

Carolyn Hicks

From: lisabaxter58@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, November 02, 2015 5:03 PM
To: Mark Thiel
Subject: Meeting to discuss Indian Hills Neighborhood traffic

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Mark,

My husband and I are unable to attend the meeting on November the 12th. We'd like to voice our opinion on the flow of traffic.

We live on the last dead end street off of Oushdaul,

since the 4 way stop on Ridge Court and 27th, it slows down traffic making it SO much easier for us to get on to 27th,

We would LOVE to see that 4 way stop be permanent. The 3 way stop at 27th and Louisiana makes life easier also.

We'd LOVE to see that be permanent also.

Thank You,

Bob and Lisa Baxter

1611 West 28th Terrace

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Carolyn Hicks

From: bridget clifford <bridgetjclifford@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 04, 2015 8:43 PM
To: Mark Thiel
Subject: new pedestrian crossing at Naismith Valley Park - Indian Hill Neighborhood Traffic

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Dear Mark,

I am the homeowner of 1502 W. 27th St., the property directly next the Naismith Valley Park where the new pedestrian crosswalk was just installed. I am contacting you regarding the lights that are being used at that crosswalk. They are insanely, ridiculously bright - much brighter than any of the other street lights in our neighborhood or on our block. What gives? And why TWO? It's 8:33 PM and the light through our windows makes it look like it's the middle of the afternoon. I understand and appreciate many of the efforts made by the city to control the traffic on 27th Street but I can't imagine the park is traversed that often during the evening to warrant our home being lit up like there's a ballpark outside our door. Do the lights have to be so BRIGHT? A dimmer perhaps? During certain hours? A less harsh, gentler lamp like the rest of the street lights on our block? Our bedrooms are located on the side of the house next to the park and it is really frustrating to have those lamps shining through our windows all night long.

We have dealt with a myriad of inconveniences as a result of this crosswalk being installed and were able to tolerate a lot of it because it was temporary. Please tell me we will not have live with those lights as long as we are in this home. Please tell me there is something that can be done.

Bridget Clifford

Carolyn Hicks

From: Barbara Hillmer <carlynhillmer@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2015 4:02 PM
To: Mark Thiel
Cc: Barbara Hillmer
Subject: Indian Hills neighborhood traffic

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Mr. Thiel,

I had very much hoped to be able to attend the public meeting this afternoon to discuss traffic calming in the Indian Hills neighborhood, but some work-related matters have come up that are going to make that impossible. But I am very interested in this information, so if there is some way I could find out what is discussed, I would welcome that opportunity.

I do hope that the City's response and traffic "options" are not overly aggressive. I am concerned that a vocal minority conveys the perception that there is a need for additional traffic calming in the neighborhood. With the exception of Louisiana St., which handles more traffic, I do not believe the neighborhood needs additional "calming."

But I look forward to hearing the results and plans for the neighborhood. Thank you and I will look forward to hearing from you.

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Barbara Hillmer
2533 Jasu Dr.

Carolyn Hicks

From: Norm Slade <slade@ku.edu>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2015 8:32 AM
To: Mark Thiel
Subject: Stop signs on 27th street

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I want to strongly support making the stop signs the intersections of 27th street with Ridge Court and Louisiana permanent.

The cross walk at Naismith Valley is excellent. I drive through there twice a day and rarely encounter ped or bike cross traffic so stopping every time seems unnecessary. I also cross there on a bike or foot often and the signal will be useful at times but much cross traffic can proceed with no delay. In answer to your question at the meeting last night, in general traffic seems to be reasonable now that both 23rd and 31st are open.

Norman Slade
616 W. 29th Place
Lawrence

Carolyn Hicks

From: Amy <aekarr@sunflower.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2015 11:05 AM
To: Mark Thiel
Subject: Indian Hills traffic & meeting

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Good morning Mr. Thiel,

My name is Amy Montrose and my family has been residing in the Indian Hills neighborhood since we bought our home in July 2008. My daughter is now in 3rd grade at Broken Arrow and she walks or bikes to and from school each day.

I was unable to attend the public meeting last Thursday, Nov. 12th due to serious health issues that I'm currently having with my heart. I wanted to know what the outcome of this meeting was, especially since my husband & I have concerns about taking the stop signs out on Louisiana at 27th Street.

I was disappointed that I was unable to attend, especially since I feel so strongly about keeping the 3 way stop signs at 27th/Louisiana.

Drivers already drive more than 30 mph on Louisiana and the above mentioned stop signs not only make them slow down & stop on Louisiana, but also make it much safer for both children and adults that are using the crosswalk to walk north/south across that intersection to walk to Broken Arrow or the park.

I appreciate your time and look forward to hearing the response and results of last Thursday's meeting.

