that the removal of my turnaround zone be replaced with asphalt that will include the pathway and adjacent space for my turnaround zone. Or as an alternative, I request the pathway be installed leaving the remaining adjacent concrete slab in place which would still leave ample room in my turnaround zone for exiting purposes. This alternative would be the least-cost solution for the village.

I will present hand drawings of the layout at the meeting on Monday March 9.

Respectfully,

John
Kannall

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On Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 3:23 PM Tom P. Harrigan <tharrigan@elmgroviewi.org> wrote:

John-

Please send your submittal here for the Public Works Committee review on Monday.

Thanks-

Tom Harrigan
Village Manager, Elm Grove