

SLN Lincoln Hub Survey (Public)

| I am a member of South Lakeview Neighbors | Do you support this goal? | About the reconfiguration at Lincoln / Wellington / Southport | Comments? |
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| Yes | 8 | 10 | Aesthetically it's not great, but I fully support the effort to make that area more walkable, and attract more businesses/pedestrians. Belmont to Diversey on Lincoln is sorely in need of attention. I hope it become permanent. |
| Yes | 10 | 9 | <p>I will always be more concerned with the people living, working, and running businesses in the neighborhood than those merely driving through it. On the count of improving pedestrian safety, I feel much safer crossing the intersection than I did previously when cars raced around corners and through slip lanes with little to no regard for pedestrians, including children and young families crossing to St. Al's.</p> <p>The Lincoln/Southport/Wellington intersection has potential to be an incredible public space for our neighborhood. The backdrop of St. Al's and the converging commercial streets create a unique opportunity to establish a premier community area. As it is, bank branches, vacant storefronts, and the like severely detract from the neighborhood. I'm supportive of the efforts of the Lincoln Hub to try create a more elevated public space and raise the profile of the intersection.</p> |
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| Yes | 2 | 1 | It is goofy-looking, and clutters the intersection, confusing both pedestrians and drivers. It should be removed, and whoever thought of it should be roundly thrashed... |
| Yes | 3 | 1 | There have been two, unintended and unaddressed consequences: 1) a dramatic increase in the amount and speed of traffic on Nelson St; and 2) a dramatic increase in the amount and speed of traffic in the alley between the 13xx block of Wellington and the 13xx block of Nelson. |
| Yes | 10 | 10 | I completely support the Lincoln Hub and would like to see it improved even more by given more permanent barriers and improved landscaping. It's a much more pleasant intersection now for me and my family to use. |
| Yes | 2 | 2 | Though I had originally written "adamantly opposed," I softened my stance on the theory that dialogue on the issue is not in and of itself a bad thing. One factor that I was recently made aware of but which has been obvious to pedestrians and cyclists negotiating those bollards (which have a curious tendency to be run over), is that the dots obscure the elevation differential between curb and street (particularly where the curb and street are ramped for wheelchair access. I have been informed that numerous pedestrians and joggers have tripped over the curb because they did not see the elevation change. On the whole, however, this is a bad idea. |
| Yes | 8 | 3 | It is ugly. The polka dots are not attractive at all. The white plastic pipes are a big distraction. Traffic back ups have been horrible. |
| Yes | 8 | 7 | I look forward to seeing how the winter weather will change the installation. |

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| Yes | 1 | 1 | <p>The intent to improve the intersection is laudable. However, the current aesthetic and congestion is terrible. I have seen no one sitting and enjoying the newly created area, as I daily walk and drive through this intersection. It has created significant traffic congestion, car idling and increased air pollution on the affected streets such as Southport, Wellington and Lincoln. The painted dots and bollards look cheap and tasteless.</p> <p>A much better idea would have been to plant trees along the parkways which has been proven in studies to accomplish the following: cooling shade for pedestrians, softening the industrial look of the intersection, decreasing street flooding and enhancing the overall look of the area which is a proven strategy for business improvement. To quote the Chicago Botanical Gardens, "our regional forest is a critical asset in need of protection. Trees clean our air and water, reduce flooding, improve property values, create habitat for wildlife, and provide significant social and health benefits. Trees improve our quality of life."</p> |
| Yes | 1 | 1 | horrible dots and bollards. |
| No | 7 | 5 | I cross that intersection as a pedestrian with a double stroller as well as a driver. I feel safer around there because there is a large standing room when I walk while I get frustrated when I drive as the new configuration took up lots of space in the intersection and slows down the traffic too much. |
| No | 5 | 5 | It slows down traffic and I don't find the intersection to be that much more pedestrian friendly. Well...maybe because many now avoid the intersection, it is more safe for those on foot? |
| Yes | 5 | 2 | I support the safety cause and the idea of the hub; however, it has been poorly done and the design is hideous. It looks cheap and garish. |
| Yes | 10 | 10 | What else has SLVN done to support / foster / encourage economic development and improved safety along Lincoln Avenue? |
| Yes | 6 | 2 | Poles knocked down all the time. Traffic lanes too narrow and not many cars making lights so now more cars going through red lights. Dots are inappropriate for the area. More safety concerns with new design. |
| Yes | 2 | 2 | <p>My family and I had been part of this area for 60 years. Although no longer a resident of SouthLakeview I continue using and being at this intersection as a driver and as a biker and as a pedestrian. And from these aspects the vertical rods are distracting and the multi-green & white patches add to the distraction.</p> <p>Whole foods could attract people to the area. A Michaels or Joanne's, Barnes and Noble. The YMCA has wonderful programs for the family. There are gyms and Walgreens and ice cream store and the Public Library and terrific schools. Perhaps promoting the organizations, schools, business would help. And, of course, parking is vital.</p> <p>I appreciate being offered opportunity to opine. although a member I usually do not vote because I'm no longer in the immediate parameters.</p> |
| No | 3 | 2 | |
| Yes | 3 | 2 | Might have been smarter to keep old configuration allowing transit traffic but at a lower speed limit by 5 mph. |
| No | 8 | 7 | I really like the polka dots. |
| No | 9 | 3 | Kind of disorienting. I like the concept, but not the polka dots. Sorry-- I don't have any suggestions for alternatives, but there must be a better way to achieve the goal. |

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| No | 1 | 1 | This is a complete mess. I'm all in favor of making the intersection look better, however, the polka-dots are awful and the poles look ridiculous. If you are going to keep it, please make it right. Permanent curbs, better seating, remove the polka-dots and add plants or greenery. What a waste of money thus far. |
| Yes | 1 | 1 | Making traffic more congested is just plain stupid. |
| Yes | 4 | 1 | <p>The turns are now extremely sharp and difficult, and I believe they have become more dangerous, rather than less. Turning from NB Southport to SB Lincoln is ridiculous. As a driver, the intersection is stressful and difficult to navigate -- this makes it more dangerous for everyone.</p> <p>I feel that the design elements do not, at all, reflect the character and culture of the neighborhood. The polka dots are loud and gaudy and don't call to mind a "carpet" but more a kindergarten. I kept waiting for the workers to take away the cement construction blocks, until I found out they were supposed to be seating -- who on earth would want to sit in the middle of an intersection? The work does not promote the historical, social and retail value of the neighborhood, nor does it encourage people to come shop, eat, stay. Trees, benches, green spaces and other beautification elements would have been a better use of funds. (Love the People Spot. Hate the "Hub")</p> |
| Yes | 10 | 9 | It has made a world of difference for pedestrians, especially with strollers etc. I would like to see more permanent barriers installed rather than the bendable destroyable PVC pipes. The planters that they installed - more of those to keep cars from cutting the corners short would be a better choice - some drivers don't care that they bend the pipes, but they might feel differently about how they take those corners if there is something that could do damage to their car. |
| Yes | 1 | 1 | <p>This travesty is a complete waste of taxpayer dollars...</p> <p>The City of Chicago is raising taxes and fees on every front, and this is how our money is spent ?</p> <p>Are the cyclists contributing to these 'traffic friendly' projects ?</p> <p>Beyond that, the intersection looks laughable, and the joke as usual is on the taxpayer !!</p> |
| Yes | 1 | 1 | It's ugly, inconvenient, and promotes road rage. Plant trees instead!!!! |

