

PARK POINT TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS 74 respondents

Question 1:

In your opinion, which of the following sections experience the most traffic safety issues (excessive speeding, passing, tailgating, distracted driving)? (Respondents were asked to check all that applied)

Responses (Synopsis)

- Between the S Curve and the Stop Sign at 19th Street 16.4%
- The Stop Sign at 19th Street and Lafayette Community Center 42.5%
- Lafayette Community Center and The Rowing Club 37.0%
- From the Park Point Recreation Area (south end of MP to Franciscan at 39th 27.4%
- Other (please explain) 10.8%
 - Bridge to the 10th ST turn to the hotels..FAST TURN LEFT
 - Anywhere past the S-curve
 - Really not sure. I'm most scared at the S curve, because that's where it gets the most cramped, but I hear people flying by my house near 32nd. The straightaway with no stop sign makes it so easy.
 - The lift bridge and S curve at 12th st
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Question 2:

In your opinion, where does speeding occur the most on Minnesota Point?

Synopsis:

Most responses noted that speeding occurs along *any/all parts of the "Straightaway"* usually starting at the Stop Sign at 19th Street to the end of the Point— *and in both directions*.

One comment seemed to sum up all the comments: *"The entire street is like a freeway"*. Another comment was more poignant: *"I'm only familiar with my immediate neighborhood and there are days I would move off the Point in a heartbeat and I've lived here for 77 years."*

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There was identification of certain 'zones' along the aforementioned Straightaway, specifically:

- Stop Sign to Lafayette Community Center
- Lafayette Community Center to Franciscan/Rowing Club
- Franciscan/Rowing Club to the end of the Point

Detailed Responses

From 19th to the Park

- Between the stop sign and beginning of the park.
- After the stop sign towards the end and at the end of the point
- From 19th to the end of the Point
- Unsure, but probably the long straight road between the stop sign and PP Rec Area. Also, based on what I've been recording since our meeting most of the speeding seems to be after 9pm (just not an option to be marked below).
- From 19th to bus turnaround
- After the stop sign in 19th and going out toward Lafayette
- The straight shots where people can get their speeds up and not have to turn
- Past the S curve to the end of the Point
- As I walk or bike the point, I have seen it progress following the South curve through the park area.
- Around 40th Ave. Straight away to the Stop sign
- After stop sign
- 19th to Recreation Center
- from 19th to the PP recreation center.
- on the straight aways
- Going both North and South off of the 19th Stop Sign
- See above
- From the stop sign toward the rowing club - a long, straight stretch of road with no stops
- From stop sign to Lafayette
- From stop sign to Lafayette
- From about 19th to Lafayette
- Anywhere beyond the S curve
- Outbound:
 - 1) just South of s-curve
 - 2) South of 19th (people are somewhat patient up to these slowdown points; break away in frustration when they see things opening up.
 - These two areas have the most illegal passing) Inbound: Rec Area to 19th, full stretch.
- Between 19th and park near the Airport
- Lots of speeding or acceleration from the stop sign towards the S-curve especially around 10pm on the summer weekends
- After 19th
- From the 12th Street Curve down. Even early in the morning.

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- It seems speeding occurs south of the S curve given that it is a straight road.
- Speeds seem to accelerate the further drivers get from the bridge.
- Stop sign to the recreation area.
- Rec area to 22nd St

From Lafayette to the Park

- South of Lafayette.
- From Lafayette to end.
- From Lafayette to the bus turnaround
- From Lafayette to the bus turnaround
- 19th to Lafayette
- Towards the end. Lafayette to the end.
- From the Park to the Community Club

Franciscan/Rowing club to/from the Park Area

- From Franciscan south to the park area
- Towards the end (near the park)
- The straight road from the Franciscan Nursing home to the end of the Point
- Franciscan toward Beach House
- For plain old speeding happens past the rowing club down into the park. Sprinting and revving happen all along the way.
- From Franciscan to the end of Minnesota Point
- Rowing club south to first turn in at park.
- Between PP Recreation and Franciscan.
- Between 40th and the park entrance
- From the rowing club to 19th
- From 19th St. to the Franciscan Center
- Between 19th and the rowing club.
- From the Recreation Area to the Franciscan Health Center

