

# Granger Ave Parking Mailed Feedback Received

## Granger Ave Parking Preference Mailed 07-27-2017

Question asked on postcard - Select the option below which closely represents your preference towards on-street parking regulations on Granger Avenue between Packard Street and State Street (check only ONE):

<b>Total Mailed:</b>	85
<b>Received:</b>	21
<b>Do nothing; Speeds are not a concern on Granger Avenue</b>	6
<b>Staggered parking on alternating sides of Granger Avenue, block by block.</b>	13
<b>Post-card received, no response</b>	2

### Comments:

- I haven't noticed much speeding, but I do get annoyed by the traffic.
- Please consider outlining (paint) designated parking spots to help transition.
- Idea's to help: Add speed limit signs, paint parking spaces/areas on street to designate sides and clearly mark where parking/driving is allowed, speed bumps on Golden, paint crosswalks at Granger on Park and on Golden
- This sounds like a good start. Thank you.
- Way too much speeding on our street. Maybe signs to slow for children and pet's would also help?
- Please also consider speed humps and enhanced speed enforcement on Granger Ave.
- Or parking on both sides of street and stop signs at Golden and Park
- There is a significant speeding problem on Granger. Staggered parking should help significantly!
- The best option would be to ask the state to classify this street for what it is - a residential, local street! The other side of Granger sure seems to enjoy that benefit - despite basically the same characteristics.
- I believe speeding is a major concern on Granger, especially as the mother of a toddler. I wish measures such as a stop sign, could be employed. My concern for staggered parking is enforcement on game days.
- This would be great! Also please consider in addition a 3 way stop at Granger and Golden - Thank you thank you
- Granger is a thru street and meant to be that way! If anything is taken in account it should be a record of accidents on Granger. Also, football season should be a consideration.
- Staggered parking would only cause more problems & interfere with trash etc. pickups There's plenty parking already

## Granger Ave Parking Preference Mailed 05-31-2018

Question asked on postcard - Has the parking change provided a benefit to Granger Avenue?

<b>Total Mailed:</b>	85
<b>Received:</b>	19
<b>Yes</b>	4
<b>No</b>	14
<b>Post-card received, no response</b>	1

### Comments:

- While people are slowing down to "slalom" between the 2 sides of parking, the downside is that confusion has increased, and crossing feels less safe for pedestrians. I wish this change had worked better.
- Many cars still speed down the street.
- I continue to hear speeding during morning rush hour.
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- Speed bumps would be an improvement
- I think it created traffic hazards and confusion. People didn't know where to park and nearly side-swiped each other driving from one side of the road to the other.
- As multiple experts predicted, cars routinely speed down the middle of our wide street - the same as always. Moreover, alternate-side parking has created new hazards for bicyclists, street-crossers (by compromising lines of sight) and for women concerned about walking beside parked cars late and night. Please restore our traditional parking configuration and then let's come together for a plan (b) - maybe more conspicuous crosswalks would be a good start. Thank you for your consideration!
- Stronger recommended old model. Driving has become more rockless with crossweaving often. Reckless driving has led to at least two instances of parked cars being hit (that I have seen). Confusion about where parking is allowed has led to cars often parking on both sides of the street, which blocks traffic. This happens very frequently. Visibility is impaired, especially when backing out of driveway.
- Traffic has not slowed at all due to the parking
- Same w/ not worse b/c people park everywhere. We still have speeders. Traffic bumps would solve this.

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- Our car has already been hit while parked on Granger at the end of a row of cars. Asking cars to weave back and forth along Granger would only cause more chaos. We suggest adding a crosswalk at, say, Park and Granger with signage, as on State St. were recently added. These have greatly improved ped. experience on State.
- Speed is a concern but staggered parking is not the answer. Speed bumps or stop signs would be more effective.
- I DO NOT agree with Staggered Parking as a solution. I think we will have more accidents by switching back and forth.
- The letter received from Traffic Engineer Cynthia Redinger is composed and produced with many contradictions, as is the postcard survey. Also, not carefully thought out. Tax payers, residents, owners on Granger Ave enjoy daily speeding. Request an open meeting to discuss, suggest, resolve, "OPEN MEETING" for safety solutions. Speeding is against the Law as Speed Kills. Requesting an OPEN MEETING FORUM with the public services area administrator.

### Comments Received Via Email 07-27-2017

I am still perplexed by the survey and how it was handled with the post card.

1. Giving no option and one other option is not a survey by any technical standard of surveys. Could you please tell me how many on the street sent in the card? Could you also tell me if data and information via email was used in response and taken into consideration?
2. In speaking with neighbors I am a little dumbfounded as to the results.
3. It would have been better to hear the neighborhood out in a session to truly understand the needs of this residential street including football game day issues- First.
4. I understand something has to be done for the speeding on this street is outrageous. Looking at the plan, and the recent signs that have gone up, I do not believe this will control speeding but will create accidents and confusion in parking. The signage alone already has

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- It's sometimes difficult to drive when cars are going in both directions. Especially when there are garbage trucks. Unsafe with cars pulling out from both sides.
- Not between Packard and Golden. The stretch is too long - drivers speed up.
- I haven't noticed a major change but that may be because I live on the last block before Packard and people still speed. My biggest concern is enforcement on football Saturdays We have already had people parking on both sides for other university events.
- The parking is not alternated enough. South side between Packard & Golden. Switch to north side between Golden & Park. Switch to south side until Shahan and back to north at White St. As it is, it does not calm traffic.
- Speeders continue deliberately, to "Break the Law" on the entire Granger Ave. (State Street to Ferdon) Ave West & East Diveston. Additional Steps "MUST" (NOT MAY) Be Taken & Added to Step for bringing cavalier speeders who are not neighbors or TAX paying residents of Cadine Burns Park neighborhood. Thank you.
- I see fewer of the mega-speeders as often as before, but speeding is still a big problem. I understand Granger doesn't qualify for traffic calming like speed bumps, but why not a few stop signs? Emergency vehicles needing to speed through would not be slowed down by stop
- Football season will be the true test. Crosswalk at Park and Granger would be beneficial.

