

Vision Committee  
Pullman Civic Organization

Re: Semi-truck traffic in Pullman Historic District  
February 12, 2021

To whom it may concern:

The Vision Committee of the Pullman Civic Organization would like to address an escalating problem concerning tractor trailer trucks ignoring “No Truck” signs posted at the intersections of 111<sup>th</sup> St. and Langley Avenue and 111<sup>th</sup> St. and Champlain Avenue.

Incursions into the historic district are creating significant damage to city and private property within our community. Champlain Avenue is a one-way, southbound, residential street. Truck violations happen at all times of the day and occur at an alarming frequency. A recent event was typical. It happened at 9:30 on a weekday evening. The southbound semi was unable to negotiate the corner at 112<sup>th</sup> and Champlain and demolished a period lamp post. The incident was recorded by photos and witness testimony. The driver, now at risk for damages and a heavy fine, declined to stop. Our experience tells us that this pattern will repeat itself dozens of times this year. We need your help to break the cycle.

The Historic Pullman community would like to continue being a good neighbor with all surrounding businesses. However, in light of ongoing traffic sign violations, we feel it is paramount to seek a solution to what’s becoming an untenable safety issue. Our streets, designed in the early 1880s cannot accommodate today’s tractor trailer trucks.

We assume that drivers are looking at traffic patterns on digital map devices, which may indicate that there is no traffic on Pullman residential streets and that this is a good short-cut toward their destination. Please, if it is at all possible, warn any drivers who do business with you that they are likely to get stuck on our streets, slowing them down significantly. We are working with the City of Chicago to get appropriate entry constraints at 111<sup>th</sup> St. and Langley Avenue plus 111<sup>th</sup> St. and Champlain Avenue. Such constraints will make it difficult, if not impossible, for trucks to turn at these intersections. Until then, we ask you to communicate this information to your logistics contractors and corporate drivers.

Thank you for your concern.

Sincerely,

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[Vision Committee Members]