

City of Lawrence

Traffic Safety Commission

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October 5, 2015 Agenda

7:00 PM - City Commission Room, City Hall

COMMISSION MEMBERS: Ryan Devlin, Chair; Chris Storm, Vice-Chair; Dave Crawford; Travis Harrod; Jason Hoskinson; Tony Jones; Steven Koprince; and, John Ziegelmeier Jr.

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, July 6, 2015.

ITEM NO. 2: Consider establishing TRAFFIC CONTROL on Bauer Lane at Bauer Farm Drive.

Staff Report:

1. The intersection of Bauer Farm Drive & Bauer Lane is a "T" intersection; however, the commercial property on the north side of the street has constructed a driveway at the intersection directly in-line with Bauer Lane.
2. There have not been any reported crashes at the intersection; however, recessed angle-parking on the southwest corner of the intersection restricts the sight distance of northbound traffic.
3. It is recommended that a YIELD sign be installed for northbound traffic.

ITEM NO. 3: Consider establishing a MID-BLOCK PEDESTRIAN CROSSING on Vermont Street between 7th Street & 8th Street.

Staff Report:

1. MID-BLOCK PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS have been established at a number of locations downtown on Massachusetts Street and on New Hampshire Street; in each case, the curb-line was extended in order to shorten the amount of time a pedestrian is in the street; and, to increase visibility for both pedestrians and motorists.
2. Preliminary data shows that a similar crossing can be provided in the 700 Block of Vermont Street; however, it will require the relocation of two (2) ADA parking spaces on the west side of the street, and a reduction in the amount of curb space for Transit Buses on the east side of the street.

ITEM NO. 4: Consider request to establish NO PARKING along the north and east sides of the curve from Riverview Road to Settlers Drive.

Staff Report:

1. Parking is currently prohibited along the inside of the curve a distance of 140 feet west and south of the intersection.
2. There have not been any reported crashes at this location during the past three (3) years.

ITEM NO. 5: Consider request for TRAFFIC CALMING in the 2300 block of Vermont Street.

Staff Report:

1. Vermont Street is classified as a "local" street in a residential area with a speed limit of 30mph, as provided by state law.
2. The City's Traffic Calming Policy permits traffic calming devices to be placed on local streets if the 85th percentile speed of traffic is 5mph or greater over the speed limit; or, if the 24-hour 2-way volume of traffic is greater than 1000.

3. Traffic data obtained on September 15-16, found the 85th percentile speed of traffic to be approximately 34.07mph and the volume of traffic to be approximately 377.
4. Therefore, it appears that this location does not meet the minimum criteria for consideration of TRAFFIC CALMING.

ITEM NO. 6: Consider request for TRAFFIC CALMING on Kanza Drive between Harvard Road & Wagstaff Drive.

Staff Report:

1. Kanza Drive is classified as a "local" street in a residential area with a speed limit of 30mph, as provided by state law.
2. The City's Traffic Calming Policy permits traffic calming devices to be placed on local streets if the 85th percentile speed of traffic is 5mph or greater over the speed limit; or, if the 24-hour 2-way volume of traffic is greater than 1000.
3. Traffic data obtained on September 16-17, found the 85th percentile speed of traffic to be approximately 32.74mph and the volume of traffic to be approximately 502.
4. Therefore, it appears that this location does not meet the minimum criteria for consideration of TRAFFIC CALMING.

ITEM NO. 7: Consider establishing TRAFFIC CONTROL at the intersection of 18th Street & Vermont Street.

Staff Report:

1. The intersection of 18th Street & Vermont Street is a "T" intersection; there have not been any reported crashes at the intersection during the past three (3) years.
2. However, sight distance for eastbound drivers to see pedestrians approaching from the north is very restricted; therefore, it is recommended that a STOP sign be installed for eastbound traffic.

ITEM NO. 8: Consider establishing TRAFFIC CONTROL at the intersection of 5th Street & Ohio Street.

Staff Report:

1. 5th Street and Ohio Street are both "local" streets in a residential area with a speed limit of 30mph, as established by state law.
2. Visibility is restricted due to the built-up nature of the area.
3. Since Ohio Street is a Dead End north of the intersection, it is likely that there is significantly more traffic on 5th Street than there is on Ohio Street.
4. There has been one (1) reported crash at this intersection during the past three (3) years.
5. It is recommended that YIELD signs be established on Ohio Street at 5th Street.

ITEM NO. 9: Consider establishing STOP signs on the 23rd Street Frontage Road at the access point west of O'Connell Road.

Staff Report:

1. When VenturePark opened, it included a connection to the 23rd Street Frontage Road via Venture Park Way, where little, if any, traffic existed before.
2. With additional traffic on the Frontage Road, it is necessary to provide control since it is very difficult for westbound traffic on the Frontage Road to see westbound traffic on 23rd Street that is turning onto the Frontage Road.
3. It is recommended that STOP signs be established on the Frontage Road at the access to 23rd Street.

ITEM NO. 10: Public Comment.

ITEM NO. 11: Commission Items.

ITEM NO. 12: Staff Items.