Amy Montrose
609 Seabrook Place
785-550-7044

~Amy Montrose

"If you get confused just listen to the music play"

Carolyn Hicks

From: Sally Brandt <sbrandt96@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sunday, November 22, 2015 2:16 PM
To: Mark Thiel
Subject: 27th Street issues

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Hi, Mark,

Thank you for organizing another neighborhood meeting to discuss the changes in the traffic issues on 27th street. The much smaller attendance at this meeting compared to the meeting in May is evidence that the level of frustration in the neighborhood has dramatically dropped. Thanks to you and other city leaders for the changes to 27th street - the new sidewalks, the stop signs, the cross walk and speed bump - that have made it much more pleasant to live in this neighborhood. Of, course, the opening of 31st street was also a help, but the speedy and positive response by the City to the neighborhood concerns is much appreciated.

I would like to plead for the stop signs at 27th and Louisiana and at 27th and Ridge Court to be made permanent. Getting onto Louisiana or getting out of the Park Hill neighborhood is much easier and safer since the advent of the 27th and LA stop signs. Getting onto 27th street from Ridge Court or Ousdahl was almost impossible at high traffic times and has also been much improved and made safer since the stop signs on 27th at Ridge court went up. There was a very positive vote by the neighbors in attendance at the last meeting to ask the City Commission to keep those stop signs in place permanently. I hope you will report the wishes of the neighborhood to the City Commission.

Again, thank you for all you have done to expedite changes that have made the Indian Hills neighborhood safer and more pleasant. We appreciate all you do for the City of Lawrence.

Sally and John Brandt
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Carolyn Hicks

From: Bill Hays <empakai@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 22, 2015 7:14 PM
To: Mark Thiel
Subject: 27th and Louisiana Stop Sign

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Mark,

I live in the Park Hill neighbor and use the intersection of 27th St., Louisiana and Park Hill Terrace frequently. I am firmly in favor of making the stop sign at that location permanent. Here are some reasons:

1. The intersection was always, at best, awkward, with Park Hill Terrace and 27th St. offset and Louisiana uncontrolled at that point but with a stop and school zone a short block away. When traffic backed up from Broken Arrow and South, getting out of Park Hill was more than frustrating. Traffic moves much better now on 27th and Park Hill when school is adjourning, with no loss for those on Louisiana other than taking their turn.
2. The roadwork this summer on Louisiana included changing the entry to Park Hill terrace by flattening the roadway to continue the plane of the sidewalk. I think this is a great improvement. It's safer for the children to cross on their way to school, it slows down traffic entering and leaving the neighborhood (acting as kind of a speed bump) and I expect it to make it easier to leave the neighborhood on snowy days when the braking on the old incline could be pretty nerve wracking. With the stop sign in place entering and leaving at the slower speed required by the new "speed bump" is calm and predictable. Before the stop sign, and especially when school traffic was not causing a slow down, cars heading north on Louisiana were accelerating with nothing ahead to slow them down until 23d St. South bound traffic was often in a hurry as well. Now that it takes longer to exit and enter Park Hill, the new stop sign is much appreciated.
3. Everyone is familiar with and obeys the stop sign. This was definitely not the case for the first couple of months. Several times I experienced cars both north and south bound on Louisiana that completely ignored the stop sign, despite all the signage that called attention to its presence.
4. The intersection is in and/or at the beginning of a school zone. As I sit here I can't recall precisely where the zone begins and ends and when the 20mph is in effect, but I do know it extends down the hill on 27th. Making this stop sign permanent certainly enhances the safety of the TWO schools just south of the intersection.
5. This stop sign does not impair the traffic flow, it enhances it. South bound traffic is slowing for the school zone and Indian Hills stop sign anyway. North bound traffic does have another stop, but any loss of flow to those drivers is offset by the regular flow through the intersection of traffic from 27th St and Park Hill Terrace. My impression is that the new stop sign has created an intersection that works very well.
6. There has been and will continue to be more traffic on Louisiana and 27th. The stop sign was critical when 31st St was closed and 27th took the south bound traffic to Iowa. Although 31st St. is now open, the new Mennard's and other developments that are sure to come, mean more traffic. More traffic means

more congestion and more aggressive driving. The stop sign controls the congestion by allowing systematic access through the intersection for the cars on 27th. A driver, like me, east bound on 27th who desires to turn onto Park Hill Terrace after crossing Louisiana, (see 1. above), had a heck of a time when Louisiana St, traffic wasn't required to stop or yield. Now that problem is solved, a problem that would only have gotten worse with the increased traffic and will be worse if the stop sign is removed.

I hope we can keep the stop sign. I don't think anyone would see much benefit if it was removed.

Thanks,

Bill

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Bill Hays
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Carolyn Hicks

From: Potter, Sarah Jo <spotter@ku.edu>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2015 10:31 AM
To: Mark Thiel
Subject: 3-way stop at 27th and Louisiana -- like it! Want it to be permanent!

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Mr. Thiel:

I just learned that the 3-way stop at 27th & Louisiana was installed on a temporary basis. I am writing with the hope that it can be made permanent.

Thank you.

Sarah Potter
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Lawrence, KS 66046

Carolyn Hicks

From: Jacqueline Pierce <jaci.pierce@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2015 2:20 PM
To: Mark Thiel
Subject: comment on 3-way stop at Louisiana and 27th

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Hi Mr. Thiel,

As a resident of the Park Hill neighborhood I wanted to write in support of the idea of making permanent the 3-way stop at Louisiana and 27th. This arrangement has made traffic in the area much more manageable at school times, during which it is has been nearly impossible to exit from our neighborhood onto Louisiana. The stop signs also help tremendously in allowing people to turn left from 27th onto Louisiana, which has been historically challenging at all times of the day.