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| Yes | 8 | | <p>Improving the look and safety of this intersection is fantastic and something I am all for, however, the project fell flat in several ways:</p> <p>1. It is not aesthetically pleasing. In fact, it is ugly.</p> <p>I still do not understand why lime green and blue were the best color options for this design. If the point was to mirror rug designs, I would have thought more traditional rug colors would have been utilized.</p> <p>The execution of painting these dots was left to city workers who did not have the knowledge or skill to do so. Case in point: cross walk exit / entry points which were accidentally painted, many drips of paint and imperfect dots etc.</p> <p>2. Aspects of this reconfiguration were clearly not thought out.</p> <p>Placement of the cement seats on the edge of the south west corner of Wellington are laughable. Who would want to sit there and dangle their legs into the road?</p> <p>Leaving the previous turn lanes in and camouflaging them with dots? Probably not the best idea - I've seen a handful of people trip and over these curbs.</p> <p>3. I have serious doubts on whether this has in fact made our neighborhood more safe.</p> <p>As others have previously stated, the amount of traffic on the side streets and alleys around Lincoln Hub have substantially increased. On the section of George between Southport and Lincoln we have cars constantly speeding through to cut out the Lincoln Hub.</p> <p>I have also seen many drivers get distracted and confused at this intersection since the dots were added. Distracted drivers in this intersection does not make for a safer environment.</p> <p>I think we can all agree that Lincoln from Belmont to Wellington and Lakewood to Diversey needs sprucing up - we are desperate for stores and restaurants to fill all the empty storefronts. I don't see the Lincoln Hub contributing to solve this issue at all.</p> |
| Yes | 2 | | <p>3 Thank you</p> <p>Even though I no longer live in SL, I use the intersection enough and want to express my opinion. First very few people ever use it, now it's wasted space. 2nd. cyclist ride through it regularly. I do not feel any safer as a pedestrian.</p> |
| Yes | 6 | | <p>7 Looks unfinished, needs more landscaping or something in the the center of the intersection.</p> |
| Yes | 8 | | <p>7 People do not adapt to change well. The SSA polled the business population and they agreed on the artwork. CDOT installed the bollards at the intersection to slow down the traffic and put a safety measure in place for the general public. In any situation safety must take place of visual appeal. I believe that coming in after the project was complete was a breakdown of the neighborhood Association to communicate their concerns during the planning process. Why were we missing this information?</p> |

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| No | 1 | 1 | This is the biggest waste of money I am aware of in Lakeview. The colored dots are silly and are starting to show wear and tear (we'll see how they do over the winter), there is nothing "European" about it. I walk through this intersection on the way to the gym several times a week, it doesn't feel more pedestrian friendly to me. It was perfectly fine before, as long as you are intelligent enough to look both ways and check the cross-walk sign. Please stop wasting our tax dollars on pet projects that do not add value. |
| No | 4 | 4 | |
| No | 2 | 1 | We have traffic lights to handle the traffic. To encourage traffic to slow down have the police enforce our current laws. All this did was create more traffic which frustrates drivers more which in turn leads to bad driving behavior. Additionally people now choose to avoid that intersection which keeps potential customers away. I do not believe the new dot areas are safe for people to gather and the dots are obviously unattractive, but more importantly they encourage children to follow them right to the street. If you want to have a pedestrian friendly area build one that is not in the middle of an intersection. I think this was a complete waste of money in a city that is broke. |
| Yes | 9 | 8 | The hub creates a good focus on an otherwise unfriendly intersection. |
| Yes | 10 | 10 | I don't see that it's become a hub for pedestrian activity, but maybe that will come in time. We can use some way of providing shelter from the sun out there. |
| Yes | 2 | 2 | Bad design and not very attractive. Reduction in turning space makes it very difficult for larger vehicles. At rush hour and at noon, vehicles making left turns from Lincoln to Wellington or Southport cause back-ups all the way to Greenview and Lakewood on the other side, causing cross traffic to have to fight their way through the intersections. I would guess that it's going to be much worse in the winter. |
| No | 1 | 1 | It is the dumbest thing ever. The dots lure kids into the street. The traffic is so heavy and the exposure to the elements (bright, hot sun or wind, etc) so severe that only an idiot would spend any time out there. It's a concrete jungle. Let the cars have their space. |
| No | 9 | 5 | <p>I have a 3 and a 5 year old and often walk thru the intersection at various times during the day. I am completely in favor of slowing the traffic at the intersection. The first couple of weeks, I was complaining when driving how much slower the intersection was and how traffic was backed up all the way to Fletcher. Then I realized, slowing the traffic was the point.</p> <p>However, I believe improvements can be made. I am not going to comment on the aesthetics (im sure there will be plenty of opinion on that) I will stick to the safety. When walking with the kids, I am almost more worried now then before the changes. It is like I have a false sense of security. I feel like the right turn from Southport to Lincoln (in front of pockets) is much too sharp. Also the continued fact that the pylon poles on Southport are almost always knocked down. This does not convey a safe feeling when walking inside the dotted area.</p> <p>Also, the left turn from to Lincoln is very difficult and causes a couple of problems. First, I would suggest a turn light to ease the backup. Secondly, the lanes at the intersection are now too narrow to allow 2 cars, so when a car is waiting to make that left turn, cars try and go around on the right, this is a tight squeeze and might account for the knocked down pylons.</p> <p>I don't think I know exactly the best way to solve the problem, but perhaps more permanent dividers would provide more safety (like concrete planters). Anything to create a safer divide should be an improvement.</p> <p>Overall, I applaud the changes and hope small changes can be to improve safety for both pedestrians and drivers.</p> |

