

City of Lawrence

Traffic Safety Commission

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June 2, 2014 Agenda

7:00 PM - City Commission Room, City Hall

MEMBERS: Edwin Rothrock, Chair; John Ziegelmeyer Jr., Vice-Chair; Stuart Boley; Ryan Devlin; Travis Harrod; Jason Hoskinson; Steven Koprince; Tracy Russell; and Chris Storm

Anyone who wishes to be notified when an item will be heard by the City Commission must provide their name and a telephone number or an e-mail address.

ITEM NO. 1: Review and approve the minutes of the Traffic Safety Commission meeting, May 5, 2014.

ITEM NO. 2: Consider request to mark and sign a CROSSWALK across the south leg of the intersection of 18th Street & Naismith Drive.

Staff Report:

1. Inasmuch as there are paved sidewalks and sidewalk ramps on both sides of Naismith, this location is classified as an "un-marked crosswalk" by state law.
2. A nation-wide study of pedestrian crash rates at this type of location (raised median, $\leq 15,000$ ADT, and 3-8 lanes) found no significant difference in crash rates at marked crosswalks when compared to unmarked crosswalks.
3. If the request is approved, it is recommended that the University of Kansas be responsible for the installation and maintenance of the appropriate traffic control signs and markings.

ITEM NO. 3: Consider request to establish NO LEFT TURN on southbound Tennessee Street at 23rd Street during specified hours.

Staff Report:

1. Signing is currently in place on eastbound 23rd Street establishing NO LEFT TURN 7AM-9AM 4PM-6PM MON-FRI.
2. During the past three (3) years, there have been five (5) reported crashes at this intersection involving a southbound left-turning vehicle; however, one (1) was on a Saturday and two (2) were outside the peak-hour time frame.

ITEM NO. 4: Consider request to establish a MID-BLOCK PEDESTRIAN CROSSING on New Hampshire Street between 10th Street & 11th Street.

Staff Report:

1. Mid-block pedestrian crossings are currently provided on New Hampshire Street in the 600, 800 and 900 blocks; however, at each of these locations, the street width was reduced in order to shorten the crossing time for pedestrians and to provide better sight distance for both pedestrians and motorists.
2. Due to the drainage pattern along New Hampshire Street, it would require the removal of approximately 10 on-street parking spaces in order to reduce the width of the street and maintain drainage (Option No. 1).
3. An alternative would be to maintain the gutter along both sides of New Hampshire Street and to construct islands to reduce the width of the street (Option No. 2); this would require the removal of approximately four (4) on-street parking spaces.

ITEM NO. 5: Receive invitation from the Bicycle Advisory Committee to Coordinate on Bicycle & Pedestrian Issues and consider appointing a member of the Traffic Safety Commission to the Regional Pedestrian Plan Steering Committee.

ITEM NO. 6: Elect Chair of the Traffic Safety Commission for the period 1 July 2014 – 30 June 2015.

ITEM NO. 7: Elect Vice-Chair of the Traffic Safety Commission for the period 1 July 2014 – 30 June 2015.

ITEM NO. 8: Public Comment.

ITEM NO. 9: Commission Items.

ITEM NO. 10: Staff Items.

City of Lawrence
Traffic Safety Commission
June 2, 2014 Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Edwin Rothrock, Chair; John Ziegelmeyer, Jr., Vice-Chair;
Ryan Devlin; Travis Harrod, Jason Hoskinson, Steven
Koprince, Tracy Russell and Chris Storm

MEMBERS ABSENT: Stuart Boley

STAFF PRESENT: David Woosley, Public Works Department
Todd Girdler, Metropolitan Planning Organization

PUBLIC PRESENT: Beverly Fertig, Paul Graves, Stephen Maceli, Erin Paden

The meeting was called to order by Chair Edwin Rothrock at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room, City Hall, 6 E. 6th Street.

ITEM NO. 1:

Review and approve the minutes of the Traffic Safety Commission meeting, May 5, 2014.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DEVLIN, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROTHROCK, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING, MAY 5, 2014; THE MOTION CARRIED, 4-0-4.

ITEM NO. 2:

Consider request to mark and sign a CROSSWALK across the south leg of the intersection of 18th Street & Naismith Drive.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Public Comment:

Paul Graves, Deputy Director of Design & Construction Management, University of Kansas: A student was recently struck at this location and requested that the University pursue a marked crossing; the residence hall to the west houses over 500 students and the designated bus stop is on the east side of the street, as well as the student recreation center; we have reason to believe that there is a large number of students crossing at this location; we respectfully request that the crossing be marked.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ZIEGELMEYER, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DEVLIN, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS BE PERMITTED TO MARK AND SIGN A CROSSWALK ACROSS THE SOUTH LEG OF THE INTERSECTION OF 18TH STREET & NAISMITH DRIVE; THE MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.

ITEM NO. 3:

Consider request to establish NO LEFT TURN on southbound Tennessee Street at 23rd Street during specified hours.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Public Comment:

Beverly Fertig, 2227 Tennessee Street: It is often difficult to make a left-turn from Tennessee Street to 23rd Street and it is now getting increasingly more difficult; during peak times, it is so backed-up that people are at a standstill; that is why I am making this request and I think it should extend to 7pm; there have been times when I couldn't even get into my driveway because the traffic was backed-up.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Russell asked if Tennessee Street was wide enough to mark a separate left-turn lane; Woosley advised that it was probably 30 feet wide which would not provide a wide enough throat for vehicles turning from 23rd Street to Tennessee Street.