Thanks, and Happy Thanksgiving!

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Carolyn Hicks

From: Donald Watkins <amaqua5@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2015 4:10 PM
To: Mark Thiel
Cc: mkhead53@gmail.com
Subject: three-way stop at Louisiana and 27th St.

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Dear Mr. Thiel,

The temporary three-way stop at La. St. and 27th has made driving so much safer. Traffic has been slowed on a street which otherwise permits a dangerous race between 31st and 23rd St. The steady and dense traffic at some times of day otherwise frustrates drivers trying to get on Louisiana from east-west side streets. They often turn hazardingly in their frustration.

The completion of new 31st has not seriously decreased traffic on 27th St. It continues to be a well-travelled route between La. and Iowa. The temporary stop signs in question allow drivers to safely enter Louisiana from EB 27th St and to enter 27th St. from NB Louisiana.

Similarly, the three-way stop gives drivers entering Louisiana from side streets between 27 St. and its junction with 23rd an improved chance of getting on Louisiana quickly and safely.

Traffic on 27th St. has been calmed by new stop signs and road bumps. It would be ironic if traffic on Louisiana were allowed to return to its dangerous former condition by the removal of the temporary stop signs. My wife and I strongly favor making these stop signs permanent safety devices.

Thanks!

Donald K. Watkins and Mary K. Head
508 Oklahoma St.

Carolyn Hicks

From: Andrea Bowen <bowen.andrea785@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2015 8:04 PM
To: Mark Thiel
Subject: 3 way stop on Louisiana and 27th

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Please keep stop signs here traffic on 27th and schools Broken Arrow and South all need these stop signs to keep traffic flowing, before the stop signs existed I sometimes had to wait 4 minutes or more just to get through to 31st, 27th or Louisiana Streets.

Carolyn Hicks

From: Mary Yoder <mrsyoder@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2015 8:09 PM
To: Mark Thiel
Subject: traffic flow opinion

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To Mark Thiel,

My name is Mary Yoder and I live on Park Hill Terrace, just east of the intersection of 27th Street and Louisiana St. I am writing regarding the upcoming decision by the City Council of whether to keep the above intersection as a three-way stop or to remove the stop signs on Louisiana Street - as it was before all the construction began. Our neighborhood just east of there had a great deal of problem using Park Hill Terrace and Utah to get out of our neighborhood before the three-way stop was introduced. It has been a great relief to all of us to have the traffic slowed down so that we could turn left onto Louisiana. **I respectfully request that you consider keeping the three-way stop as it is.** Not only does it give our neighborhood some exit relief, but those that use 27th to drive to Broken Arrow and South will have an easier time turning right during high traffic times before and after school.

Thank you so much in advance for considering this.

Mary Yoder

Carolyn Hicks

From: Joni Bontrager <jonibontrager@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2015 2:27 PM
To: Mark Thiel
Subject: Three way stop at Louisiana and 27th

I live on the NE corner of Louisiana and Park Hill which gives me a keen vantage point to observe traffic. A large number of the vehicles traveling north and south do not observe the stop signs that are currently there. As an outdoor person I see and hear daily the repercussions of their failure to do so. I've observed multiple accidents and lots of horn honking as a result of this behavior. At night no one stops! Traffic is flowing quite nicely now with 31st street open. Yes, it does get a bit congested during school drop off and pick up hours but that is to be expected. I might add that this is the time of day when 99% of those driving vehicles follow the law and actually stop. I am no expert on traffic flow so I will leave it to those who are to make the best decision. Just thought I would let you know what i see.

Joni Bontrager

Carolyn Hicks

From: K M <prairiescaper@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 29, 2015 3:53 PM
To: Mark Thiel
Subject: Louisiana & 27th St Stop Sign

Mr. Thiel, we understand that you are accepting comments re. the temporary 3-way stop at Louisiana and 27th Streets. With the amount of traffic moving through this intersection, we believe the stop signs on both Louisiana Street and on 27th Street really need to stay. Traffic coming off of and turning onto 27th Street has increased, and traffic coming traveling on Louisiana between 23rd and 31st Streets has and will likely continue to increase. Traffic could be too fast and heavy on the 2-lane stretch of Louisiana with numerous side-access points, causing a problem for 27th Street drivers (and others). Retaining this 3-way stop will allow controlled turns, and will also act as a speed calmer. During school hours, there is increased traffic from all directions and the need to ensure a safe crossing point for students. Another consideration is slowing traffic for residents who need to turn onto Louisiana (we need access from Park Hill Terrace), since there are times of day that the stop signs seem to be the only thing interrupting and slowing traffic flow enough to allow access from nearby side streets and driveways.

Thank you for your consideration of our opinion.