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| No | 5 | 2 | While the concept of making the intersection more pedestrian friendly is great, the execution was a disaster. This project feels like an "Architecture 101" course project and it is an abysmal fail. The colors are awful and way to immature for a city scape and the "dots" are too playful and childish. The bollards are weak both material and concept wise. A car can still easily go through it. Real curbs, strong but not "faddish" colors and shapes would better define the edges of this project. RE-DO! |
| Yes | 10 | 10 | The new system seems to be encouraging people to walk. It is a huge improvement and I support it. |
| No | 2 | 3 | I agree its a great intersection to use but I disagree with the strategy. Reducing the width of the lanes so there is no left turn lanes seems to create more problems than it removes. Aggravated drivers honk their horns because they could not make through a green because of the bottle neck you created. There has to be a better way. I don't think the space in front of Pockets should be used, even with reduced traffic flow, it feels way too much like you are sitting in the intersection. Stick to the sidewalks. Pockets should be able to use the area along Lincoln for outdoor space. And if someone does something with the funeral home, that could be a great sidewalk (North of intersection on Southport) to use since it has such a great view of church. I live in that neighborhood and it does not excite me to see post Cub game traffic on Southport backed up from that intersection north to Belmont. I would say whatever you do, quit trying to reduce traffic flow. |
| Yes | 1 | 1 | |
| Yes | 1 | 1 | I oppose the project for multiple reasons. First, it has not made the intersections more pedestrian friendly. The layout is confusing and I have heard/seen numerous instances where people do not know where the sidewalk/curb ends and the street begins (a very dangerous scenario). It is also aesthetically unappealing. The color choices and dots are not attractive. Perhaps most importantly, there is even more traffic in the neighborhood because of the changes. Lastly, the project was not discussed with the neighbors who live in the immediately surrounding areas, such as myself. |
| No | 5 | 2 | The project has made a mess of the traffic patterns. People now cut down our street because of the back up on Southport due to the inability to make right turns as easily as before. Our quiet street, Nelson has now become a cut through with cars racing down the street in frustration! This idea was ill conceived! |
| Yes | 5 | 3 | I guarantee someone made a lot of money off our frustration! |
| Yes | 1 | 1 | Aesthetically assaulting. Didn't change traffic or speeds. Speed bumps would he \$ better spent. |
| Yes | 4 | 1 | I live around the corner and walk across to Chase Bank or to Jewel or for a walk with my dog a LOT. In 27 years I've never felt this intersection was a problem. Now it's a mess. Those ballisters are always broken or bent over. People are always honking their horns because they want to get around those turning left. It seems much more chaotic then it ever was. I do like the areas to sit down but that's about it. It doesn't seem to be more pedestrian friendly - it sees to be more road rage friendly. As an aside - the dots - really? I feel like i jumped into a 60s sit com. Too busy and I'm sure they'll look horrible in a couple years. |
| Yes | 10 | 2 | Hideous, especially the polka dots, which have already started getting grimy and faded. Just wait until the snow, ice and salt hit them! Just a matter of time before the pylons get broken, and we all know how slow the city will be to repair/replace. Safer? Yes, a bit, but I don't think it's done much to revive the business sector on that stretch of Lincoln. |

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| No | 10 | 6 | I like the goal, but I think the execution needs to be re-thought and improved. It can be done better. Showing traffic is fine but impeding traffic is not. There is not enough room to get around cars turning left which backs up traffic. Moving back the perimeter just a little will allow just enough room for through traffic to move past turning traffic which will improve the traffic flow. The PVC pylon barriers do no instill a sense of safety or confidence for hanging out. Plus, they get run over and not replaced which makes them look ugly. The separation from traffic needs to be improved to make the area more inviting. There are not enough places to sit and there is no landscaping to provide shade and make the area more inviting. The only tables and chairs in front of Pockets are mostly locked up when you want to use them. It is literally like hanging out in an open street with no beauty or cover. Improve the landscaping - maybe a fountain or some small trees or statues/art. It is easier, however, to cross the street which is nice so that goal has been achieved. Good luck. |
| Yes | 3 | 3 | Aesthetically marginally better, and that is in part due to planters. Not a fan of the dots. And, the traffic is ridiculous. It is a parkway all hours of the day in front of our home. |
| Yes | 10 | 9 | We need to do more to prioritization pedestrian traffic. |
| No | 2 | 1 | The Lincoln Hub is now not only an eye-sore but has negatively affected traffic flow. It feels like an average of 2 cars get through on a green light...too much traffic backed up on Southport both ways and very frustrating as a resident down the street. Also, the neon circles are ugly and quite frankly embarrassing. |
| Yes | 1 | 1 | Bad idea. |
| Yes | 8 | 6 | I think that main all intersections in our neighborhood; Lincoln / Wellington / Southport, Diversey & Ashland, Lincoln/Racine/Diversey could benefit from turning arrows on all lights. Currently, there are only some arrows in some directions. |
| No | 2 | 3 | I feel the goal of this project has been totally hijacked. The goal was to encourage the growth of businesses on Lincoln and thus there will be more pedestrians. Making an intersection slow and confusing both makes cars want to avoid it and as a pedestrian my family avoids it since confused and frustrated car drivers are dangerous. How about getting the owners of the building where the Brown Elephant is to finally fix the sidewalk if you want to encourage people to walk that stretch at least? |
| Yes | 5 | 4 | It would be nice if CDOT had done a better traffic study on Southport traffic since that was impacted the most. |
| No | 2 | 1 | Simply put, it looks horrendous. Makes our neighborhood look like a joke. I participated in several surveys prior to the project about what it would look like. Nothing I saw looks anything like what it is now. I would love to see a change asap. |
| Yes | 7 | 7 | Maintenance will be key. If the curbs, round boundaries begin to look dilapidated, that will really detract from the marketability of that intersection. |

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| No | 9 | 7 | <p>I understand the complaints. The execution wasn't the best. But the goal is worthwhile and it's working. And as much as folks complained about the traffic, it's truly just limited to a few times of the day.</p> <p>It would be helpful if they extended the timing of the Southport green light (I believe it's only 15 seconds) or provided a left turn signal (left turns cause much of the backup).</p> <p>Also, there probably have to be better strategies for making better use of the space as I've honestly rarely seen anyone sitting at those tables or hanging out in the area.</p> <p>Enhancements should be made but it would be foolish to scrap it. The truth is for all the complaining - and I don't discount the frustration -- that people adapt. People are finding different ways to get around that area and the goal of making it safer at that intersection is being achieved.</p> <p>Hopefully, more people have been encouraged thru this debate to get more involved because most of the complainers appeared to be people who never attend community meetings or even follow via email or social media.</p> |
| No | 3 | 1 | |
| Yes | 10 | 10 | <p>I think money should be allocated to properly take this into the next phase. Remove the plastic bollards and replace with a permanent curb to really reclaim the roadway and turn it into a permanent pedestrian friendly zone. Fill in the areas behind the curb with trees and landscaping. And by the way, who told 1337-39 W Wellington (nearby) that they could replace all that concrete (in their parkway) with more concrete over the whole parkway? It was a wasted opportunity to replace a hardscape with green space. And tear down that old funeral home. It's creepy. I support historic preservation, they can save the terra-cotta and use it somewhere else and no one will be the wiser.</p> |
| Yes | 1 | 1 | <p>It's ugly, confusing and I can't see any benefit for the merchants along Lincoln. The traffic is worse going east on Wellington there is always only one car in line to go on green, there is room for two cars - one to turn left, one to go straight - but the intersection has been narrowed so much that most people think only one car will fit, consequently there is always a back up line to move forward. It usually takes 2 lights to be able to proceed. Because all the streets at the intersection have been narrowed all the traffic gets backed up.</p> <p>I can't see anyone thinking it would be safe to sit out there in the middle of traffic either. And I don't understand how it is more friendly to pedestrians.</p> <p>K.Lisec</p> |
| No | 7 | 4 | <p>I am most interested in developing this area for retail and opportunities to enjoy being in this area (i.e. dining). The current table setup, which nearly no one sits at, has not achieved this. More people go to Octoberfest at St Alphonsus in one hour than sit at this intersection over the entire summer.</p> |
| Yes | 3 | 3 | <p>I see no reason to slow traffic on already congested streets. I have seen back ups because cars have difficulty getting around left turners.</p> <p>I see very few people ever sitting where cars are passing on either side of them and can't imagine why anyone would want to.</p> <p>I think the Bollards are a nuisance and look silly. A redesign should help pedestrians cross the street safely but not encourage people to sit out in the traffic. If you wish people to sit near the intersection then put benches near the buildings on the sidewalks.</p> |
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| Yes | 6 | 1 | the changes look awful (especially in front of st alphonus, a historical landmark) and make driving through even harder. I dont think people want to hang out on the street corners and as a pedestrian i felt safe before. If we really want to bring more foot traffic we should bring back the lincoln bus instead :) |
| Yes | 4 | 1 | <p>The goal above is a variation on what the planners expressed was the goal which was "traffic calming" and "economic stimulation" at the hub. The work done does not calm the traffic - it has pushed the traffic back into the spokes of the "hub" and increased the aggressive behaviors on the neighborhood streets and alleys. This is not calming. It is passing the buck down to where there are pedestrians at other corners.</p> <p>I am not certain how pent-up drivers will feel about parking to then create economic stimulation for the business that advanced this project.</p> <p>We need to make the place where people want to go versus avoid. It is a pain to drive through and when you do, you just want to get away from the "calming" of the hub.</p> <p>Ideas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Return the 11 bus. 2. Conver the lot (owned by the carpet companies that they use for parking) into a place for the public who would then shop in their stores. 3. Remove the dots. I know "why" they said they put the dots. But get rid of them. 4. Invest in trees (PLANTED) and not the boxes they are putting along Lincoln. |
| Yes | 3 | 3 | <p>The reconfiguration has made driving/ turning ont Wellington (particularly turning right from the northbound lane on Lincoln) difficult and more dangerous.</p> <p>As far as looks-- I don't understand it. It looks unfinished and clownish. I have not seen the stools/ tables used.</p> |
| No | 10 | 10 | I love anything that calms traffic and places the safety of pedestrians as a priority in our neighborhood. |
| Yes | 3 | 3 | It has made navigating the intersection by vehicle very cumbersome and time consuming, and in some cases confusing. Southport traffic light is not long enough. I also think it cheapens the look of the historic and beautiful st alphonus corner. As a pedestrian, I never felt it to be a threatening corner. That said, now that it is complete, the changes have made it easier to navigate on foot. |
| Yes | 5 | 4 | The new configuration has caused significant traffic backups and I'm not sure that it is helpful to pedestrian traffic. The landscaping is very unusual and distracting to look at. Looks like a joke. I do wonder how emergency equipment deals with the new configuration and how it works for snow plows. |
| Yes | 4 | 4 | I don't cross that intersection frequently by car or on foot. However, I think that the polka dots add visual interest to the area and the shortened pedestrian crossing areas are helpful. I appreciate these community efforts to improve the livability of our neighborhood. |

