

City of Lawrence

Traffic Safety Commission

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December 7, 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 Ziegelmeyer 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, November 2, 2015.

ITEM NO. 2: Consider request for a PEDESTRIAN HYBRID BEACON on Kasold Drive at Riverview Road.

Staff Report:

1. Kasold Drive is classified as a "principle arterial" street, paved approximately 72 feet wide and a posted speed limit of 30mph.
2. Traffic data obtained October 1-2, 2015, found approximately 4700 vehicles per day and an 85th percentile speed of approximately 46.4mph.
3. Based on the width of the street and a walking speed of 3.5 feet/second (typical of an elementary student), there would need to be a gap in traffic of approximately 24 seconds for a pedestrian to safely cross the street.

4. Generally accepted criteria require 5 adequate gaps in each 5-minute period during peak traffic hours.
5. Traffic data obtained November 18, 2015, during the peak hours of 7:00-8:00AM and 5:00-6:00PM found the following:

AM: 1 5-minute period with 0 adequate gaps
 3 5-minute periods with 1 adequate gap
 3 5-minute period with 2 adequate gaps
 1 5-minute periods with 3 adequate gaps
 3 5-minute periods with 4 adequate gaps
 1 5-minute period with 5 adequate gaps

PM: 1 5-minute period with 0 adequate gaps
 3 5-minute periods with 1 adequate gap
 4 5-minute period with 2 adequate gaps
 3 5-minute periods with 3 adequate gaps
 1 5-minute periods with 4 adequate gaps
 0 5-minute periods with 5 adequate gaps

ITEM NO. 3: Public Comment.

ITEM NO. 4: Commission Items.

ITEM NO. 5: Staff Items.

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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
David Cronin, Public Works Department

PUBLIC PRESENT: Charlie Bryan; Matt Eichman

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, November 2, 2015.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HOSKINSON, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KOPRINCE, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING, NOVEMBER 2, 2015; THE MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

Commissioner Storm arrived.

ITEM NO. 2:

Consider request for a PEDESTRIAN HYBRID BEACON on Kasold Drive at Riverview Road.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report and noted the receipt of an email in support of the request (attached).

Public Comments:

Matt Eichman, 3500 Riverview Road: On a daily basis I have to cross Kasold to get my kids to school; I currently drive them, but, if it were safe to cross, we would walk. In addition to the information provided, there is a fence on the northwest corner of the intersection that blocks the view for pedestrians, and on the southwest corner, there is vegetation blocking the view; this does not provide enough sight distance according to AASHTO criteria, even if there was sufficient gaps in traffic to cross. This is also a route to Deerfield Park when school is not in session.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Harrod asked Eichman if he had seen other children trying to cross the intersection; he stated he had seen children on bicycles and on foot.

Commissioner Jones: I can see the risk trying to get across there.

Commissioner Crawford asked if the 30mph speed limit was the whole length of Kasold; Woosley advised that it changed to 40mph just north of the intersection and that it was 35mph south of Harvard.

Commissioner Devlin: That is a dangerous area and there is constant traffic.

Commissioner Jones: I would be in support of this request; this is an ideal place.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JONES, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD, TO RECOMMEND A PEDESTRIAN HYBRID BEACON ON KASOLD DRIVE AT RIVERVIEW ROAD; THE MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.

ITEM NO. 3:

Public Comment.

No public comment.

ITEM NO. 11:

Commission Items:

Commission Chair Devlin advised the Commission of a meeting of the Pedestrian-Bicycle Task Force, representing the Traffic Safety Commission.

Charlie Bryan, a member of the Pedestrian-Bicycle Task Force briefed the Commission on the work of the Task Force, including a recommendation to combine the Traffic Safety Commission and the Bicycle Advisory Committee.

ITEM NO. 12:

Staff Items:

No Staff Items.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission is Monday, January 4, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Woosley

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