

AGENDA: TSC 4/2/12

ITEM NO. 2: Consider request for TRAFFIC CALMING on 11th Place between Michael Street & Monterey Way.

Facts:

1. 11th Place is classified as a "local" street in a residential area; the speed limit as established by state law is 30 mph.
2. The city's *Traffic Calming Policy* provides criteria for the consideration of traffic calming devices; the criteria on a local street are a daily volume greater than 1000 vehicles or an 85th percentile speed of 5 mph or greater over the speed limit.
3. Traffic data obtained February 29-March 1 found approximately 160 vehicles per day traveling at an 85th percentile speed of approximately 30.1 mph.
4. Therefore, this street does not meet the minimum criteria for consideration of traffic calming.

MINUTES: TSC 4/2/12

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Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Public Comment: None.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BOLEY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROTHROCK, TO RECOMMEND DENYING THE REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC CALMING ON 11TH PLACE BETWEEN MICHAEL STREET & MONTEREY WAY; THE MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.

David Woosley

From: Andrea Hoag [andrea.e.hoag@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2012 4:31 PM
To: David Woosley
Subject: Formal request for neighborhood speedbump and "watch children" signage

Dear Mr. Woosley:

I'm contacting you, the City Traffic Engineer, to formally request a speed bump and "watch children" signage for the street where I own a home: West 11th Place.

The reason for this request is twofold:

This neighborhood has a high number of elementary-aged children who enjoy riding bicycles and playing ball. When the weather is fair, it is not uncommon for a half-dozen children to be outside playing on West 11th Place. There are also a great many parents walking small children through the neighborhood with pets and pushing baby strollers.

It is an ongoing cause for concern for homeowners in the neighborhood that vehicles driving on West 11th Place often travel at a very high rate of speed. One of the reasons for this, perhaps, is that the road has a rather steep incline, allowing a driver to pick up a great deal of natural speed.

You will note that Harvard road, which runs parallel to West 11th Place only one block to the south, has implemented a system of "roundabouts" to slow traffic in addition to a series of speed bumps to prevent drivers from traversing that street at too high a rate of speed.

My neighbors and I are all in agreement that a speed bump to slow errant traffic down must be implemented as soon as possible on West 11th Place to ensure the ongoing safety of all our children, pedestrians and dog-walkers.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions! I hope that we can get the ball rolling on this critical safety measure as soon as possible.

All best regards, Andrea Hoag

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David Woosley

From: cricketcat1985@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, April 09, 2012 8:45 AM
To: David Woosley
Subject: Fwd: Traffic calming on 11th place

Sent from my HTC smartphone on the Now Network from Sprint!

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From: "cricketcat1985@gmail.com" <cricketcat1985@gmail.com>
To: <traffic@lawrence.org>
Subject: Traffic calming on 11th place
Date: Fri, Apr 6, 2012 3:42 pm

I live at 3920 Monterey CT and do not want a speed hump on 11th place. The street is difficult to get up during the winter and a speed hump would make it worse. Our driveway is on 11th place and i don't see the need for a device, but maybe a sign to slow down or caution children playing.

Thanks,

Kathy Dunn

ent from my HTC smartphone on the Now Network from Sprint!

David Woosley

From: David Woosley
Sent: Monday, April 09, 2012 9:24 AM
To: David Woosley
Subject: 11th Place Traffic Calming Request

Name: July Algaier
Address: 3929 W 11th Place
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Email: judyasee@gmail.com

Doesn't understand the need for traffic calming.



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TRAFFIC CALMING POLICY

Resolution No. 6602, August 23, 2005

1. TRAFFIC-CALMING DEVICES may include but are not limited to Traffic-Calming Circles, Speed Humps and Speed Cushions, Speed Tables, Partial Diverters, Full Diverters, Center Island Narrowing, Chokers, and Road Closures; however, roundabouts are traffic management devices and are not subject to this policy.
2. TRAFFIC-CALMING DEVICES may be permitted on "local" streets as designated by the City's Major Thoroughfares Map, and under any one of the following conditions:
 - A. The 85th percentile speed of traffic is 5 mph or greater over the speed limit, or
 - B. The 24-hour two-way traffic volume is greater than 1000, or
 - C. Cut-through traffic comprises more than 50% of the traffic during the peak hour of the day, or
 - D. Where no single condition is satisfied, but where any two of A, B or C above are satisfied to the extent of 80 percent or more of the stated values.
3. TRAFFIC-CALMING DEVICES (except SPEED HUMPS) may be permitted on "collector" streets as designated by the City's Major Thoroughfares Map, under any one of the following conditions:
 - A. The 85th percentile speed of traffic is 5 mph or greater over the speed limit, or
 - B. The 24-hour two-way traffic volume is greater than 3000, or
 - C. Cut-through traffic comprises more than 50% of the traffic during the peak hour of the day, or
 - D. More than 50% of the frontage of the roadway consists of residential lots with the houses facing the roadway in question, or
 - E. Where no single condition is satisfied, but where any two of A, B, C or D above are satisfied to the extent of 80 percent or more of the stated values.
4. Traffic data will be collected with city personnel using city equipment only. In the event that a requested location does not meet the minimum requirements as stated in 2 or 3 above, subsequent requests will not be considered for a minimum of one year.
5. The Lawrence-Douglas County Fire & Medical Department, the Police Department, the Public Works Department and the Traffic Safety Commission must review all requests for TRAFFIC-CALMING DEVICES before being presented to the City Commission.
6. If a project is approved by the City Commission, the City Commission will determine financing of the construction. The City Commission may require 0-100% of the costs to be paid by the group or neighborhood making the request.
7. After a project is approved and funded by the City Commission, TRAFFIC-CALMING DEVICES will only be constructed at a location if 70% or more of the property owners within 300 feet measured along the centerline of the street in each direction approve of the installation or if directed by the City Commission. The individual, group or neighborhood making the request shall be responsible for obtaining the property owners' and residents' approval in writing and submitting it to the city.
8. Once installed, TRAFFIC-CALMING DEVICES may only be removed at a location if more than 70% of the property owners and residents within 300 feet measured along the centerline of the street in each direction approve of the removal or if directed by the City Commission. The individual, group or neighborhood making the request shall be responsible for obtaining the property owners' and residents' approval in writing and submitting it to the city.
9. TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES may initially be landscaped (if appropriate) by the city, provided that the group or neighborhood making the request agrees in writing to maintain the landscaping or pursuant to the payment of a landscape maintenance fee. No privately installed landscaping is permitted unless approved by the city in writing.

