

Letters to the editor: Willow Road "Guesswork"

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Glenview demands a four-lane Willow Road through Northfield.

Northbrook demands the same.

Glenview's population is 47,329.

Northbrook's is 34,190.

Northfield's is 5,648.

State Sen. Jeffrey Schoenberg, D-9th, is a smart guy and an astute politician. Guess whose demands he pays most attention to?

Schoenberg also is vice-chair of the state's Appropriations Committee. That's where IDOT goes for its funding. Guess why IDOT pays very careful attention to Schoenberg's preferences?

Adoption of the shovel-ready three-lane Willow Road widening project, which was supported in 2005 by Northfield, surrounding communities and IDOT, will save two things -- kids' lives, as it's safer than the 4-or-5 lane alternative; and taxpayer dollars, as today's cost of \$6-8 million is far more prudent than the \$25 million presently allocated to Willow Road in the state's new capital improvements budget.

**Pat and Jeanne Doherty
Northfield**

Use existing plan for Willow Road

This letter is in response to the recent articles on Willow Road.

It is imperative we do not waste anymore of our tax dollars on a plan that was already studied and that recommended three lanes.

I live three doors away from Willow Road, and do not want the noise, pollution or safety issues.

My 11-year-old child was hit by a car three weeks ago on a two-lane road in Wilmette. I can only imagine what would happen with five lanes.

**Karen de Loys,
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