Other

- Bridge and 19th
- Right off the Bridge
- I only see between the lift bridge and 12th st
- Between 35th and 39th
- From the straight-away starting at 38th down to the stop sign
- Between the stop sign and S curve
- From 32nd street to the park
- Between 30th and 40th Ave
- Wherever the road is straight
- The entire street is like a freeway
- Between the stop sign (19th) and the Rowing Club
- I noticed over the summer that groups of cars and trucks were speeding every Friday and Saturday nights. It seemed like people were gathering at the park at the end of Park Point and leaving just before closing time at 10 pm. It was especially concerning to see groups of people speeding and it felt like an act of

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aggression. This has happened less over the winter, but there are still individual speeders on a regular basis.

- On the south end
- entire area
- Cannot answer the question, "the most". It starts just beyond the S curve and continues to the park area.
- Straight sections
- My observations are primarily limited to the Lafayette Park area, i.e. Minnesota Ave between 30-31st Streets
- I feel between the stop sign and Lafayette, but that could be because I live along that stretch.

Question 3:

What days and times of the week do you notice the highest number of traffic safety violations (excessive speeds, passing, tailgating, distracted driving)? Please mark all that apply.

Monday through Wednesday	Between 5 and 9 pm
Thursday	Starts at 2 pm, lasting until 9 pm and after
Friday, Saturday	Between 2 pm and 9 pm; many noted after 9 pm (10 pm time when park closes)
Sunday and sunny days	Between 2 and 9 pm, about equal.

Speeding between 10 am and 2 pm increases on Saturdays, Sundays, and sunny days. Speeding and drag racing also occurs after 9 pm, lasting until well after 10 pm when the Park closes.

Question 4:

Would you be willing to "host" a speed sign, and/or sign up for Neighborhood Watch?

Hosting A Speed Sign:	25 Yes
	16 Maybe

Neighborhood Watch:	30 YES
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Question 5:

What else would you like us to know about your traffic safety concerns on Park Point?

Synopsis: Suggestions/Biggest Concerns to address:

- Increased signage, reflective paint, occasional cones or something before rumble strips.
- Rumble strips (concerns for bikers)
- Increased police presence at specific times and places—sitting and watching
- Stop sign
- Lafayette Community Center
- Rowing Club
- Speed bumps
- More stop signs
- Cross walk at Lafayette, Franciscan
- Big uptick at 10pm from the stop sign to the S-curve in the summers on Friday and Saturday nights; increase police presence there for 15 minutes to issue tickets and change behavior.
- Establish Clearinghouse for input and reporting back (in process)

Detailed Responses

- A police presence would greatly reduce speeding violations
- I'd love a rumble strip added dividing the bike lane and the traffic lane. Alerts drivers and there's no issue plowing.
- Enforcement of parking especially close to bridge
- Tourist drive too slow, 15 to 20
- For many months/years (during the election was particularly heightened) truck parades with flags at high speeds, and folks revving engines in front of houses was a daily occurrence. I have been buzzed and screamed at while running numerous time. Often these are regular, recognizable vehicles. This has thankfully subsided for the most part in the past few weeks. Would be interested in your recommendations on observing and experiencing repeat violations by familiar vehicles. Speed and reckless driving is my primary concern, and safety for pedestrians, also - preventing community harassment. Thank you.
- Young children learning to ride bikes in recreation lane. Moms with young children, dog & beach gear trying to cross street. Cars do not slow or stop. Postal delivery person trying to cross street. Cars do not slow or stop. Best time to cross street is when bridge is up & traffic stops.
- No parking in front of my home, you can't see the oncoming traffic at the 10th St stop sign turning left toward the bridge
- Like idea of using cameras to catch license plate numbers and letters of warning to registered owners of the vehicles with specific info (vehicle info, date, time, and speed limit).
- One Side Parking signs avg 1 per 2 block stretch only; many hidden by trees (unfair to non-locals... I can understand violations) Need min. 2 in each block. 2) See no reason why there can't be a separate design'd. Left Turn Only lane @Morse St.; most problems caused by confused tourists who fear x-ing the Bridge, not because they don't see the current sign. This would lose 1-2 parking spaces max. 3) Police need to sit STILL more often, Rec Area to 19th!