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| Yes | 2 | 2 | Traffic in this area is already generally slowed by (A) the volume of traffic and (B) the three way intersection. The intersection is inherently not pedestrian friendly as you have to generally cross two roads to continue on the same road. Polka dots painted on the sidewalk render the area looking more like a daycare than an appealing business district. The planters are nice, but nicer would be putting more effort (with the help of landlords) into filling empty storefronts with businesses ala Southport (and the empty parking lots don't help either). Or having monthly events in those empty parking lots or other empty spaces (a band? wine tasting? pop ups?) to cause people to take more notice of the area. |
| Yes | 10 | 7 | Overall the project is a good idea. 1. I feel more needs to be done to address the backups that can occur on Southport. A little more room to pass left turning cars would go a long way. 2. The dots are terrible, especially in front of Alphonsus. |
| Yes | 5 | 4 | I like it. It's quirky and different. |
| No | 7 | 6 | Hate the colors but like the effort. That block and the one north on Lincoln need the investment. |
| Yes | 1 | 1 | I feel that the new hub has made the intersections more danger's for pedestrians and driving traffic and has cost the business money and clients and when the snow falls its going to be a nightmare! Just my opinion |
| Yes | 5 | 1 | There certainly must have been a more attractive and pedestrian friendly project submitted at the planning stage...instead our area got polka dots and flimsy cafe tables all jutting out into the turning lanes onto Lincoln Ave. Can none of the safety/pedestrian needs be achieved with beauty and function..with style and class.. other examples of LVCC horrific handiwork are the hideous wooden boxes now being plopped down along Lincoln between Belmont and Greenview..not even level..some leaning towards the street..to be filled with shrubs or trees? It reminds one of a street in the wild west.. I am sure whomever is making the decisions here feels strongly about their ideas and the attractiveness of same. I for one am not seeing that same vision..... |
| Yes | 8 | 8 | I see the intersection as a positive change for the neighborhood. It has slowed traffic and as a result made the street safer for pedestrians. I walk that section of Lincoln quite a bit and don't understand what the uproar is all about. |
| No | 1 | 1 | Only a matter of time before an accident or even worse a biker is injured. |
| Yes | 4 | 1 | I drive past this intersection regularly and since this 'reconfiguration'. I have noticed the pedestrians standing off the curbs closer to the traffic by the white pylons. Also, a teller at the bank said she sees people missing the curb because of the illusion of the dots that are half on the curb and half on street level. It would be suicide for anyone to sit at the tables by Pockets. Was this a dangerous intersection prior to this or were people just not using common sense in crossing streets? |
| Yes | 4 | 3 | Love the idea. I don't like the flimsy white barricades. Has definitely slowed traffic. Thanks! |
| No | 4 | 3 | |

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| Yes | 1 | 2 | <p>Slowing down traffic is an excellent example of not in my back door syndrome. Slowing traffic purposefully benefits a few people in the neighborhood but burdens tens of thousands of other people each week by making the traffic crawl. It is unfair and mean spirited to only care about overblown safety concerns at the expense of all other people trying to get to their homes, jobs and appointments. What if all intersections were strangled this way? How could I get to work? It's so selfish</p> <p>The colored circles are not important. It's just art and can be changed. But the tightening of the intersection is narrow minded</p> |
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| No | 7 | 7 | I like the Lincoln Hub and the polka dots too. Please fix the junky sidewalks and visit the intersection every few days to repair the plastic barriers. It does slow traffic. I would like to see more commercial development north of Wellington on Lincoln. Please bring back the Lincoln Bus! |
| No | 2 | 1 | It's ugly, it makes the traffic worse, it's confusing and it's dangerous. |
| Yes | 1 | 1 | I like it. I like the look and feel of it. It's bright and cheery which asphalt intersections are almost always NOT. Please keep it. |
| Yes | 7 | 3 | Created unnecessary traffic back ups and diverts traffic down other residential streets. Believe a compromise is possible. |
| No | 1 | 1 | So ugly and a traffic nightmare. Get rid of the awful polka-dots. |
| No | 4 | 4 | |
| Yes | 10 | 10 | |
| Yes | 1 | 1 | As a pedestrian I feel less safe with this configuration. I do not feel comfortable or safe standing by the plastic tube in what use to be the street while waiting for the light to change. As a driver the right turns are very tight and unsafe in my opinion. I never see anyone sitting in the created sitting space among the stupid polka dots. I might add this project has created a traffic jam at this intersection. GET RID OF THE CURRENT CONFIGURATION AND RESTORE IT TO THE WAY WAS. |
| No | 5 | 4 | |
| No | 4 | 3 | That intersection was already difficult for motorists and it is even worse now. |
| Yes | 1 | 1 | |
| Yes | 3 | 1 | |