Commissioner Ziegelmeier asked where the restrictions were on 23rd Street; Woosley advised that they were at Ohio, Tennessee, Vermont and New Hampshire.

Commissioner Ziegelmeier asked if they were all 7-9am and 4-6pm; Woosley advised that they were.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER RUSSELL, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ZIEGELMEYER, TO RECOMMEND ESTABLISHING NO LEFT TURN 7-9AM & 4-6PM MON-FRI ON SOUTHBOUND TENNESSEE STREET AT 23RD STREET; THE MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.

ITEM NO. 4:

Consider request to establish a MID-BLOCK PEDESTRIAN CROSSING on New Hampshire Street between 10th Street & 11th Street.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Public Comment:

Stephen Maceli, 1031 New Hampshire Street: I think my letter was pretty clear; I don't have too much to add; after receiving the possible options from staff, I would say that sacrificing 10 parking spaces on that block is something we just can't do and drainage isn't too good now; I just wanted to have a conversation to see if there were viable options; I think it would be great for our block, but, it isn't something we have to have if it means creating other problems; I know that there will be more development in the block in the next few years.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Hoskins asked if Maceli owned the parking lot on the east side of the street; Maceli advised that he leases the lot.

Commissioner Rothrock: I would be tempted to say no at the moment, but, in the long-term, as more development takes place, there will be a need and may be able to be provided with re-development. It seems like a good idea whose time has not yet come.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ROTHROCK, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER RUSSELL, TO RECOMMEND DENYING THE REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A MID-BLOCK PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON NEW HAMPSHIRE STREET BETWEEN 10TH STREET & 11TH STREET; THE MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.

ITEM NO. 5:

Receive invitation from the Bicycle Advisory Committee to Coordinate on Bicycle & Pedestrian Issues and consider appointing a member of the Traffic Safety Commission to the Regional Pedestrian Plan Steering Committee.

Todd Girdler, Senior Transportation Planner, Lawrence-Douglas County MPO and Erin Paden, Member of the Lawrence-Douglas County Bicycle Advisory Committee invited the Traffic Safety Commission to designate a TSC Commissioner to help coordinate bicycle & pedestrian issues and another Commissioner to participate in the MPO Pedestrian Plan.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DEVLIN, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROTHROCK, TO DESIGNATE TRAVIS HARROD AS THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN COORDINATING ISSUES FORUM; THE MOTION CARRIED, 7-0-1.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARROD, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DEVLIN, TO DESIGNATE EDWIN ROTHROCK AS THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE TO THE MPO PEDESTRIAN PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE; THE MOTION CARRIED, 7-0-1.

ITEM NO. 6:

Elect Chair of the Traffic Safety Commission for the period 1 July 2014–30 June 2015.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ROTHROCK, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DEVLIN, TO ELECT JOHN ZIEGELMEYER JR. CHAIR OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 2014-30 JUNE 2015; THE MOTION CARRIED, 7-0-1.

ITEM NO. 7:

Elect Vice-Chair of the Traffic Safety Commission for the period 1 July 2014–30 June 2015.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER STORM, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER RUSSELL, TO ELECT RYAN DEVLIN VICE-CHAIR OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 2014-30 JUNE 2015; THE MOTION CARRIED, 7-0-1.

ITEM NO. 8:

Public Comment:

None.

ITEM NO. 9:

Commission Items:

None.

ITEM NO. 10:

Staff Items:

None.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission is Monday, July 7, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Woosley

David E. Woosley, P.E.
Transportation/Traffic Engineer

David Woosley

From: Graves, Paul <pgraves@ku.edu>
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 10:05 AM
To: David Woosley
Cc: Charles Soules
Subject: Request for crosswalk at Naismith & 18th
Attachments: Naismith & 18th crosswalk request.jpg

Chairperson and Members of the Lawrence Traffic Safety Commission:

On behalf of the University of Kansas, I respectfully request your favorable consideration of our proposal to install a signed and marked crosswalk on the south leg of the intersection of Naismith Drive & W. 18th Street. I've attached a sketch of the proposal.

On February 26, 2014, I received a request for this crosswalk from a student who had been struck by a vehicle that day while she was crossing from Oliver Residence Hall on the west to a bus top near the northeast corner of Naismith Hall (a private residence hall) on the east. Fortunately, the student said she was not badly injured.

