

AGENDA: TSC 10/7/13

ITEM NO. 4: Consider request to establish a 25MPH SPEED LIMIT on Lawrence Avenue between 31st Street & Clinton Parkway.

Staff Report:

1. Lawrence Avenue is classified as a "collector" street in a residential area.
2. State law establishes the speed limit in residential areas at 30 mph.
3. State law does permit a city to decrease the speed limit in a residence district on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation.
4. The nationally accepted standard for establishing speed limits is the 85th percentile speed; the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices* states that the posted speed limit should be within 5 mph of the 85th percentile speed.
5. Traffic data collected September 19-20 found approximately 2875 vehicles in a 24-hour period and an 85th percentile speed of approximately 37.6 mph. Based on this data the speed limit should be posted at either 35 or 40 mph.

MINUTES: TSC 10/7/13

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Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Boley: Based on the data, it appears that this location would qualify for consideration of traffic calming, but not for a lower speed limit.

Public Comment:

Maureen Cole, 2732 Lawrence Avenue: From 27th Street, south, it seems like the speed gets pretty, high, easily 50mph; if I had know I should have requested traffic calming instead of a lower speed limit, I would have done that; there are houses with driveways entering onto Lawrence Avenue; with parking on both sides of the street, you can't see if a dog or a child is running out into the street; if possible, I'd like for you to consider traffic calming instead of a 25mph speed limit.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Ziegelmeyer asked to confirm that they could not change the request, but that a new request for traffic calming could be made; Woosley advised that that was correct.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DEVLIN, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KOPRINCE, TO RECOMMEND DENYING THE REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A 25MPH SPEED LIMIT ON LAWRENCE AVENUE BETWEEN 31ST STREET & CLINTON PARKWAY; THE MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.

From: Cole, Maureen [<mailto:maucole@ku.edu>]

Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2013 1:13 PM

To:

Subject: Lowering Speed Limit on South End of Lawrence Avenue

Hello,

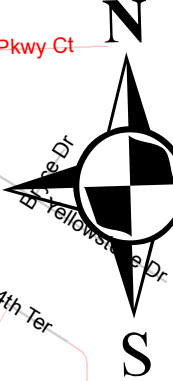
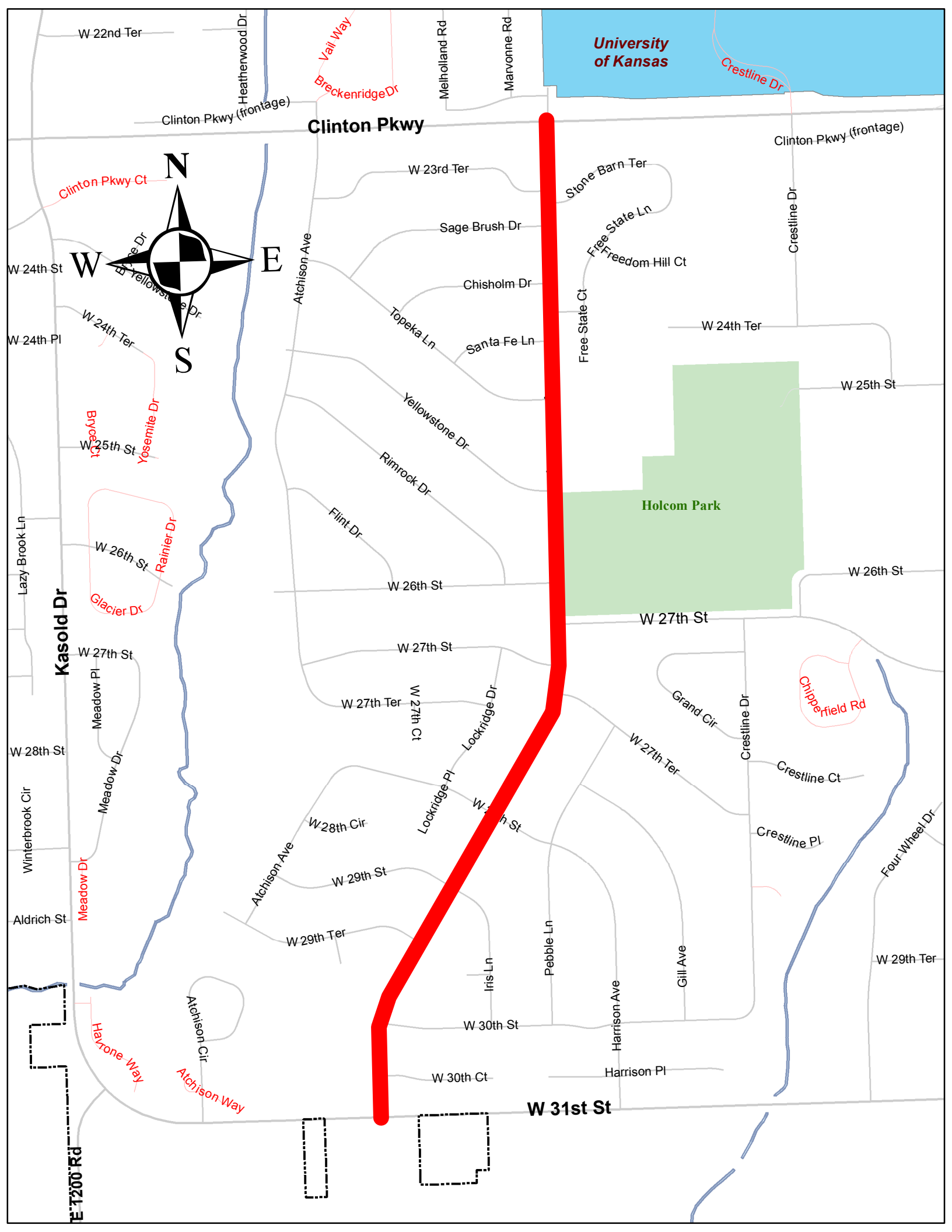
I live at 28th and Lawrence Avenue, and today there was a collision in front of my house with one car ending up in our front yard. Recently, I have noticed an increase people speeding along Lawrence Avenue. After my brother-in-law was almost plowed into pulling out of our driveway, two weeks ago, I thought it might be good to look into getting the speed limit lowered to 25 miles per hour in our neighborhood or at least on Lawrence Avenue. This was a day after our neighbor's dog got hit by a car in broad daylight, there weren't any cars parked along the sides of the street that that time and so it's not like the dog darted out all of a sudden, the car was just going too fast to stop. Luckily, the dog was okay and thankfully it wasn't a child that ran out.

With today's accident, I am now convinced that we need to have the speed limit lowered. How does one go about getting that done?

Many thanks!

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Clinton Pkwy

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Holcom Park

W 31st St

Kasold Dr

W 22nd Ter

W 24th St

W 24th Pl

W 25th St

W 26th St

W 27th St

W 28th St

Aldrich St

W 29th St

W 30th St

W 31st St

Melholland Rd

Marvonne Rd

Atchison Ave

W 23rd Ter

Sage Brush Dr

Chisholm Dr

Topeka Ln

Santa Fe Ln

Yellowstone Dr

Rimrock Dr

Flint Dr

W 26th St

W 27th St

W 27th Ter

W 27th Ct

Lockridge Dr

Atchison Ave

W 28th Cir

W 29th St

W 29th Ter

Iris Ln

W 30th St

W 30th Ct

Pebble Ln

Harrison Ave

Harrison Pl

Stone Barn Ter

Free State Ln

Free State Ct

W 27th St

Grand Cir

W 27th Ter

Crestline Dr

Crestline Ct

Crestline Pl

W 29th Ter

Clinton Pkwy (frontage)

Crestline Dr

W 25th St

W 26th St

Chippefield Rd

Four Wheel Dr

Clinton Pkwy Ct

Yellowstone Dr

W 24th Ter

Byrce Ct

Yosemite Dr

Rainier Dr

Glacier Dr

Lazy Brook Ln

Meadow Dr

Meadow Pl

Winterbrook Cir

E 1200 Rd

Atchison Cir

Atchison Way

Meadow Dr

Iris Ln

Pebble Ln

Gill Ave

Four Wheel Dr