They regularly miss problems when they're quietly cruising 4) Officers' distracted driving: frequently guilty of looking down at, even typing into their computers while driving; often observed driving over center line or drifting toward curb 5) Dave ZERO problems w/ UPS, Fed Ex, PO; they're our best guests. City of Duluth trucks, other utility vehicles, contractors among the worst. Note: Time period question ends at 9pm! Friday, Saturday nights up to midnight or later a big issue (June-Sept)

- I would gladly have a Blitzer on our property if you can hand out speeding tickets that way!
- Tailgating and passing are big concerns of mine
- In the meeting minutes, rumble strips are suggested for the rec lane. I think this could be useful for cars, but as a biker this isn't appealing. Those are incredibly painful and even dangerous to ride over. My hope is we can find some alternative ideas with signage, reflective pain, occasional cones or something before rumble strips.
- Many ignore the stop sign
- Every Friday and Saturday night in the summer at almost exactly 10pm there are 20+ speeding and loud cars from the Stop sign to the S curve. If a patrol could be put there for just 15 minutes each night then it would not only change behavior, but also bring in funds for the city from the tickets issued 😊
- People using unmarked street ends for access to the beach.
- More vigorous enforcement presence, as well as ticketing and publicity.
- Summer sunny days are the worst and most dangerous .
- I think it's improved during this past year
- Bicycles not following traffic rules and stopping at stop signs and in Canal Park red lights.
- Walkers/runners at dusk and early morning should wear reflective vests.
- Very concerned re potential accidents involving the youngster and oldsters!!
- Ever increasing non motorized and pedestrian presence on sidewalks and no parking street lane. Inattentive motorists not recognizing their presence.
- The heavy traffic makes it difficult to walk across cross the street and to pull out from our driveway.
- Adding several speed bumps would be a good
- I think the drug trade down on the South end generates a lot of the traffic problems.
- Drag Racing needs to stop
- There is great disregard for people walking dogs and children.
- Talk with the street department and ask them to use less (or zero) road salt past the S curve. I'd prefer zero salt used beyond the S curve. There is no need. It just goes into the lake and does not belong there. It's bad. Also, the plan to convert to two one-way streets from the bridge to the S curve was a sound and very good plan. Better for visitors and all those living on PP. There is room for a roundabout at the S curve to make this work. Many benefits for everyone. Lobby for it.
- Yes
- Loud music near the bridge while the bridge is up

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- I've lived on the Point for 68 years and traffic has always been a problem. Committees are formed every few years to meet with the police. They set up signs, patrol more often, etc. Then we go back to square one and it all starts again. I don't have the answer other than cameras. Vicious cycle.
- We notice a big uptick at 10pm from the stop sign to the S-curve in the summers on Friday and Saturday nights. Please just put a police car there for 15 minutes to issue tickets and change behavior.
- Speed bumps. More stop signs.
- A definite contact point for providing information regarding the issue. This source provide periodic (monthly at first) reports regarding actions taken by the Police Department (including all vehicle stops, dispositions for every stop i.e. verbal warning, written warning, citation, arrest, resident of Point, City, out of town, etc.)
- During the week and weekends I feel there's also a lot of speeding between 5 p.m and midnight.
- I'm also concerned about drag racing and other mayhem at night. Also, I'm concerned about the amount of parking generated by ice fishermen and also in the summer where I live - 3934 Minnesota Avenue. Due to parking very close to my driveway, it's risky pulling out onto the roadway. Cars parked too close to driveways need to be ticketed. Better yet would be to confine on street parking to the bayside.
- If our Police Department would ticket the cars that are parked on the Lakeside of Park Point during the summer instead of driving by. Maybe it should be calendar parking all year round. Also, cars parked too close to driving ways. I have a real problem with that.
- One car I repeatedly saw speeding, passing, gunning engine was an older tan Honda? Corolla? Or something similar.
- I think passing in the parking lanes and over the yellow lines is a problem.
- At 2200, when the Park closes, MN AV often becomes a dragway - thru 2230 or so.