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| Yes | 5 | 2 | <p>The concept of a safer intersection is fine but the look of the intersection is exceptionally awful. I hate the polka dots and my husband doesn't like the pylons.</p> <p>The pylons, cause less efficient movement of cars and you're actually creating a lot of motorist frustration with them. Pretending that this intersection is not a heavily used one by making it narrower, doesn't really help matters.</p> <p>Maybe a totally dedicated walk light for pedestrians would work better. There are just too many cars turning in all directions for safe crossing now.</p> |
| Yes | 6 | 6 | I rarely walk in the intersection. It seems fine; maybe others have suggestions for improvement |
| Yes | 9 | 9 | I love having this enhancement in our neighborhood. I cross that intersection daily as a pedestrian and it is much easier to traverse now. But I also feel the frustration of drivers who are unable to make it through the intersection within one, two or even three cycles because a left turner has failed to pull out far enough. How about no left turns during rush hours, as at Lincoln/Diversey/Racine? Also, the design of the concrete circles make them feel more like bollards than benches. Can we encourage some street musicians to perform there to attract people to use the triangle spaces? Thanks for asking for feedback. |
| Yes | 8 | 1 | I find the "re-imagined" corner to be distracting. I also believe it to look cheap and don't believe it creates any sort of pedestrian space anyone would really use. |
| Yes | 1 | 1 | <p>Why in heaven's name would anyone want to encourage children to play on polka-dotted pavement right next to traffic!?</p> <p>It seems to me that drivers are more reckless now because they're more annoyed at how long it takes to get thru the intersection, and pedestrians are ignoring the crosswalks and still jaywalking...so, nothing solved. I have no data, but so far neither do those who claim it's safer.</p> <p>Visually, the design is an embarrassment to the neighborhood and ruins what was once a relatively classy intersection. In my professional artist/designer opinion it looks like a preschool playground.</p> |
| Yes | 10 | 3 | Yes, we need that intersection to be more pedestrian friendly. The new configuration has created some traffic problems. More traffic on side streets. But most concerning to me are the irate drivers who cannot wait their turn. They speed up to beat the light or lurch around turning cars without regard to pedestrians. At times it feels more dangerous than before. And the green and blue polka dots belong in a circus. |
| No | 10 | 9 | I think the project achieves the goal and is reasonably attractive. There are so many vocal people who are against it, but those in favor/who appreciate it are likely quieter. It is much more comfortable for children/families and adds to home values in the area. I don't mind the colorful dots. Thanks for asking! |
| Yes | 1 | 1 | <p>Morning and PM traffic jams have never been worse.</p> <p>I have had to make some crazy driving moves to get through the intersection. The slow-down of the traffic affects traffic all the way back to Lincoln/Barry/Greenview.</p> <p>The polka-dots are already looking dull, dirty and stained and the bollards look trashy after 5 months. I cannot believe this temporary set-up will survive the winter very well.</p> <p>The configuration and visually busyness of the intersection makes driving through it confusing. I commend the attempt by the LVCC or SSA. Maybe some of beautification items could remain if moved back to the curbs.</p> <p>What happens if the No.#11 Lincoln Bus is reinstated?</p> |
| Yes | 9 | 9 | Any improvement to our neighborhood is welcome, I like the idea. |
| Yes | 7 | 1 | UGLY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! |

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| | | | Great idea, but less than perfect implementation. Seems kind of half-finished. |
| Yes | 10 | 7 | I don't mind a trial-and-error approach, as I am all for the goals of the project, and can appreciate that this is the first-of-a-kind project in Chicago. I so hope that marginal improvements can be made over time - i.e. something sturdier/more aesthetically pleasing than plastic poles, more vibrant colors. I also hope that funds are available for future upkeep. |
| Yes | 2 | 2 | |
| Yes | 8 | 8 | It is easier and safer I feel for pedestrians--I walk through that intersection a couple of times a day. It's fun, too. On the other hand, I am concerned about the increasing gridlock in the city. I believe that one way streets, cul-de-sacs, and "traffic calmers" and, particularly, allowing parking on supposed through streets like Fullerton and Diversey, reducing the auto part to one lane, bear far more responsibility for slowing traffic than this one intersection, though. More to blame than this intersection for slowing traffic are special street blockages disrupting the grid of streets we used to be able to access when a main "artery" (If clogged Diversey and Fullerton can be called "arteries" without laughing) is going at a creep. People frustrated at slow traffic probably like to criticize what has been done at this one intersection. |
| Yes | 10 | 4 | * One of dangers of crossing streets are bike riders and they have a pattern of not obeying rules of the road including giving right of way to pedestrians, so this configuration only makes this risk higher in my opinion. * It would be interesting to obtain any research that was input to or supported this configuration design, from the traffic engineering profession that the City of Chicago used. |
| No | 4 | 4 | I've seen many people enjoying the additional pedestrian space, including a street musician playing there once. I never encountered musicians there before the extra space was available. |
| Yes | 5 | 2 | I think the traffic flow is a little better on Southport north of Wellington since the re-adjustment was made to the configuration. The negative effect of configuration in general makes for more long lines of traffic north of Wellington on Southport. Traffic sometimes backs up past Barry Ave. Idling cars contribute to higher pollution for residents of the street and neighborhood. Bring back the rt. turn curve from Southport southbound on to Lincoln going north. There needs to be more room for cars to go around southbound cars on Southport turning left on to Wellington. Cars just wait for the turning vehicles because it is psychologically too narrow for some to drive through. This backs up traffic much more than should happen at that intersection. |
| No | 4 | 3 | |
| Yes | 8 | 1 | IMO it looks out of place and inconsistent with the classic beautiful church at the corner. Planters or some other structures would be far more appropriate. The neon paint circles and posts just seem odd??? |
| Yes | 2 | 2 | Traffic backups are much worse at this intersection with the configuration. If the Chamber is unwilling to undo the mess at their cost, SLN should consider promoting a temporary / symbolic boycott of the chamber's members. |

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| Yes | 4 | 2 | Slows traffic too much making it hard for people that live in the area to go about their normal routines; no one sits in the chairs outside of pockets, If you want people to walk in this area of Lincoln - you need to bring stores and businesses to the area that people want to walk to - they aren't going to walk to oriental rug stores - it's not the traffic that is preventing them from walking here - it is the lack of businesses to visit. |
| Yes | 6 | 4 | |
| No | 2 | 1 | I live on the 1400 block of Wellington and this configuration has made traffic a disaster. Now there are cars backed up and honking much of the time on Wellington. During rush the traffic is backed up to Ashland. It can take 5 full traffic lights to get from Ashland to Southport. It seems to me that pedestrians are more confused than ever by the polka dots and posts. I have NEVER seen anyone sitting out on the street and utilizing this area. This 3 way is no different to maneuver than other 3 way intersection, I don't understand the point. |
| Yes | 5 | 4 | Well the idea of making it more pedestrian friendly and slowing traffic is good Traffic is now backed up down Southport from Diversey going North to intersection or Belmont going South Cars are now cutting dow side streets and alleys. Wellington going east was bad enough now it is always backed up It's impossible to try to pull into a spot or pull out of a spot on Wellington unless someone wants to give you a break. Also aestectically it looks goofy |
| Yes | 10 | 9 | I feel that since this intersection is the crossing of South Lakeview Neighbors boundaries, the center of the intersection should have painted reference and/or logo of South Lakeview Neighbors somewhere visible. |
| Yes | 3 | 3 | I don't think it has accomplished anything but slowing traffic. I walk through the intersection as much as I ever do. The change does not make me feel better about going there on foot, although I definitely avoid it when driving. |
| Yes | 7 | 1 | The reconfiguration causes traffic back ups even low traffic points of the day. I'm in favor of more safety but it has to Ben done in a way that doesn't cause congestion. |
| No | 8 | 7 | |
| Yes | 10 | 3 | I think the intersection is a complete cluster, thus leads to confusion and possibly increasing accidents and opposed to lessening them. 1.The white pillions don't make me feel safer when driving, but stressed that I am going to hit them. 2. Way too tight for turns 3. Feel very small and with the pedestrians coming out so far do to the seating and reconfiguration, you get nervous that you are going to hit someone 4. Major increase in traffic on Nelson Street, speeding down the street 5. Historic building the renovation is UGLY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! |
| No | 5 | 3 | |
| No | 8 | 8 | |
| No | 3 | 1 | |
| No | 8 | 4 | |