- Kerry Morris & Tony Vargas
315 Park Hill Terrace
Lawrence, KS 66046

Carolyn Hicks

From: Cary Phillips <camima@sunflower.com>
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2015 2:15 PM
To: Mark Thiel
Subject: Louisiana and 27th stop

Mr. Thiel,

I would like to add my support for leaving the stop signs on the corner of Louisiana and 27th St./Park Hill Terrace in place. That intersection has always been a difficult one for drivers on 27th St. or Park Hill Terrace to enter Louisiana St. In addition, there are so many student pedestrians that cross all of those streets. The stop signs very much help to slow the traffic down making it easier for them to cross. I feel that if the stop signs are removed the intersection will revert back to the safety hazard that it once was.

Thank you,

Cary Phillips
2560 Montana St.
Lawrence, KS

Carolyn Hicks

From: Alex L <hawklet00@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 01, 2015 10:15 PM
To: Mark Thiel
Subject: 27th and louisiana stop signs

Mr. Thiel,

I think that the stop signs placed at 27th and Louisiana have been the only stop signs on 27th that have made any sense, and should be made permanent. Turning on to Louisiana from 27th is hazardous at best, and those stop signs have made it much better. Additionally, even though there is the tunnel under Louisiana, some people still cross the street rather than using that tunnel.

I would very much appreciate the city keeping those stop signs where they are and not remove them. Please let me know if you need anything else.

Sincerely,

Alex Landazuri
2513 Louisiana

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

Carolyn Hicks

From: Sherry Muirhead <smuir48@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 04, 2015 1:36 PM
To: Mark Thiel
Subject: Three way stop at Louisiana & 27th Street

I hope I am not too late to register my voice concerning the three way stop at Louisiana St & 27th. It has been a great benefit to the area and I hope it will be permanent.

I live on Park Hill Terrace and the 3way stop makes it much easier to access Louisiana from Park Hill. It makes the intersection much safer than it was without the 3 way stop.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Carolyn Hicks

From: John Bowen <jbowen@sunflower.com>
Sent: Friday, December 04, 2015 10:31 PM
To: Mark Thiel
Subject: Re Stop signs at 27th Street and Louisiana/ 27th Street and Ridge Court.

Both will slow traffic for the neighborhood and Schools for safety.

For 27th Street and Louisiana

- 1 Traffic can turn with less problem
- 2 To come off 27th Street you do not have traffic coming so fast down Louisiana that you cannot easy make a turn onto Louisiana Street. I found this to be a problem before the Stop signs were put in.
- 3 For walking traffic it make it better to get across the streets with stop signs safely.

Thanks for your help and time

John Bowen
403 Dakota Street
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Email jbowen@sunflower.com

Carolyn Hicks

From: STUART VILLEE <sgvillee@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, December 07, 2015 9:00 AM
To: Mark Thiel
Subject: Three way stop at Louisiana Street

Mr. Thiel,

I strongly urge the city to leave the "3-way stop signs" at 27th and Louisiana Streets. The "heavy" semi-truck traffic needs an incentive to "slow down" as it goes north and south on Louisiana street from 31st street. In addition, without the "3-way stop signs" in place at this location, the traffic on 27th street backs up forever before and after school as well as rush work traffic in the morning and at 5p.m. North and Southbound traffic on Louisiana Street will not yield to 27th Street traffic that is trying to go north or south from 27th Street on to Louisiana Street. Thank you. Georgann Villee

Carolyn Hicks

From: Lynette Hosek <momhosek@sunflower.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 08, 2015 10:30 AM
To: Mark Thiel
Subject: stop sign on Louisiana St.

Mr. Thiel,

I am a resident of the Park Hill Neighborhood. I would like to suggest to the City Council that the temporary stop sign at 27th & Louisiana be considered a permanent placement. It helps with traffic flow on 27th St and also slows down cars in the area of the school, creating a more safe area for our children.

Thank you for reporting our thoughts to the Council.

Lynette Hosek
224 Dakota Street

Carolyn Hicks

From: Susan Harper <sbharper@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2015 11:38 AM
To: Mark Thiel
Subject: 3 way stop at Louisiana and 27th Streets

Dear Mr. Thiel,

I am writing in support of maintaining the three way stop signs at the intersection of Louisiana and 27th Streets. My husband and I live on Park Hill Terrace. As you know, there are few access streets to our neighborhood. Before the stop signs were installed, we would sit at the foot of Park Hill Terrace and wait a long time for a break in the traffic, whether we were trying to turn left or right. People would speed down Louisiana Street as if it were not a residential area. With the three way stop sign, traffic speeds are much calmer. There is also a more predictable break in the traffic to enable us to get onto Louisiana Street. And, really most amazing, southbound drivers are actually considerate – they will pause to let us into the southbound lane instead of just speeding by!

I also feel much safer making a left turn into our neighborhood since the traffic is much more calm. Prior to the three way stop signs, it was especially dangerous to make a fast left turn into the neighborhood when students were either crossing Park Hill Terrace or walking east on Park Hill Terrace since that street is often congested with cars and the kids must walk in the street. Traffic would back up on Louisiana Street behind us as we were waiting for a safe time to turn. Also, prior to the three way stops, sometimes the 27th Street traffic would have to back up for more than block while waiting for a safe time to turn onto Louisiana Street. I am sure that the accident rate for that intersection has plummeted!