We believe this proposed crosswalk is justified for the following reasons:

- High volumes of pedestrians cross at this location between Oliver Residence Hall and points east including the aforementioned bus stop, a large parking lot on the northeast corner of this intersection, the student recreation center at the northeast corner of 18th & Missouri, etc. The 2012 Lawrence Bike Count tallied averages of 849 bicycle and pedestrian trips in this block daily (over 25,000 monthly and over 300,000 annually); it did not indicate how many cross at this location but we anticipate it would be a significant percentage.
- There has been at least the aforementioned recent vehicle-pedestrian accident, and likely a history of other pedestrian crossing accidents at this location. If it would be helpful for the commission's consideration, I'd respectfully request David Woosley to provide accident data for this intersection.
- While there are already marked crosswalks mid-block on Naismith Drive between 19th and 18th Streets, and across Naismith at 19th, those crosswalks are not on a direct route between Oliver Residence Hall and points east, and pedestrians ordinarily do not go out of their way to use a marked crosswalk a half-block or whole-block away, which in this case would add at least one block of walking distance if pedestrians self-diverted to the mid-block crossing.
- The east and west approaches to the intersection of Naismith & 18th are stop-controlled, while vehicular traffic on Naismith Drive is not stop or yield controlled at this intersection, increasing the risk for pedestrians crossing Naismith.
- The east and west approaches to this intersection are two lanes wide, while Naismith Drive is four lanes wide with a narrow median, again increasing the risk for pedestrians crossing Naismith.
- While we know that a marked crosswalk does not actively prevent a distracted driver from not stopping, and a marked crosswalk might cause some pedestrians to have a false sense of security, we think that in most cases signing and marking the requested crosswalk will alert many more drivers to be more cautious in this area thus significantly improving pedestrian safety.

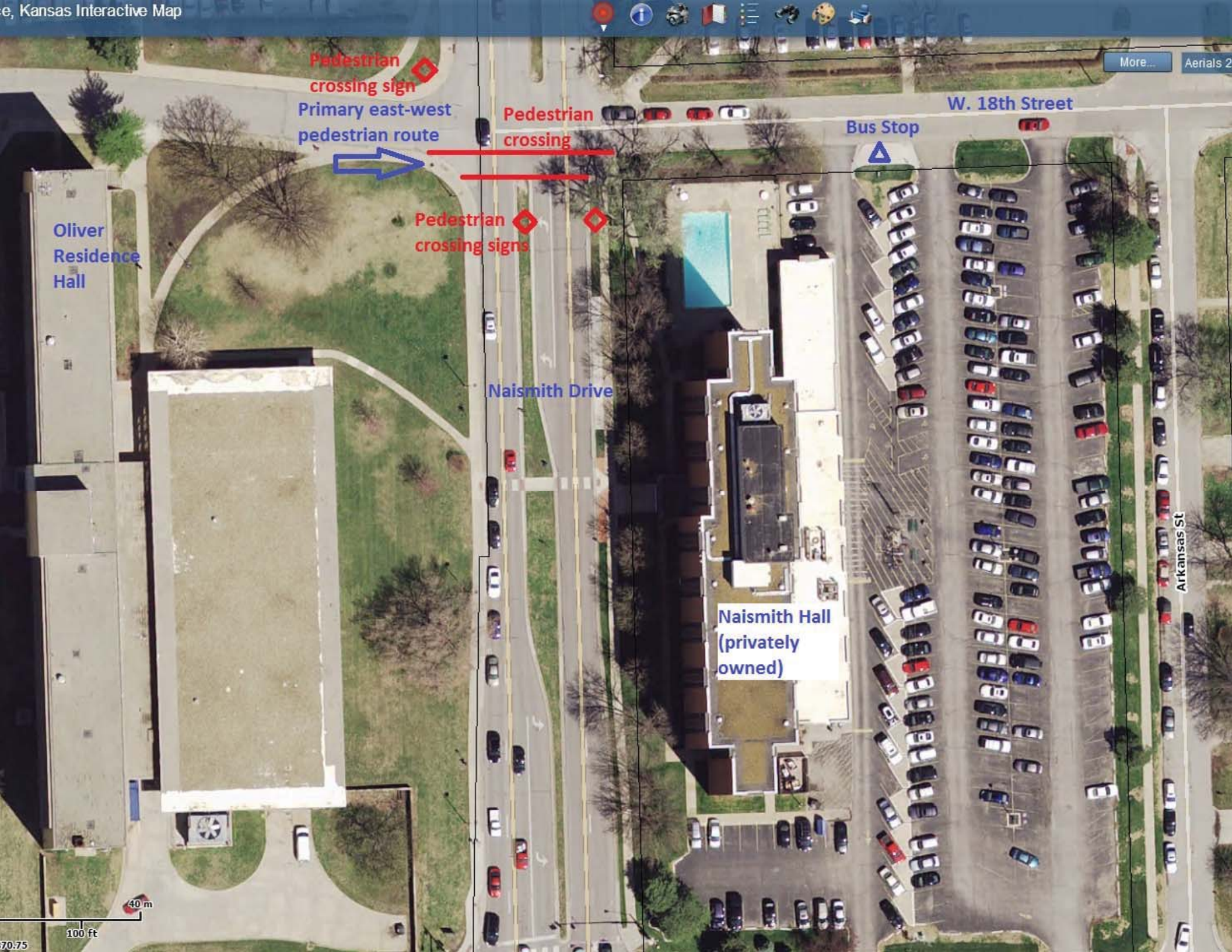
If the crosswalk is approved, KU will sign and mark it at no cost to the City – unless the City prefers to install it.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Paul Graves, P.E., Deputy Director

The University of Kansas | Office of Design & Construction Management

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Pedestrian crossing sign

Primary east-west pedestrian route

Pedestrian crossing

Bus Stop

W. 18th Street

Oliver Residence Hall

Pedestrian crossing signs

Naismith Drive

Naismith Hall (privately owned)