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| No | 1 | 1 | The hub is a traffic nightmare, unsafe for pedestrians, and visually horrific. It is a complete failure in all respects. It was a waste of money. Every comment I have read has been negative and the project still exists? The money could have been utilized for other projects that would make a difference to the community. |
| No | 5 | 1 | My wife and I attend church at St. Alphonsus. The reconfiguration and "art" of Southport/Wellington/Lincoln is tacky and poorly thought out. I've never once seen anyone sitting in any of the chairs, and traffic through that intersection is now such a nightmare that I won't take it to work anymore. I'll take Ashland down to Elston. "Art" isn't going to bring more foot traffic to that intersection. A restored #11 bus and fewer empty storefronts stand a better chance. |
| No | 3 | 1 | I think the concept is ok but the execution is terrible. The dots are ugly and will not hold up their appearance. |
| No | 4 | 2 | |
| No | 3 | 1 | Waste of money to create traffic jams and not used by pedestrians |
| No | 6 | 3 | While I appreciate the concept of making the intersection more pedestrian friendly, the new reconfiguration seems more confusing than ever. The scale of the polka dots combined with the stripes in the crosswalks and the pylons has added visual clutter, confusion, and lack of contrast. The concept lacks a clear purpose. The once broad and open feeling of the intersection now feels cramped and crowded, and I'm a pedestrian in the area as a non-car-owner. The polka dot areas don't feel like they serve a purpose, nor does it feel like a public space. And while the polka dots might bring a little artistic whimsy (which feels really out of place with the rest of the lovely architecture at the intersection), the pylons are confusing, they lack any artistic or architectural form, and they make the area feel like a construction zone. This project could have added beauty, character, or interest that fit within the existing neighborhood, but instead it's lacking all of these things and leaves a very arbitrary, uninspired and bewildered feeling. |
| No | 7 | 1 | Creating a single lane of traffic didn't slow traffic it stopped traffic. Need to eliminate left turns - that would help a lot. Not sure that's possible. I love to walk in the neighborhood and want it to be pedestrian friendly but Many of us very often need to drive in order to get to activities, run errands, get to school, work, etc. and traffic needs to flow better than it is currently through that central intersection so we can all get to where we need to be in a more timely manner. |
| No | 3 | 1 | |
| No | 4 | 1 | Such a waste of space and money. No one wants to sit and "relax" in a street full of exhaust. |
| No | 2 | 1 | |
| No | 1 | 1 | |
| No | 3 | 1 | What a horrendous waste of money! Multi-colored polka-dots surrounding a beautiful, historic church - how on earth approved this design?! Not to mention the fact that the paint is already wearing away, is dirty, and just looks ridiculous. And who wants to sit in the middle of a busy intersection. The reduced turning capacity has also created much more traffic backup. Major fail! |
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| No | 4 | 3 | I see it from both sides - we walk to school through this intersection and the redevelopment has definitely made that easier. But I've also been stuck in a long line of traffic through multiple stop light cycles while waiting for cars to turn left. I think some of that problem revolves around the timing of the stop lights too. Not sure what the answer is! I can say I am not a fan of the polka dots, especially in front of beautiful St. Al's. |
| Yes | 5 | 5 | |
| No | 1 | 1 | What was done to that intersection is horrible. This needs to be fixed. |
| No | 1 | 1 | |
| No | 10 | 8 | Configuration should be made permanent to get rid of the plastic poles. Raise the manhole cover that affects the southbound Lincoln traffic. Consider re-timing of lights, particularly on Southport. The dots are meh. |
| No | 1 | 1 | The Lincoln Hub FUCKING SUCKS. The individuals who thought of this are typical liberal, college educated, do gooders who have no practical life experience or common sense. Not only was this project a huge waste of time, money, and resources, but it was also a huge pain in the ass for area residents making their way to or from work. It's extremely ugly, and caused huge traffic build up during peak travel times on all three major streets, and surrounding side streets. I wish this whole stupid project would be torn up and the intersection restored. |
| No | 8 | 1 | It is a traffic nightmare. Bikes continue to disregard signals. No one is sitting outdoors. Aesthetically, it is such a horror detracting from the beauty of the church. |
| No | 2 | 1 | Objective not met. Instead its just harder for everyone to get where they're going (including bikers, like myself) and it looks ridiculous. What a waste of tax payer money. |
| Yes | 5 | 2 | Unfortunately, I have seen mostly negatives and no benefits to the reconfiguration of the intersection. The cars actually drive faster and go through more red lights, because they have to wait so long just to pass through the intersection, due to the narrowed roads. -- When I see people sitting at the street tables, I am apprehensive about their safety. -- On a Positive note - the flower planters are a nice addition. |
| Yes | 3 | 1 | This was a completely awful idea and should be returned to it's old configuration. I purposely avoid this area due to the traffic BACKUP and issues it causes. Big mistake. |
| No | 7 | 8 | |
| Yes | 3 | 2 | I appreciate the effort but the outcomes didn't work. Created a ton of traffic and more dangerous for bikers |
| Yes | 1 | 1 | The dots are already faded and dirty. At least weekly one of the bollards is broken. |