My husband and I feel very strongly that the three way stop signs are more than a matter of convenience. They are a matter of safety for drivers and pedestrians alike. There are many residents in the Park Hill Neighborhood and in the cul-de-sacs on the west side of Louisiana who are in agreement with us.

Sincerely,
Susan and Bob Harper

Susan Harper
Lawrence,KS - Planet Earth

Carolyn Hicks

From: Evelyn Senecal <evelynsenecal@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 08, 2016 9:28 PM
To: Mark Thiel
Subject: Removal of temporary stop sign

This memo is in regard to our telephone conversation this week regarding the temporary stop signs at the dead-end of 27th St at Louisiana St.

We have found that the 3-way stop signs were helpful when there was construction and closing of 31st St. All the traffic transferred to 27th St as an alternative for east/west travel.

BEFORE this situation occurred there was no need for the 3-way stop signs due to minimal traffic traveling eastward on 27th St. Since there is a 4-way stop sign situation just a half block south, school traffic concentrated at that location. Traffic flow on Louisiana St was intermittent due to the stop/start of vehicles. Therefore, 27th St vehicles traveling east could turn left onto Louisiana St easily.

Now, AFTER the 31st St opened up, the amount of 27th St traffic returned to normal. However, the Louisiana St traffic continues to stop twice, both at 27th St and 27th St Terrace. The stop/start of traffic on Louisiana slows the flow and it piles up. It is frustrating, especially when one notices that there are infrequent vehicles approaching from 27th St and Louisiana traffic is stopping for no reason. The problem escalates when vehicles exit from the Broken Arrow/South Jr. High parking lots after school. They find it difficult to exit onto Louisiana St due to the back-up there.

THEREFORE, I respectfully request that the appropriate city professional employees visit this problem and make an appropriate decision and recommendation to remove the temporary signs at 27th St and Louisiana St.

Thank you for your consideration,

Evelyn Senecal
2101 Louisiana St
843-0274

Carolyn Hicks

From: jroth@ku.edu
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2016 8:12 PM
To: Mark Thiel
Subject: Three Way Stop at Louisiana and 27th Streets

To: Mark Thiel, Assistant Public Works Director

We are writing in support of the 3 way stop signs at Louisiana and 27th Streets. We live in the Park Hill Addition of Lawrence on Oklahoma Street and drive west on Park Hill Terrace to access Louisiana Street. Prior to the time of the 3 way stop signs, we had a very difficult time getting on to Louisiana Street at certain times of day. With the 3 way stop signs, the traffic is much slower on Louisiana and we find that it is much easier to make the left hand turn from Park Hill Terrace on to Louisiana. When we are driving east on 27th Street, the stop signs on Louisiana now make it possible to make the left or right hand turns on to Louisiana much safer and easier to accomplish. We do hope that the 3 way stop will be retained. We thank you for conveying our wishes to the city commission and other appropriate persons.

Sincerely, Janet and Stan Roth

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Lawrence, KS 66046
785-843-4764

Carolyn Hicks

From: Norm Slade <slade@ku.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2016 3:57 PM
To: Mark Thiel
Subject: Making the temporary signs on 27th permanent

I wrote you right after our neighborhood meeting, but I want to reiterate my support for keeping the stop signs at 27th and Louisiana and 27th and Ridge Court. I drive through both those intersections almost daily and really appreciate being able to turn left at both. They seem to work well and the crossing at the Naismith Path slows traffic well too.

If the City will make those changes permanent, I think it will be a job well done.

Norman Slade
616 W. 29th Place
Lawrence

Carolyn Hicks

From: Robert Remke <theremkes@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2016 9:56 AM
To: Mark Thiel
Subject: Traffic calming options on 27th Street

Good morning,

As someone living along 27th Street, I can hardly list all the benefits resulting from the placement of all-way stops at Ridge Court and at Louisiana. Ease of and at times even the possibility of entrance onto 27th and Louisiana are foremost in my mind.

Not a single day passes that we are not grateful for those signs 😊👏👏

We urge the city to make them permanent.

Thanks in advance of taking that action,

Bruce Remke

Sent from my iPad

Carolyn Hicks

From: Jim Carpenter <jcarpen393@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2016 10:56 AM
To: Mark Thiel
Subject: Temporary stop signs on 27th Street

This is James Carpenter, 2634 Manor Terrace, 785-841-8181.

I wish to go on record that my wife and I both would like to see both stop signs remain.

Even prior to all the construction on 31st street, Louisiana was all but impossible to get onto at times without the stop sign. The same things can be said for 27th and Ridge Court if you are trying to turn East onto 27th from Ridge Court entering from the North, plus when the city bus that turns North onto Ridge Court from the West, would hold up traffic for quite a while waiting to turn. The stop sign has keep things moving more orderly, and I think faster for all concerned.