Arkansas St

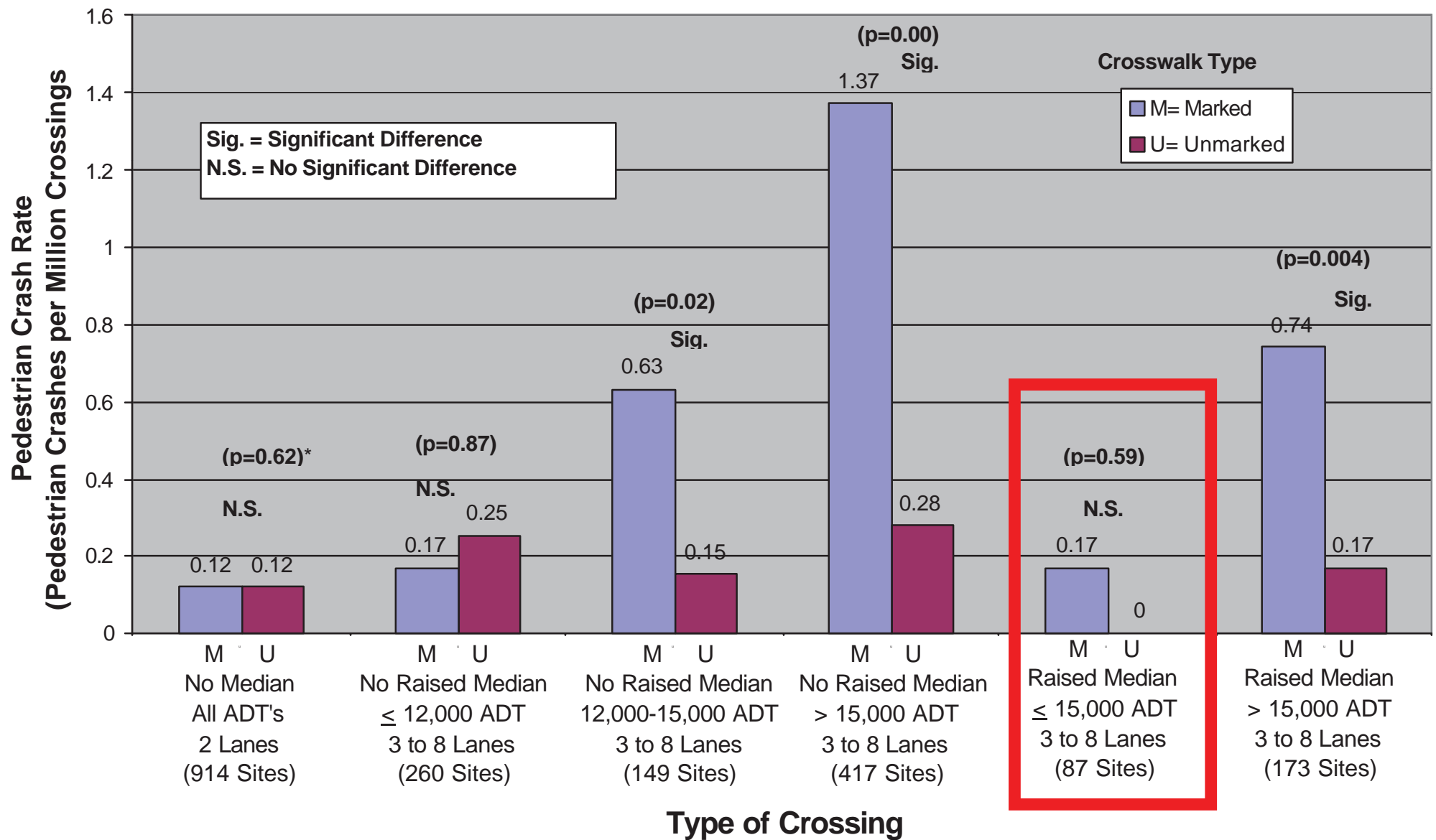
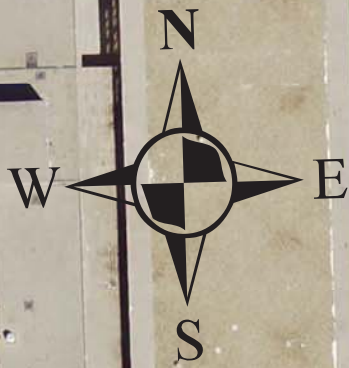
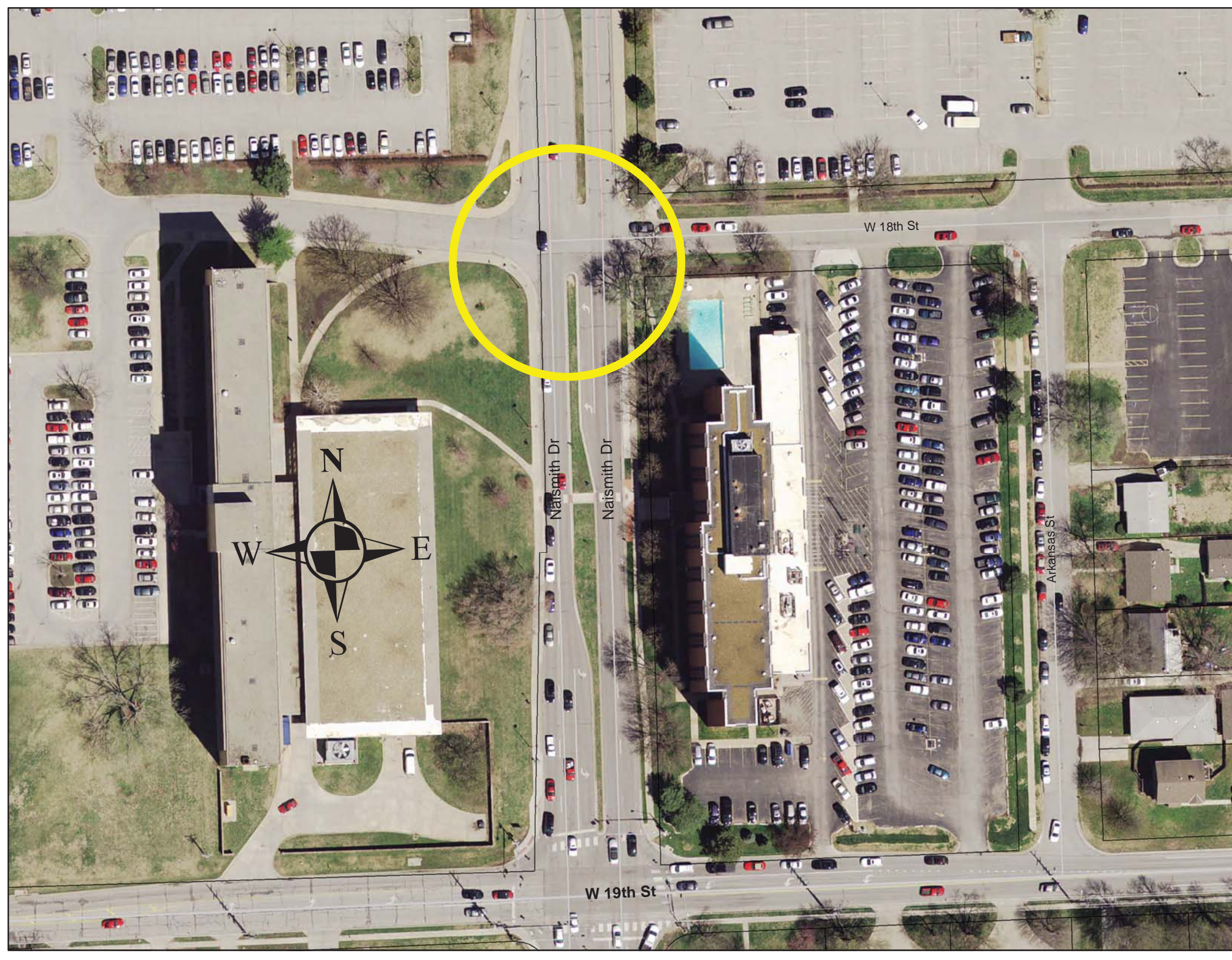