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| No | 3 | 3 | Looks a bit silly, but most of Paris hated the Eiffel Tower when it was first built, so maybe the "looks" of this project are secondary to the results of it on pedestrian safety and traffic flow... does anyone have numbers on impact of traffic speed, flow (ie. Bottleneck), accidents involving pedestrians etc.. to prove how effective it is? |
| Yes | 3 | 2 | I don't really see the point. The traffic is much worse other places. Save the money and put it toads repairing the streets or putting a walk signal at Sheffield and Wellington. |
| No | 2 | 1 | Traffic is worse now because of the inability to make turns |
| No | 1 | 1 | Many of us take Southport to Lincoln to get many places around the city. This has congested traffic headed that way. The dots are an eye sore and unnecessary. There are plenty of places to sit on that corner (Golden Apple) without having to sit in the middle of the street. Also, horrible waste of money if this project really costed \$100,000+. |
| No | 8 | 1 | Makes traffic worse and people have to turn on yellow lights so there is back ups and in my opinion it is worse for pedestrians. who on earth would ever sit at those table? a horrible mess |
| No | 8 | 8 | I ride my bike through this intersection daily & really enjoy the traffic calming improvements to the intersection. Bike railings at the intersection would be a very welcome feature. I do have to admit though that I am not a huge fan of the design; the dots are a bit garish and don't fit very well with the aesthetic of the neighborhood. Something more organic with more plants would be more visually appealing in my opinion. |
| No | 1 | 1 | I've lived next to this corner for 7 years and never once thought it wasn't pedestrian friendly. Wellington is such a narrow street, it is always easy to cross. Lincoln has the bike lane which provides an extra buffer from the cars when on the sidewalk. It always baffled me why that 6-way was chosen for this project. It may have been the safest and most pedestrian friendly of any major 6-way on the north side. |
| No | 2 | 2 | |
| No | 2 | 2 | I believe pedestrians are safer when the flow of traffic is smooth for drivers. Anytime there is a goal to slow traffic at a major intersection drivers are likely to become more aggressive and anxious. Heading southwest on Wellington is especially confusing and difficult to navigate. |
| Yes | 1 | 1 | This intersection was done with no regard to the traffic patterns of our neighborhood. The congestion is terrible. Less safe for drivers and bikers. More speeding down other streets from cars trying to find alternative routes. Big expensive mistake. Really unfortunate choice. |
| No | 4 | 8 | |
| No | 3 | 2 | It's ugly.. Understand what it is supposed to do, but just painting some ugly circles on the pavement doesn't accomplish anything. |
| No | 1 | 1 | I might not technically be in the south lake view territory, but I travel up and down southport multiple times a day. Polka dot park was done with good intentions...but it didn't work. Time to be removed. All my friends and neighbors hate it. The ONLY person who I have spoken to that likes it, happens to be on the chamber of commerce board. |

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| No | 4 | 4 | Why did you spend all this money on something so ridiculous. I have yet to see anyone sitting on chairs or at tables. Driving is difficult and this is a real waste of money. There are tons of bad streets in the neighborhood, holes, bad speed bumps that need to be painted so u can see them, and we put up posts and circles when the city is broke...Someone made a fortune doing this..Sorry, but waste of money,time and effort.. |
| Yes | 10 | 7 | I really like the idea, no wait, I'm enthusiastically in favor! I'd like a nicer design without the dots when we make it permanent. |
| No | 1 | 1 | Traffic flow is abysmal right now in a major intersection. Need to start from scratch. I'd much more prefer more "People Spots" replacing street parking to add more people areas around the intersection. |
| No | 7 | 2 | I like the concept of making the area more pedestrian friendly, but the current configuration backs traffic up on southport. Cars then try to avoid the intersection by cutting down Nelson and driving into on coming traffic on southport to get there. I'd like to see the intersection made wide enough again that cars going straight on southport can get around the vehicles turning to help alleviate the backups on southport. |
| No | 10 | 9 | |
| Yes | 10 | 9 | I think it was an excellent first effort. I was highly skeptical of the initial designs and drawings but I think it is very successful, overall, at improving walkability in the intersection. |
| No | 10 | 9 | I thought it was odd at first, but as a cyclist (and only a cyclist, I do not have a car), I do think that it's accomplishing the goal of slowing things down and making people more aware of the corners. I can see how drivers could be annoyed about it though. To be honest, I didn't start truly appreciating it until I was in San Francisco on a vacation and saw something similar at a busy intersection and when I commented out our local remarked that a woman had just been hit and killed by a bus at the intersection and that's why they added it. If this hub is preemptively saving a pedestrian from death, then I'm for it. |
| No | 1 | 1 | The idea of creating a choke point to an intersection where it is so important to keep traffic flowing poorly thought out. The area is not meant to be pedestrian-friendly, so it shouldn't be "redesigned" as such. Please stop wasting funds on such poorly conceived projects! |
| No | 1 | 1 | I drive by this area somewhat frequently. Never noticed fast traffic or pedestrian issues. This new configuration seems unnecessary and confusing. My visitors from out of town were equally confused. |
| No | 3 | 1 | |
| No | 10 | 10 | It looks great, don't change it |
| Yes | 2 | 2 | Sure, traffic calming has happened. I was not aware that traffic was too fast or pedestrian antithetic. Anecdotally, it has not lessened/lightened the traffic, only backed it up. Horns honking when a northbound Southport vehicle wants to turn left/north onto Lincoln, blocking the direct northbound Southport traffic. Hard to make southbound turns off Wellington onto Southport because of the barriers, long backups on northbound Southport during "rush hours" because of the lane squeeze and left turn problem. Cars westbound on Wellington cutting off eastbound Wellington traffic by turning south onto Lincoln and Southport cutting off EB Wellington traffic. Conclusion, more vehicular congestion and inconvenience with no improvement in pedestrian safety and "walkability." Waste of SSA/TIFF money. |

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| No | 6 | 2 | This slows traffic to a painful painful painful pace. It looks ridiculous and I have yet to see anyone dining, or even sitting, in the "people spot". I also think it's hideous. |
| Yes | 8 | 7 | It makes it much safer to walk which I believe was the point! |
| No | 8 | 9 | |
| Yes | 1 | 1 | Good intents, bad execution. There are new intersections done well in the city, this is probably the worst. |
| No | 1 | 1 | The dots are ugly and the plastic rods are even worse. Bad congestion in all directions. |
| No | 1 | 1 | The worst looking intersection in the city! |
| No | 1 | 1 | Absolutely horrible. |
| Yes | 5 | 1 | The traffic light on Southport has always been ridiculously short - worse now - backups on Southport horrible. Seating areas are also ridiculous - nobody uses them. No right turn lanes. Walking no better than before. |
| Yes | 3 | 2 | I regularly walk, drive and ride my bike through this intersection and I do not feel the intersection was un-safe for any of these activities. |
| Yes | 2 | 1 | I have small children and I walk with them a lot, and that intersection never bothered me as a pedestrian. It was bad before as a motorist and now it is even worse. And worst of all, the polkadots are so unattractive and ruin the look around the church. |
| No | 10 | 10 | As a pedestrian and frequent bike rider, this intersection always made me feel very nervous and unsafe. After the redesign I found myself purposely going this way just so I could experience the improved traffic flow and joyful artwork. The polka dots continue to make me smile and add a brief moment of whimsy in an otherwise stressful commute. Thank you! |
| Yes | 7 | 7 | |
| No | 1 | 1 | The new configuration is a bike accident waiting to happen...yesterday afternoon was particularly frightening with 2 bikes being forced into traffic and a third having to navigate the center between traffic going both ways...there's just no room left for bike riders now. Plus pedestrians are still ignoring the crosswalks and lights after the bollards were installed, so the whole thing appears pointless and additionally dangerous. |
| No | 10 | 10 | Great idea and executed well enough for a first run till the street can be redone. We walk and bike constantly through that area with little children and having less street to cross / slower traffic is much better than before. I can understand some frustration with traffic being slower and maybe some slight redesign with left turners in mind may help. Overall very happy with the reconfiguration and happy that the neighborhood is being a leader in pushing our city to be more pedestrian friendly. |
| Yes | 10 | 10 | |
| Yes | 7 | 5 | |
| Yes | 8 | 5 | |
| No | 10 | 10 | I walk and ride my bike in the area to visit neighborhood businesses and friends. |