Having lived at this address since 1979 the speed of the traffic and number of vehicles on 27th, in my opinion, has never been more reasonable and calm. Plus the need of having a officer running radar at the end of our street has virtually ended, which I know the speed hump has helped for this also.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

Carolyn Hicks

From: Bryan Dyer <bpdyer@sunflower.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2016 7:22 PM
To: Mark Thiel
Subject: stop signs at 27th and Louisiana

Mark -

My wife and I would like to express our support for the 3-way stop at 27th and Louisiana St. We live at Belle Haven Dr and 27th and regularly use that intersection. The three-stop allows drivers on 27th St to more readily make a left hand (northbound) turn unto Louisiana. This appears to have reduced the cueing on eastbound 27th Street. If the stop signs are made permanent, I assume stop bars will be applied onto Louisiana Street.

The stop signs on 27th at Ridge Ct are a different story. They seem to serve little purpose other than to make it very, very difficult for the busses to turn from southbound Ridge Ct to westbound W. 27th St. We have seen many W. 27th St drivers run the stop signs. We'd like to see them removed.

Thanks for the opportunity to express our opinion.

Bryan and Robin Dyer
2628 Belle Haven Dr.

Carolyn Hicks

From: Ed White <edwhite50@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2016 2:48 PM
To: Mark Thiel
Subject: 27th Street Stop Signs - Yes Traffic Calming Options - No

Mark Thiel
Assistant Public Works Director
785.832.3134

Mark,
My wife and I live at 801 W 27th Ter. (corner of 27th Ter & Belle Haven).

We would like to put our **vote for keeping the stop signs** at 27th and Louisiana and at 27th and Ridge Court. We travel on 27th Street a lot and the stop signs have helped the flow of traffic a lot especially at 27th and Louisiana when Broken Arrow and South Middle School are let out. Without that stop sign it was very difficult to get onto Louisiana Street whenever there was traffic. I am sure you are aware that Louisiana is a heavily traveled street.

Thank you for letting us give our comments. Removing those stop signs would create traffic flow problems and become dangerous in the future as traffic continues to increase through the coming years.

With the number of stop signs we do not think there is a need for traffic calming options.

Sincerely,
Ed and Peggy White
801 W 27th Ter.
Lawrence, KS 66046

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Carolyn Hicks

To: Mark Thiel
Subject: RE: 27th St. Traffic Calming Considerations

From: Brian Simmons [<mailto:brian.simmons@casconstructors.com>]
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2016 4:03 PM
To: Mark Thiel
Subject: 27th St. Traffic Calming Considerations

Hi, I am 57 years old and have lived at 2814 Maine Ct. now for almost 30 years. During this time but especially the past 10 years, the volume and the speed of traffic on 27th and on Louisiana St has become much too busy for any residential neighborhood to have to contend with. It seems more and more people are cutting thru our streets to bypass 23rd street and also Iowa St. The temporary stop signs the city put up at 27th & Louisiana, and at 27th & Ridge Court are a huge blessing to our neighborhood and need to stay exactly as they now are . In addition I would also consider lowering the speed limit on all of 27th St. and most of South Louisiana St.to 25 mph if possible to finish calming this additional traffic. Thank you for listening as well as for your patient consideration in this matter, Brian Simmons

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Carolyn Hicks

Subject: FW: Calming options on 27th Street

-----Original Message-----

From: Peggy White [<mailto:pwhite@sunflower.com>]

Sent: Friday, January 22, 2016 3:49 PM

To: Mark Thiel

Subject: Calming options on 27th Street

Dear Mark,

My husband and I have lived in the same house in the Indian Hills Neighborhood for 38 years this coming July 4th. 27th Street and Louisiana are my main driving spots to get to the places I go.

The stop sign at Louisiana and 27th has been a great addition! Also the stop sign at Ridge Ct. has been such a help! Please don't remove those. They are doing a good job of sparing accidents and making the roads safer without drivers having to tear out in the middle of traffic to get on Louisiana from 27th St, and doing the same thing from Ridge Court to get on 27th St.

Neither of us will be at the meeting on February 2nd, but I definitely thought we should give our opinion of how things are going.

The cross walk big bump for the Naismith Trail is a bit overdone, but once you knock your teeth out forgetting that the bump is there, going more than 10 miles an hour, you remember to slow down to a crawl. If folks will just push the button for the light now, no one will be wondering should I go or not?

Thanks for the changes!

Peggy (and Ed) White
801 W 27th Terrace
Lawrence, KS 66046

Carolyn Hicks

Subject: FW: comment on traffice calming devices

From: Sherry Slade [<mailto:sladesherry@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Friday, January 22, 2016 4:13 PM

To: Mark Thiel

Subject: comment on traffice calming devices

I'm sorry about the email I just sent you addressed to Philip - I have a Philip Thiel in my address book so that one popped up and confused me. Here's the correct one.

Mark: We received the card telling us that the City Commission will discuss 27th Street calming options at the February 2nd meeting. Please include my opinion in the file that you share with the commission. I think that the two stop signs should remain in place: the one at 27th Street and Louisiana and the one at 27th Street and Ridge Court. They both seem to work quite well at allowing traffic to flow and merge as needed. The only time things are a bit slow is when school lets out, but keeping things slow then is probably a good thing for the pedestrians.