Figure 4. Pedestrian crash rate vs. type of crossing.



Naismith Dr

Naismith Dr

W 18th St

W 19th St

Arkansas St

David Woosley

From: Bev Fertig <bevfertig@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 25, 2014 12:27 PM
To: David Woosley
Subject: Discuss putting a no turn notice on Tennessee to 23rd Street

I would like to be on the agenda for your June meeting to discuss the possibility of putting a no turn onto 23rd Street from Tennessee during peak hours.

I live on Tennessee between 22nd and 23rd street. As it stands, during peak hours, allowing this creates such a back up for those wanting to turn right that sometimes, I am unable to get into my driveway. Now that there is construction at 23rd and Louisiana, it makes it even worse.

So, I propose not allowing that during peak hours.

I would like the opportunity to discuss this with the commission.

Thank you,

Beverly Fertig
bevfertig@gmail.com
2227 Tennessee
393-9330



W 22nd St

Ohio St

Tennessee St

Park Ave

South Dr

East Dr

W 23rd St

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Kentucky Ct

Vermont St

Louisiana St

Ohio St

Dakota St



David Woosley

From: Steve Maceli <Steve@macelis.com>
Sent: Friday, May 02, 2014 8:26 AM
To: David Woosley
Cc: Lara Komosa; Kasey Dietrich; Steve Maceli
Subject: Possible crosswalk on 1000 block of New Hampshire St.

Hello,

About 10 years ago when I opened Maceli's Banquet Hall on New Hampshire St., I called Mike Wildgen and asked that the parking space in front of my front steps be removed to make drop offs and pickups easier. He granted that request and also asked if I thought a crosswalk was necessary. At the time I did not think the block needed one as there was little activity in the block. After 10 years, times have changed. The number of events at Maceli's have quadrupled and Maceli's now rents the Allen Press lots across the street. The block will continue to change with the eventual redevelopment of the Allen Press property.

Over the past decade we have also seen the installation of crosswalks on 3 other blocks of NH by the LJW building, the Farmers' Market and the Art Center. What would be the possibility for you all to evaluate the 1000 block for a similar crosswalk? There is already a handicap ramp midblock that would serve the block well. I thank you in advance your consideration.