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October 5, 2015 Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ryan Devlin, Chair; Chris Storm, Vice-Chair; Dave Crawford; Travis Harrod; Jason Hoskinson; Tony Jones; Steven Koprince; and, John Ziegelmeier, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: David Woosley, Public Works Department

PUBLIC PRESENT: Chris Burger, Lene Brooke, Nancy Peterson, Barry Molineux, Papa Diop, Loretta Ybarra, Joe Yoder, Scott Kimzey, Whitney Rawls and Jeff McDaniel

The meeting was called to order by Ryan Devlin 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, July 6, 2015.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HOSKINSON, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING, JULY 6, 2015; THE MOTION CARRIED, 7-0-1.

ITEM NO. 2:

Consider establishing TRAFFIC CONTROL on Bauer Lane at Bauer Farm Drive.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Public Comments:

No public comment.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Koprince stated that he supported the request.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KOPRINCE, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER STORM, TO RECOMMEND ESTABLISHING A YIELD SIGN FOR NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC ON BAUER LANE AT BAUER FARM DRIVE; THE MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.

ITEM NO. 3:

Consider establishing a MID-BLOCK PEDESTRIAN CROSSING on Vermont Street between 7th Street & 8th Street.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Public Comments:

Chris Burger, 521 Tennessee, indicated that it was a good idea; however, it should be designed to accommodate bicyclists.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioners Crawford, Harrod, Jones and Hoskinson indicated support for the request.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DEVLIN, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD, TO RECOMMEND ESTABLISHING A MID-BLOCK PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON VERMONT STREET BETWEEN 7TH STREET & 8TH STREET; THE MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.

ITEM NO. 4:

Consider request to establish NO PARKING along the north and east sides of the curve from Riverview Road to Settlers Drive.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Public Comments:

Lene Brooke, 3101 Riverview Road, stated that it was downhill both directions and slick in the winter.

Nancy Peterson, 3013 Riverview Road, stated that you cannot see around the curve, it is very icy in the winter, and mailboxes have been hit numerous times; it is an accident waiting to happen.

Barry Molineux, 3030 Riverview Road, stated that it is potentially dangerous for first time users.

Papa Diop, 3000 Riverview Road, stated there was already no parking on the inside of the curve, the outside doesn't create a blind spot, there would be no parking for guests for four houses if implemented, and there isn't much traffic, just residents.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioners Harrod and Jones indicated that traffic speeds may increase if parking is removed.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARROD, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ZIEGELMEYER, TO RECOMMEND DENYING THE REQUEST TO ESTABLISH NO PARKING ON THE NORTH AND EAST SIDES OF THE CURVE FROM RIVERVIEW ROAD TO SETTLERS DRIVE; THE MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.

ITEM NO. 5:

Consider request for TRAFFIC CALMING in the 2300 block of Vermont Street.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Public Comments:

Loretta Ybarra, 2321 Vermont Street, and Joe Yoder, 2322 Vermont Street, spoke in support of the request.

Commission Discussion:

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KOPRINCE, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER STORM, TO RECOMMEND DENYING THE REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC CALMING IN THE 2300 BLOCK OF VERMONT STREET; THE MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ZIEGELMEYER, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER STORM, TO REDO THE TRAFFIC COUNT AND CONDUCT A CUT-THROUGH STUDY FOR THE 2300 BLOCK OF VERMONT STREET; THE MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.

ITEM NO. 6:

Consider request for TRAFFIC CALMING on Kanza Drive between Harvard Road & Wagstaff Drive.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Public Comments:

Scott Kimzey, 1123 Kanza Drive, Jeff McDaniel, 1127 Kanza Drive, and Whitney Rawls, 1126 Kanza Drive, spoke in support of the request.

Commission Discussion:

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ZIEGELMEYER, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HARROD, TO REDO THE TRAFFIC COUNT OVER A WEEKEND, FRIDAY-MONDAY; THE MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.

ITEM NO. 7:

Consider establishing TRAFFIC CONTROL at the intersection of 18th Street & Vermont Street.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Public Comments:

One citizen spoke in support of the request and requested that the sign be placed in advance of the crosswalk.

Commission Discussion:

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KOPRINCE, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOSKINSON, TO RECOMMEND ESTABLISHING A STOP SIGN ON 18TH STREET AT VERMONT STREET; THE MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.

ITEM NO. 8:

Consider establishing TRAFFIC CONTROL at the intersection of 5th Street & Ohio Street.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Public Comments:

No public comment.

Commission Discussion:

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARROD, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DEVLIN, TO RECOMMEND ESTABLISHING YIELD SIGNS ON OHIO STREET AT 5TH STREET; THE MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.

ITEM NO. 9:

Consider establishing STOP signs on the 23rd Street Frontage Road at the access point west of O'Connell Road.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Public Comments:

No public comment.

Commission Discussion:

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ZIEGELMEYER, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HARROD, TO RECOMMEND ESTABLISHING STOP SIGNS ON THE 23RD STREET FRONTAGE ROAD AT THE ACCESS POINT WEST OF O'CONNELL ROAD; THE MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.

ITEM NO. 10:

Public Comment.

No public comment.

ITEM NO. 11:

Commission Items:

No Commission Items.

ITEM NO. 12:

Staff Items:

No Staff Items.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission is Monday, November 2, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

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