Sherry Slade
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Carolyn Hicks

Subject: FW: Traffic Concerns for 27th Street

Importance: High

From: Emily Cates [<mailto:ECates@usd497.org>]

Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2016 10:19 AM

To: Mark Thiel

Subject: Traffic Concerns for 27th Street

Importance: High

Mr. Thiel – Thank you for you and the city's efforts to listen the concerns of the Indian Hills residents and keeping us updated on the responses to those concerns. While the traffic has indeed diminished some on 27th Street since the opening of 31st street the volumes often still are high and speeds as well.

We received the postcard that the Lawrence City Commission was going to receive updates at the upcoming commission meeting. The comment about the stop signs and 27th and Louisiana and 27th and Ridge Court concern me. I believe that both stops signs should be permanent. They both serve to help control traffic flow and speeds on 27th Street.

Prior to the 3-way stop sign at 27th and Louisiana it is was almost impossible at times for an eastbound vehicle to get onto Louisiana. Especially during the morning and evening periods. In the past, during non-school or non-rush-hour traffic periods I have sat at that intersection for more than 5 minutes without being able to get onto Louisiana. During those periods it has been worse.

The current 3-way stop has reduced the number of people that take the right hand (westbound) turn onto Louisiana at full speed with any slowing. Now those that did, run the stop sign but at a much slower rate of speed. The 3-way stop sign also has solved the problem of parents blocking 27th street off when they are waiting to enter the lots at Broken Arrow and South.

At Ridge Court the stop sign has helped alleviate traffic, driver's traveling at a high rate, and is a blessing for those who live on or use Ridge Court regularly. In the past, without the stop sign, many vehicles coming from the stop light at Iowa Street had already hit speeds well over the speed limit by the time they could reach Ridge Court. If an eastbound driver coming from Iowa street wanted to turn onto Ridge Court they would often back up traffic all the way to Iowa street waiting for an opportunity to turn left off of 27th Street.

Thank you for the efforts that have been made so far in helping relieve traffic concerns for the Indian Hills Neighbor and 27th Street. As a resident on 27th Street for nearly 20 years I have seen a steady increase in the amount of traffic on 27th Street and ask that the City Commission and the Public Works Department make the stop signs and 27th and Louisiana and 27th and Ridge Court permanent.

Thank you for your consideration,

Emily Cates
Indian Hills Resident

Carolyn Hicks

Subject: FW: 27th Street traffic calming review

From: Travis Alexander [<mailto:talexan@gmail.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2016 3:51 PM

To: Mark Thiel

Cc: Mike Amyx; Leslie Soden; Stuart Boley; Matthew Herbert; Lisa Larsen

Subject: 27th Street traffic calming review

For the upcoming City Commission meeting in February when 27th Street traffic concerns will be discussed, I wanted to throw my 2 cents in being a resident of Indian Hills. I have copied the Commissioners so they can hear from a resident of the neighborhood.

It is time to remove the temporary stop sign at 27th Street and Ridge Court. The crosswalk light and hump was put in at the Naismith Valley Park crossing. That removed one of the temporary stop signs. Now let's remove the other. When 27th Street was designed and built a stop sign at Ridge Court was not in the plans evidently, so I would say let's stick to the original plan. Keep traffic moving on 27th Street which has become a major connector road in my opinion.

It was Indian Hills Neighborhood residents who spoke out about the traffic concerns. Not the residents of the adjoining neighborhood to the west just past Naismith Valley Park. And that is where the last temporary stop sign resides, not in our neighborhood. For convenience and to improve traffic flow it should be removed.

On occasion when traffic in South Lawrence is high there is a backup at that stop sign in the eastbound lane. So as people turn off Iowa Street heading east the backup almost reaches Iowa Street and actually did a few times that I saw. To be fair this was during the reconstruction of 23rd and Iowa.

I have heard traffic engineers say once a stop sign gets put in temporary or not, it's always difficult to get buy in to remove it. To that I would say this. Instead of using an impeding stop sign put in the correct traffic calming measures that would work the best. What would work the best? I am not sure, maybe speed humps. I know a raised crosswalk at Belle Haven Drive and 27th Street would be a win for traffic calming anyway. That would slow down vehicles turning west onto 27th Street from Louisiana Street, because once on 27th Street you immediately start going down hill and pick up speed right where kids cross going to and from school at the current flat striped crosswalk.

I appreciate the action that was taken last last year concerning traffic. The new sidewalk on the north side of 27th Street is excellent and have used it many times. Thank you for putting this issue in front of the commission again in 2015 and now in 2016.

Sincerely,

Travis Alexander
Missouri Street

Carolyn Hicks

Subject: FW: 27th street traffic feedback

From: Hummels, Jill A. [<mailto:jhummels@ku.edu>]

Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2016 10:08 AM

To: Mark Thiel

Subject: 27th street traffic feedback

Hi, Mark.

I saw the postcard about the upcoming review by the Lawrence City Commission on 27th Street traffic.

I won't be able to attend the meeting, but I wanted to share with you my and my family's reaction to the 27th St. changes in the past couple years. WE LOVE THEM.