Sincerely,

Steve Maceli
Maceli's Banquet Hall & Catering

OPTION NO. 1

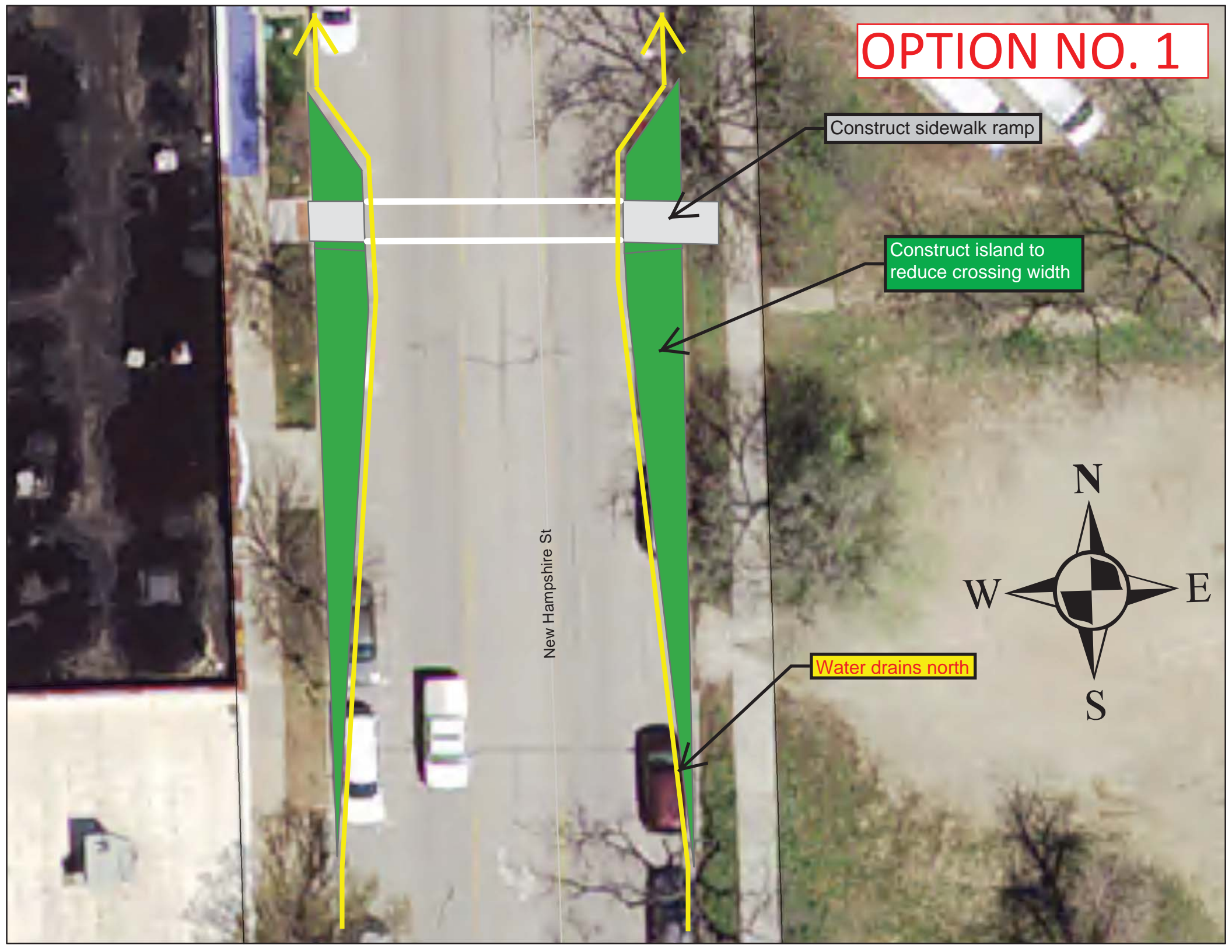
Construct sidewalk ramp

Construct island to
reduce crossing width

Water drains north



New Hampshire St



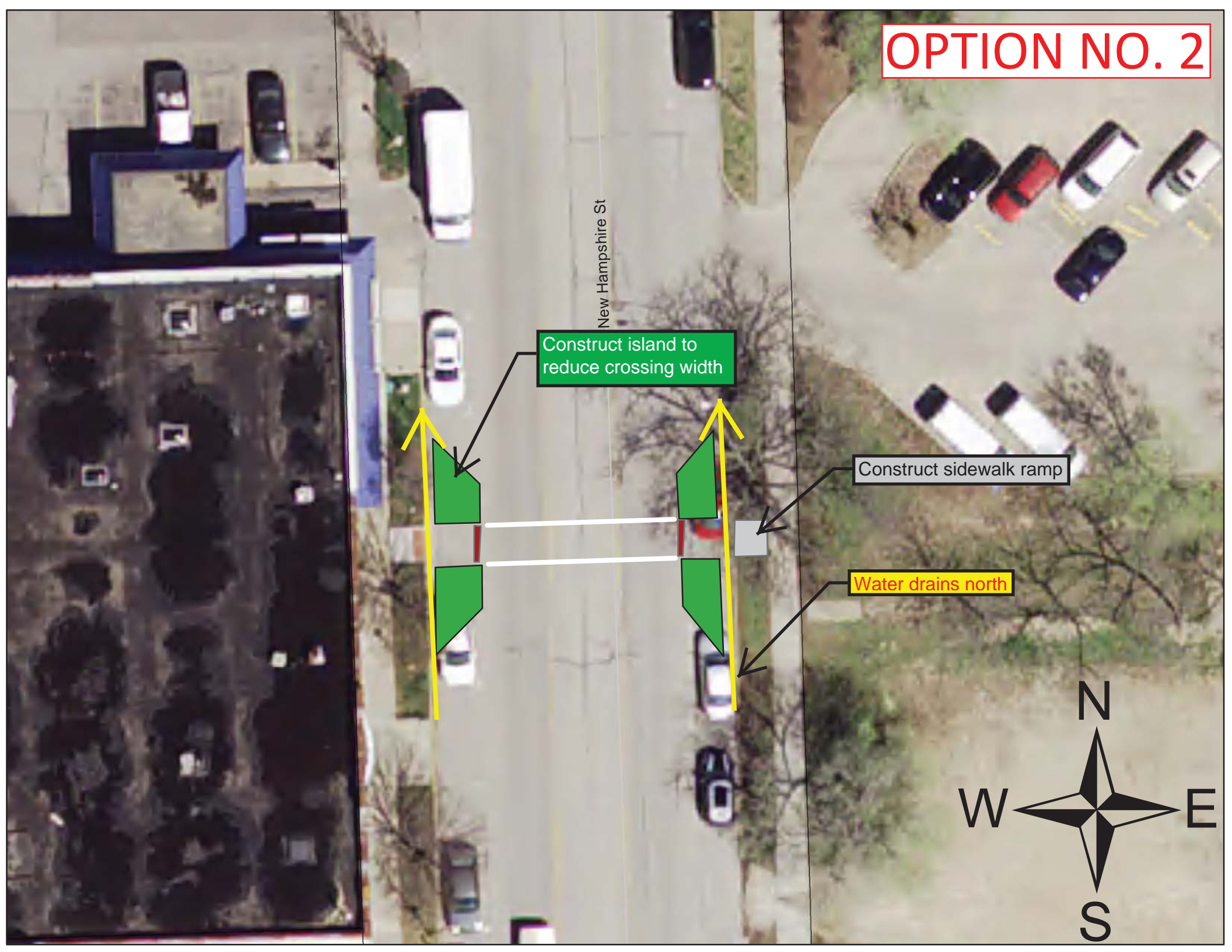
OPTION NO. 2

New Hampshire St

Construct island to
reduce crossing width

Construct sidewalk ramp

Water drains north



April 28, 2014



To: Traffic Safety Commission, Sustainability Advisory Board, and the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

The Lawrence-Douglas County Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) would like to better coordinate bicycle and pedestrian issues to increase parity. We would like to coordinate related existing committees and stakeholder groups around bicycle and pedestrian issues. BAC members are visiting local committees & work groups interested in bicycle & pedestrian issues to investigate their interest in a coordinated meeting to discuss bicycle & pedestrian issues and in improving and strengthening coordination on local efforts.

To date, BAC members have visited with the LiveWell Lawrence Healthy Built Environment Work Group and the Lawrence Pedestrian Coalition and have received support to coordinate issues. One particular common concern that was addressed was Safety, although there are others including but not limited to: education, encouragement, enforcement, engineering, funding infrastructure, and continued coordination and prioritization of issues.

There is local community support for coordinating bicycle and pedestrian issues and those desires for coordination have been documented during recent planning processes including the development of the Transportation 2040-Metropolitan Transportation Plan, the Countywide Bikeway System Plan, and the Douglas County Community Health Plan.

BAC Members would like to attend your group's meeting soon to and begin a dialogue with you about how we can coordinate our efforts and support each other as we work to build a more bicycle and pedestrian friendly community.

Please let us know when would be the best time for us to get on your agenda and discuss this coordination opportunity with you.