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| No | 5 | 1 | I travel Wellington east to LKSH Drive from my home, daily. The brief duration of the green light has always been a problem at this intersection for cars traveling east, even before this reconfiguration, as cars backing up to park in the spots along the south side of the street, regularly tie up traffic before even reaching the light. Now the problem is compounded, as there is no longer adequate room for vehicles waiting to left turn and those traveling straight to share the intersection. Lengthening the duration of the east bound green light on Wellington would do a great deal to improve the problem, as would opening up space for the left turn lane again. |
| Yes | 2 | 1 | It really slows down traffic but I don't think it ends up meeting the goal. It created traffic jams, which I think makes it more dangerous as cars try to "make the light". That does not make it any safer. I don't see the space being used either. |
| Yes | 3 | 2 | <p>A few thoughts...</p> <p>10. Why was it a good idea to have the design inspired by oriental rugs? Regardless of the business history in the neighborhood, the fact that we have (and had) oriental rugs shops is not something I would consider noteworthy. Quite honestly, many of these shops are unattractive. In a neighborhood with such rich history, you would think we could find a better inspiration for design?</p> <p>9. Ok, we picked a bad inspiration... fine - I'll get over it. But to make things worse, we paid a design firm a lot of money to translate it to polka dots? And "benches" that are circular cement blocks at the most awkward height possible?</p> <p>8. Ahhh, the benches... who will ever use them? Several of them are literally feet away from car traffic. This is the opposite of safe. The only time I would ever use one of the benches would be if I was waiting for the bus. O wait, we don't have that.</p> <p>7. And the polka dots? Watching the workers complete this job was comical. Paint drippings everywhere. Circles that are oval. Some mistakes half scrubbed away. Paint already fading in spots. The poor execution compounds the poor design.</p> <p>6. I, along with others, have tripped on the elevated curbs as the design distorts the change in surface height. Another poor design choice when deciding where to place the polka dots. This is a liability.</p> <p>5. The only thing more depressing than a Pockets... is a Pockets with one empty table placed near the middle of the intersection.</p> <p>4. While trying to "slow traffic", it has increased the danger on every surrounding side street. I have almost been hit on George due to cars speeding through trying to avoid spending 20 minutes waiting through stop lights.</p> <p>3. It's hurt this areas appeal with others in the city. The whole intersection is a literally a laughing matter with my friends who live in other neighborhoods. When the announcement came out that there are condos going in at the old Herdegen-Brieske Funeral Home - multiple people have commented to me that that they would never live there due to what's happened at the intersection.</p> <p>2. Classic, timeless design is always best. Bright colors and modern takes will always become kitschy at some point. In this case, that point was immediate.</p> <p>1. I appreciate the good intent as I think we can all agree we want to see this area continue to be improved upon. However, let's recognize the failure of this project and see it as a sunk cost. Let's remove the dots and explore what we can do to salvage an unfortunate situation.</p> |
| No | 6 | 1 | It is ridiculous to cause this much of a traffic jam and traffic back up when those areas that are now blocked off and filled with dots seem to be wasted space, not really used by anyone. Maybe if these "pedestrian" areas had been done on two corners instead of all six it would have made more sense. |
| No | 4 | 1 | Not sure it has had any impact on pedestrian safety. Has definitely increased traffic back ups. I personally think the design detracts from the beauty of the church - and who really would ever sit in a chair in the middle of that intersection. Poorly thought out. |

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| Yes | 5 | 2 | In addition to my previous comment, I believe that by making the white line on Southport, where cars are suggested to stop, closer to the intersection would allow one or more cars extra through the intersection with each light change. |
| Yes | 1 | 1 | One of the biggest wastes of public money I have ever seen. A true joke. New planter boxes on Lincoln are almost so as bad. Ugly, mis shapen. |
| No | 10 | 10 | I am a senior citizen, and it helps a lot to have a shorter distance to get across the street. There are still drivers turning onto Lincoln without regard to whether there are pedestrians crossing with the walk light. But it does help to have a shorter distance to cross. |
| Yes | 6 | 6 | |
| No | 1 | 1 | 1. This reconfiguration and the painted circles everywhere is ugly. 2. It creates unneeded congestion at a critical intersection and makes sharp right hand turns extremely difficult. 3. Now, if a person entering the intersection needs to turn left or right, then all the cars behind them have to wait for them to turn which creates unnecessary backups. Chicago is full of six-way intersections and none of them look like this. This project has created a problem where there was not a problem before. I'd prefer that the money spent on that intersection be put to better use, such as replacing our 1950s lamp posts on Lincoln between Diversey and Belmont. It is the most neglected portion of Lincoln Ave on the near north side. |
| No | 9 | 4 | Not bike friendly |
| No | 4 | 1 | I work on southport and drive past this almost every day. I do not really understand the design. It's kind of distracting and no one is ever hanging out around the surrounding restaurants. The Pockets restaurant has their tables in the middle of the intersection where cars are stalling at stop lights and I wouldn't like to be eating and conversing next to exhaust fumes. I think they should place their tables on the side walk and build a small fence to protect customers from traffic to attract more residents and make their corner pedestrian friendly instead. The intersection definitely needs work but I don't think it will ever be more child friendly even with a bunch of circles in bright colors spray painted on the side walk. |
| No | 7 | 1 | I feel less safe crossing at that intersection. It has stopped the flow of traffic on many occasions causing unnecessary bottlenecks due to the inability of auto traffic to move around left turning vehicles. I'm more watchful of the frustrated drivers who I've seen behave recklessly in order to get around the left turners and relieve their frustration. I have seen the outdoor seating used once. It is absurdly dangerous. Instead of spending money on these poorly thought out projects why not use the money to really contribute to our safety and traffic flow, like painting the lane markings that are all but useless on many of the streets and totally useless on others. For a city that is broke more ways are found to squander money than is believable, while the infrastructure suffers. |

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| No | 7 | <p>The goal may have been to make it more pedestrian friendly and slow traffic, but it has not accomplished that goal. Cars continue to blow through red lights due to be frustrated, you can't safely make turns around cars any longer as the traffic has become single threaded at a main intersection. Even the school crossing guard who knows a thing or two about safety has stated this was a step completely in the wrong direction.</p> <p>On top of all of that, it is completely unsightly. The polka-dots are not additive to beautification of the neighborhood in anyway. Now as the dots have been there a while they are getting dirty and just look ridiculous.</p> <p>As a frequent pedestrian in that area with my young children, I do not feel any more secure or believe they are safer for what has been done. As a driver that uses that intersection frequently, it has just created a new and unnecessary traffic snarl in the city.</p> <p>I appreciate the notion of the alderman and the city to try and make it safer and they took a step they thought was a positive one; however, it is also important to admit mistakes and not be bullheaded to keep it just because the money has been spent and you don't want to admit you were wrong.</p> | 1 | Back to the drawing board! |
| No | 1 | | 1 | There is enough slow traffic on Linciln Ave. as it is. Why make this a bigger problem. I do not drive. I'm a full time pedestrian but know how to cross a street. The big problem is that there are just too many cars here now. In our neighborhood.. At least 2 per residence and sometimes 3. |
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| AVG - ALL | 4.87 | | | 3.50 |
| AVG - SLN Members | 5.14 | | | 3.78 |
| AVG - non-members | 4.56 | | | 3.19 |