### Comments Received Via Email 05-31-2018

In respond to parking feedback postcard: has the parking change provided a benefit to Granger Avenue?  
YES

Our family observed a noticeable improvement in traffic speed and would like the City to consider making the implemented changes permanent. The parking signs and markers have added tremendous values by removing any unambiguous parking decisions for residents and visitors especially during events in nearby sport facilities. To that end, we also feel strongly that there are clear benefits by expanding similar parking signs and markers practices at least one block in each direction connecting to Granger Ave to ensure those safety zones are unobstructed at all times. Those streets are Golden Ave, E Park Pl, Sheehan Ave, and White St. Being in the corner of Granger and Golden, we've seen and heard too many unnecessary car horn blown as result of cars parked too close to crosswalks due to lack of signage.

5. I understand the street is considered a thoroughfare and the city gets about 10k a year from the state. This is fine, but in other situations on other thoroughfares you may use stop signs and other modes to slow traffic down which does not impact emergency vehicles for they do not abide by those rules but to show caution. Although this is a thoroughfare it is still a residential neighborhood and all things need to be considered. In checking with the state (stop signage and other means to slow down traffic can be used). Point in case, putting stop signs at White and on the corner of Park and Golden.

6. Secondly, high- lightening cross walks like Division Street has an impact for drivers naturally slow down when they see the pulls in the street at crossing areas. This is very evident on Madison with sidewalks and stop signs, seventh street, Packard near Stone School and Division.

I am completely disappointed in the way this was handled, and the survey and without input from the homeowners on the street to start with. This change in parking configuration will not enhance the effectiveness of slowing drivers down or to calm traffic. Has anyone ever been on this street during a football game, hockey game, basketball game or other events at the Big House? It is packed. If an accident happens on Packard or State our street becomes a parking lot. Case in point Michigan State game: two accidents which diverted traffic to Granger for over 2 hours a parking lot on the street and no one moved.

I appreciate that something is trying to be done but this is not the correct remedy. I will look forward to the spring when the public can engage in a discussion. I hope the meeting is made public and clearly a notice sent to the homeowners on the street.

In the meantime, If you could please share the data information on the survey it would be appreciated.

Kindest Regards

In fact, our biggest concern is actually too many cars turning from Granger onto Golden going the wrong direction. Everyday during dinner time, invariably there will be at least one dangerous infraction occurrence. We believe one possible contributing factor might be having only one Wrong Way sign on Golden Ave causes those cars going eastbound on Granger not able to realize their mistake until too late. We suspect the remaining cases are those drivers actually speeding up and disappear after turning onto Brooklyn Ave are residents purely seeking a shortcut through the neighborhood. Unfortunately no amount of signs will curb such behaviors. We would be glad to offer our experience and opinions on these topics. Thank you for making our street safe and accessible for everyone.

### Email Response/Feedback

- Cynthia,

I filmed this weekend the traffic on Granger. People were parking on both sides of the road due to all the confusion with the signs and markings. Even with two sided parking it did not slow people down. I am happy to send the footage to you if you want it.

Your stagger plan is too spread out to work at all. Secondly the signs are confusing and only the north side of road shows parking at this point. If you plan to stagger you have to have parking on both sides and closer together to make any impact at all which I doubt since it did not do a thing this weekend with parking on both sides of Granger. Secondly, the site line out of Sheehan with Parking on the left of Granger is impossible with witnessing close calls on accidents this weekend due to a large SUV parked on the north side. If trying to turn left off Sheehan onto Granger cars had to be in the intersection to see around this vehicle to turn left. It was a complete cluster.

I spoke to 2 retire State Police officers this weekend that said the only way to control traffic is with law enforcement. They said the city should put a sign on both ends one toward State and one toward Packard that flashes your speed and a camera on the corner of Granger and Sheehan to take photos of speeding and sending a ticket. Once people know this is happening they will seriously drive the residential speed. They said this is all allowed and does not hinder this being a thorough fare.

I lived in Switzerland for 3 years and received several tickets in this manner via camera. It is not an invasion of your rights for you are speeding, breaking the law and deserve the ticket. Perhaps 25 mile signs will help as well and police enforcement often and writing of tickets. Once people know this is enforced they will be more aware to maintain speed on Granger. I am not supporting this parking concept, the way it was rolled out without anyone at the City really understanding what is happening in the neighborhood. I know others are upset as well. This is a residential neighborhood and residential speeds need to be enforced.

- Hi Cynthia - Many of us on the north side of Granger Ave have pre-sold our front lawns for parking through the entire season. If you can move the new pilot parking program to start 11/26 then we can all honor the pre-paid parking agreements. Otherwise, it is going to be a serious mess, with us giving out reimbursements, angry drivers looking for other places to park, etc. (Parking on the north curb blocks parking.) This may not sound all that important, but I promise you things will be a complete mess with 10/23 as the starting date, and the mess can be totally avoided by moving back to Nov. 26th. Then we can all brace ourselves for the change. I don't like it, but I promise to give it a chance .... but none of us think it is fair to drop it on us so suddenly, considering parking is part of our culture and our community. Hopefully you can understand my point. If you have no say in this matter, then please let me know who I need to reach out to about this.

Thanks