Thanks

Lisa Hallberg
Bicycle Advisory Committee Chair

David Woosley

From: Jessica Mortinger
Sent: Tuesday, May 13, 2014 8:21 AM
To: David Woosley; revarf@sunflower.com
Subject: Regional Pedestrian Plan
Attachments: Pedestrian Plan Steering Committee Invitation 5.13.14.pdf

Good Morning,

The Lawrence- Douglas County MPO will be kicking off a regional pedestrian planning process to explore sidewalk and pedestrian mobility issues in Lawrence, Eudora, Baldwin City and Lecompton.

Please let the MPO staff know if you or someone from your organization (Traffic Safety Commission) can serve on the pedestrian planning committee by June 13th by replying to this email with the appointed representative's name and contact information.

The attached invitation has additional information.

Thank you,

Jessica Mortinger, AICP, *Transportation Planner* - jmortinger@lawrenceks.org
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Subject: MPO Pedestrian Plan

The Lawrence Douglas County MPO will soon be kicking off a regional pedestrian planning process to explore sidewalk and pedestrian mobility issues in Lawrence, Eudora, Baldwin City and Lecompton. The MPO has drafted a committee to oversee the work of the study. Below is a description of each study part and attached is the list of steering committee participants. Please let the MPO staff know if you or someone from your organization can serve on the pedestrian planning committee by June 13th by replying to this email with the appointed representative's name and contact information.

History & Existing Conditions-

Over the last five to ten years the MPO staff and other local officials have sporadically worked on a sidewalk inventory and other pedestrian facilities planning in the region to identify gaps in the pedestrian network. Work on pedestrian system planning has been spotty with infrastructure needs and conditions mostly being studied as part of larger corridor or project plans. A holistic system wide plan for pedestrian mobility around the region has not been successfully completed yet.