As someone who has used 27th street for decades, I've always struggled with the ability to get off 27th to head north toward our home. The three-way stop offers me the ability to turn safely and still keeps traffic moving. As someone who both runs and walks my dog along Louisiana, the stop also offers me added protection AND helps ensure drivers don't block the crosswalk. I can't tell you how many times I was nearly hit by a driver who failed to yield or I had to run around a car that crept forward on 27th so they could better view oncoming traffic. Those drivers were also looking for breaks in traffic and not paying attention to people on the sidewalk. All these problems have virtually been eliminated with the addition of the three-way stop. It is so much safer.

I've also had occasion to use the stop at Ridge Court to either enter or exit 27th street. Again, it's a huge improvement. It vastly reduces waiting time for people attempting to turn and – by my way of thinking – doesn't add that much travel time to people using 27th as a through street. Now that 31st street is back open, I don't know how essential this stop is, but I still find it helpful.

My two cents: keep the changes. I think they make 27th street safer and more manageable.

Thank you.

Jill A. Hummels

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Subject: FW: Traffic calming on 27th St.

From: Dennis O'Malley [<mailto:domalley721@gmail.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2016 11:38 AM

To: Mark Thiel

Subject: Traffic calming on 27th St.

Please leave the 3-way stop at 27th and Louisiana. Going through that intersection is much better than it used to be.

Please leave the 4-way stop at 27th and Ridge Ct.

Dennis O'Malley
1727 W. 27th Terrace

Carolyn Hicks

Subject: FW: Traffic calming

From: Lois Wustefeld [<mailto:loiew@sbcglobal.net>]

Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2016 9:37 PM

To: Mark Thiel

Subject: Traffic calming

Mr. Thiel,

I live in the 800 block of west 28th St. I find the stop signs very helpful at 27th and Louisiana and Ridge Court. There is so much traffic on La. St. that it is sometimes very difficult to enter La. Also, being able to have the stop sign on Ridge Court is a great help.

Thanks for your concern.

Lois Wustefeld

Carolyn Hicks

Subject: FW: Stop Signs on 27th in Indian Hills neighborhood

From: Nomi Redding [<mailto:nomi@sunflower.com>]

Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2016 12:04 PM

To: Mark Thiel

Subject: Stop Signs on 27th in Indian Hills neighborhood

Dear Mr. Thiel,

Thank you so much for our informative phone call this morning. I'm writing now to express my strong support to make the all-way stop signs at 27th & Louisiana and 27th & Ridge Court permanent. Along with the walkway at Naismith Valley Park and the added sidewalk on the north side of 27th, these have been very welcome additions to easing traffic patterns in our neighborhood. My husband and I have lived in our home on south side of 27th since September of 1985, and the last two years have been the most difficult we've experienced backing out our driveway, particularly at school arrival and dismissal times. In addition, I walk for exercise, often in the neighborhood. The new stop signs, along with the opening of 31st, and revamped intersection at 23rd & Iowa, have all eased pressure on our street. I am very hopeful the Lawrence City Commission will decide to make the new stop signs permanent additions, based on functional, rather than statistical considerations.

Again, thank you for your time and all you do for our city.

Sincerely,

Nomi Redding
1219 W. 27th

Carolyn Hicks

Subject: FW: 27th Street Calming Update

Importance: High

From: Rick Bryant [<mailto:bearpress@sunflower.com>]

Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2016 2:40 PM

To: Mark Thiel

Subject: 27th Street Calming Update

Importance: High

Mr. Thiel –

Thank you for your recent notification on the traffic situation along 27th Street between Louisiana and Iowa streets.

I will be unable to attend the City Commission meeting but wanted to enter my observations and comments into the record for this discussion.

As I noted in a previous email communication to the City and Commission, the increase of traffic along 27th Street was a temporary situation brought on from construction activities related to the rebuilding of 31st street as a component of the South Lawrence Traffic way project. Since the opening of 31st Street at Louisiana, the traffic volume has ceded significantly along 27th Street and poses little impediment to East – West traffic flow.

The pedestrian crossing, with elevated path and traffic light, has also contributed to slower traffic speeds and safer crossings for citizens utilizing the park trail. The addition of new sidewalks along 27th Street have also contributed to more pedestrian traffic and a safer path to Broken Arrow Elementary and South Middle School.

I recommend the Commission make the temporary stop signs at 27th & Louisiana and 27th & Ridge Court permanent. These two intersections remain high volume at peak traffic periods and the stop signs will contribute to a safer flow of traffic. During off peak hours, traffic is extremely manageable and safe. The 3-way stop at 27th & Louisiana has paid great dividends for safe, orderly traffic flow once the school year commenced during morning and afternoon school drop-off and pick-up for students. My only regret was traffic/construction engineers did not allow space for two lanes of traffic headed north from the 4-way stop sign of 27th Terr & Louisiana and the 27th & Louisiana 3-way stop. A marked, designated right-hand turn lane into the Broken Arrow parking lot would be ideal for enhanced traffic flow.

I wish to express my thanks to you and your Public Works staff for their prompt, professional and timely response to citizens' inquiries when the traffic volume increased; and to presenting timely, cost-effective solutions that worked to enhance safety and sustainability of the surrounding neighborhoods.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions regarding my commentary.

Best regards,

Rick



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