

## **AGENDA: TSC 1/6/14**

ITEM NO. 3: Consider request to install a PEDESTRIAN HYBRID BEACON on Maine Street at 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

### **Staff Report:**

1. Maine Street is classified as a "collector" street, paved 30 feet wide and a posted speed limit of 30mph.
2. Traffic data collected 12-13 December 2013, found approximately 6390 vehicles in a 24-hour period with an 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed of approximately 34.2mph. In addition, this is one of the main routes to the Emergency Room at Lawrence Memorial Hospital.
3. Based on the speed of traffic, the width of the street and a walking speed of 3.5 feet/second, there would need to be a gap in traffic of approximately 600 feet in each direction from the intersection (shown as a dotted yellow line) for a pedestrian to safely cross the street.

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Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report and noted the receipt of an e-mail supporting the request.

### **Public Comment:**

None.

### **Commission Discussion:**

Commissioner Boley noted that there was a School Zone at this location and asked if there was a crossing guard; Woosley advised that there is a crossing guard at the intersection.

Commissioner Boley asked if emergency vehicles would have an over-ride; Woosley advised that had not been provided at any other similar locations, but that it could be included.

Commissioner Harden asked what our criteria are; Woosley advised that the City has not adopted criteria.

Commissioner Howard: I think given the nature with the park right there and the school, I could certainly support this; given two high pedestrian traffic generators.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HOWARD, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KOPRINCE, TO  
RECOMMEND INSTALLING A PEDESTRIAN HYBRID BEACON ON MAINE STREET AT  
5<sup>TH</sup> STREET; THE MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

**From:** sarah podrasky [mailto:sarahpodrasky@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 26, 2013 11:25 AM  
**To:** Traffic Safety Commission  
**Subject:** PHB Needed at 5th and Maine

Hello,

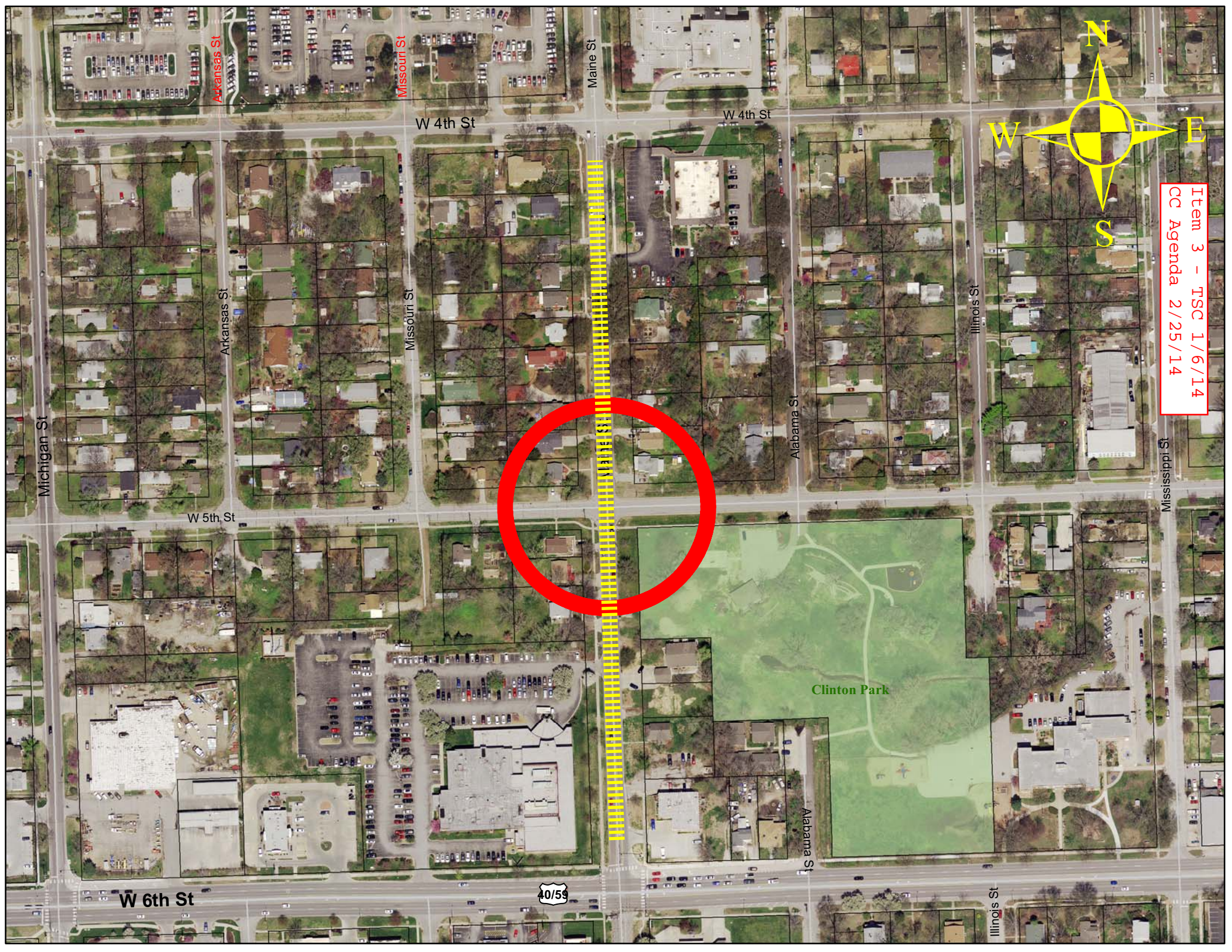
My husband and I have lived on Maine street in between 4th & 5th streets for over four years. Nearly every other day we witness someone standing at the crosswalk at 5th and Maine for several minutes because the traffic does not yield to them. This has been an alarming problem for quite a while, as several children in our neighborhood play at Clinton Park and Pinckney Elementary School, and access these playgrounds via the crosswalk on 5th/Maine. A few days ago, I watched as a father and his child (who he was pulling in a wagon) stood at the crosswalk on the cold, rainy, windy sidewalk waiting for traffic to stop so that he could cross the street. This has been going on for several years, and IT MUST STOP. I have contacted the police department and they are going to monitor the area more closely, but we need better signage to alert oncoming traffic that it is a STATE LAW that they YIELD to pedestrians. Flags, flashing yellow lights, and more visible signs would help to garner attention from all the people who use Maine street. This is especially important when children are walking to/fro school, and also around 8am/5pm, as so many people work at the hospital and surrounding businesses that this street becomes overly crowded with traffic during those times. Please see to this before someone's child gets hurt due to the lack of visible signage and law enforcement. The city has provided pedestrian-activated beacons, known as a Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (PHB), to assist pedestrians crossing the street, such as what is in place on 9<sup>th</sup> Street between Hilltop & Sunset, in front of the Arts Center on New Hampshire, on Kentucky and Tennessee at 12<sup>th</sup> Street, and other locations in town. We need one of these in our neighborhood, before someone gets hurt. I would appreciate a follow-up call or email to let me know when my fellow neighbors and I can expect to see results.

Thank you,

- Sarah Podrasky

P. S. Just yesterday, on my way home from teaching at KU, I witnessed a lady that was jogging who had to swerve out of the way to prevent getting hit from a car driven by a person who was obviously not paying attention.





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Clinton Park

W 6th St

Michigan St

Arkansas St

Missouri St

Maine St

W 4th St

W 4th St

Alabama St

Illinois St

Illinois St