Several pedestrian issues have since been discussed recently as part of the growing Complete Streets discussions in and around Lawrence (leading to the 2012 adoption of the Lawrence Complete Streets Policy¹) and as part of the MPO's Multimodal Studies Project² approved in early 2014. Active transport has become a discussion topic both locally in the Lawrence Area and on the national level as the relationships between public health and transportation choices are talked about more often. A complete assessment of the pedestrian/sidewalk environment in Douglas County still needs to be done, and with such sidewalk related discussion going on now it looks like 2014 will be a good year to complete a Regional Pedestrian Plan.

Plan Scoping & Project Boundaries - The creation of a coordinated Regional Pedestrian Plan includes strategies for making pedestrian facility investments and for confirming the importance



Regional Pedestrian Plan - Steering Committee

MPO approved 4-17-14

Organization	Designated by
Independence Inc. - Staff	Position
Independence Inc. Accessibility Taskforce	Taskforce Appointed
KDOT Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator	Position
Lawrence - Douglas County Bicycle Advisory Committee	Committee Appointment
Lawrence - Douglas County MPO Policy Board	Board Appointment
Lawrence - Douglas County Traffic Safety Commission	Commission Appointment
Lawrence Pedestrian Coalition	Coalition Appointment
Livewell Healthy Built Environment Work Group	Work Group Appointment
Public Transit Advisory Committee	Committee Appointment
Regional Transit Advisory Committee	Committee Appointment
University of Kansas - KU Accessibility & ADA Education	Position
University of Kansas - Student	Student Senate Appointment
City of Eudora	City Appointment
Baldwin City	City Appointment
Lecompton	City Appointment
Haskell Indian Nations University	Appointment

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Lawrence - Douglas County Health Department
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Lawrence Public Works
Lawrence Public Works
Lawrence - Douglas County MPO
Lawrence - Douglas County MPO
Lawrence Transit

¹ http://www.lawrenceks.org/mpo/complete_streets

² <http://www.lawrenceks.org/mpo/study>

of the walking environment in the multimodal transportation system. The Steering Committee will guide the staff's efforts which are planned to include:

- Work to update and/or create a countywide inventory of sidewalks and sidewalk conditions and map that information.
- Work to develop an online interactive mapping tool for public input about multimodal transportation infrastructure conditions and planning issues.
- Work to coordinate pedestrian planning efforts with the Countywide Bicycle System Plan, the Fixed Route Transit and Pedestrian Accessibility Study, and the Metropolitan Transportation Plan Transportation 2040³ (T2040).

The Regional Pedestrian Plan will identify a pedestrian network and recommendations for roadways designated as collector and above on the MPO-KDOT-FHWA Roadway Functional Classification Map⁴.

There are some basic expectations of things that the plan should address including:

- Identification of best practices for pedestrian facility construction and maintenance and their possible use in Douglas County.
- Evaluation of the existing pedestrian facility conditions and identifying gaps in the sidewalk/pathway network on roadways designated collector and above at a minimum.
- Identification of potential walking routes that include access to major destinations and links to other modes of transportation, including bus service, and park & ride lots.
- Drafting of new or revised policies, programs and projects designed to make Douglas County more Pedestrian/Walk Friendly in the 5 E's (Engineering, Education, Encouragement, Enforcement and Evaluation).
- Developing an implementation plan, including funding sources and partnerships.
- Identifying a set of action steps for the local governments to continue integrating pedestrian planning into community and transportation planning processes, and to complete identified projects.

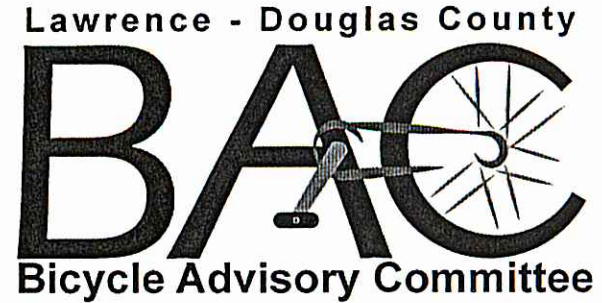
This effort to create a regional scale of system planning for the pedestrian infrastructure along all regionally significant roadways (i.e. collector and higher class roads) within Douglas County will be an open process that welcomes public input and adheres to the MPO's Public Participation Plan⁵.

³ <http://www.lawrenceks.org/mpo/t2040>

⁴ <http://www.lawrenceks.org/assets/mpo/T2040/fcnclass2012.pdf>

⁵ http://www.lawrenceks.org/mpo/public_participation

**Bicycle & Pedestrian
Coordinating Issues Forum
Monday June 23, 2014
5-7 p.m.**



at the Lawrence Union Pacific Depot (402 North 2nd St)

The Lawrence-Douglas County Bicycle Advisory Committee invites the Traffic Safety Commission, Sustainability Advisory Committee, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, Lawrence Pedestrian Coalition, LiveWell Lawrence and other stakeholders to participate in a discussion regarding improved coordination of bicycling and pedestrian issues.

For more information, contact Jessica Mortinger at jmortinger@lawrenceks.org.