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Survey Old West Lawrence (OWL) Traffic Calming Questionnaire, Pilot #3

What do you think of the Old West Lawrence Traffic Calming Project (Pilot #3)?

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Do you live within the boundary area of the Old West Lawrence traffic calming project (from 6th to 9th streets and Tennessee to Michigan streets)?

	Response Percent	Response Count
I live in this area	43.8%	179
I do not live in this area	56.2%	230

What impact to TRAFFIC VOLUMES have you noticed since the Pilot #3 test (devices installed in October) began relative to Pilot #2 (the devices installed in the spring)?

	Response Percent	Response Count
A significant reduction	9.1%	35
A minor reduction	17.7%	68
No impact	61.7%	237
A minor increase	7.6%	29
A significant increase	3.9%	15

What impact to TRAFFIC SPEEDS have you noticed since the Pilot #3 test began relative to Pilot #2?

	Response Percent	Response Count
A significant reduction	7.3%	28
A moderate reduction	24.9%	96
No impact	59.8%	231
A moderate increase	4.9%	19
A significant increase	3.1%	12

What impact to UNSAFE DRIVING BEHAVIORS have you noticed since the Pilot #3 test began relative to Pilot #2? rite alternative (pick one)?

	Response Percent	Response Count
A significant reduction	9.3%	36
A moderate reduction	13.1%	51
No impact	43.6%	169
A moderate increase	15.5%	60
A significant increase	18.6%	72

Are you satisfied with the additional SPEED HUMPS?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Very satisfied	17.6%	71
Somewhat satisfied	15.4%	62
Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	13.4%	54
Somewhat dissatisfied	8.7%	35
Very dissatisfied	44.9%	181

Are you satisfied with the SMALL TRAFFIC CALMING CIRCLES?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Very satisfied	15.3%	62
Somewhat satisfied	9.9%	40
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	5.9%	24
Somewhat dissatisfied	10.9%	44
Very dissatisfied	57.9%	234

Are you satisfied with the 1/2 LANE CHOKERS (i.e. the small bump outs on Arkansas, Missouri, Mississippi and Indiana)?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Very satisfied		6.2%	25
Somewhat satisfied		5.0%	20
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied		11.2%	45
Somewhat dissatisfied		11.2%	45
Very dissatisfied		66.4%	267

Would you like to see the NUMBER OF DEVICES change??

		Response Percent	Response Count
I would like to have more		8.4%	34
I am satisfied with the number we have today		13.1%	53
I would like to have less		13.6%	55
I would like to see all diverters removed		64.9%	262

If you had to make a choice today, which of the following would you choose?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Make the the current, Pilot #3 arrangement permanent		13.8%	56
Install more traffic calming devices than the current Pilot #3 arrangement		7.6%	31
Install fewer traffic calming devices than the current Pilot #3 arrangement		13.5%	55
Remove the traffic calming devices altogether in OWL		65.1%	265

Would you like to suggest any MODIFICATIONS to the current Pilot #3 layout? If so, please describe these modifications.

Answered : 164
Skipped : 245

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What OTHER COMMENTS would you like to add?

Answered : 211
Skipped : 198

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If the issue is due to speeding install solar powered speed signs that indicate how fast you are going. This is a public community, everyone has a right to drive on public streets. If people don't like it they can move to a gated neighborhood.

Please remove all devices.

Maybe some educational material or more signage is necessary to indicate how small traffic circles should be used?

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Remove the chokers. Parking on both sides of the street serves the same purpose
At least one has been moved to the grass rowâ€ Mississippi 600 block

The ONLY things I'd suggest as modifications: 1) The Mississippi lane choker seemed to have been manually removed and is now back? Installation should be difficult to remove. 2) Along Mississippi (the main artery to KU), another speed bump would be beneficial. There are currently two, one on 600 block and one on 800 block. I'd love one on 700 block as well, so no one is shooting down Miss at high speeds.

I preferred Pilot 1 diverter on my street. I think the traffic circles provide minimal benefit where there are stop signs. I think the chokers/chicanes are pointless where there is on street parking. I think the minimal change in traffic from Pilot 1 is because drivers assume the diverters are still in place.

I know this is a test run, so this thought may be premature. The stop signs at the traffic circles seem to cause some confusion (at least for non OWL residents). Maybe make the circles 4-way stops, or remove all the stops and widen the circles (like at 8th/Michigan)?

The small circles are a joke. They do not result in any traffic calming or in the reduction of cut through traffic.

Leave the bumps but remove the chokers.

Make sure each block has at least one speed hump. Adding a few would make this great pilot perfect.

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More small traffic circles, and since they function as roundabouts, eliminate stop signs at any intersection that has one.

Shifting the traffic circles on Mississippi St about 18" to the west would put them more in the middle of the driving lane since there is a full car's width of parking on the east side.

Remove circles. Having them on Indiana and Mississippi just moves the flow to adjoining streets of Illinois and Louisiana. Support increasing traffic slowing speed bumps and stop signs.

Speed bumps are effective, however "lane calmers" and small traffic circles are majorly disruptive to local traffic and area residents. These devices can lead to greater unsafe driving, including driving the wrong way, driving over impediments, driving at roadway speeds down alleys, etc.

Add some traffic calming devices on the 800 block of Ohio Street (the section that is not brick).

Yes. Please remove all traffic calming devices except speed bumps.

I think more devices like speed humps and calming circles are necessary throughout OWL. The full installation that is presently on Indiana should be repeated on other high traffic streets - and speed humps would be very useful on 7th and 8th streets.

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For streets that were high volume cut-throughs from 9th to 6th (Arkansas, specifically), I would like the traffic barriers back in place since they significantly reduced volume, speed, unsafe driving AND noise, littering on the street. Since the new calming circle was in place, there has been a slight increase on volume, speed, and unsafe driving AND noise, litter on Arkansas from increased cut-through traffic. The calming circle size does not prevent speeding on the outskirts of the circle as intended. Also the cut-outs really aren't big enough to make any difference at all. They are as wide as a car and so only prevent resident parking on the street instead of slow down.

The half lane chokers are effectively the same as a parked car, and, generally speaking, there are plenty of those parked in the streets. I might be able to get behind more traffic chokers and roundabouts if we get rid of all of the speed humps. There's nothing calming about driving over 3-5 bumps, as currently configured, to get from one side of the hood to the other. My car just isn't built for it. Maybe I should trade it in for a pre-runner style desert racing truck.

Taxes are paid throughout the city. Why not think of doing all of streets where speed bumps are. Diverting traffic is not the answer.

Something on Ohio Street

Take the thingies down if you can. Makes people drive insane.

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Larger circles, speed humps on every block, remove conflicting stop signs (where stop signs and circles collide), make everything much more attractive.

I would like the post showing speed removed from my yard. It is an eye sore and makes it difficult to make a right hand turn into my driveway as it is so close to driveway I have to swing out into the other lane of traffic to avoid hitting post and/or sign. Those who speed through our neighborhood are not deterred from speed bumps and flashing speed sign but would probably change their behavior if given speeding tickets.

Please remove all devices!

Please remove all devices!

What you are doing does not make sense. What does make sense, however, is if you spend your time and money on more important issues that are facing our city. Please stop this

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Would you like to suggest any MODIFICATIONS to the current Pilot #3 layout? If so, please describe these modifications.

Since the installation of lane chokers I've seen more unsafe driving decisions being made out of frustration or confusion, and I think those need to be completely removed.

Take out the lane checkers - they have no effect at all and just look trashy

A traffic circle is an excellent self contained traffic calming system with it's own set of self-sufficient rules which works excellently all over Lawrence, Kansas City and other towns. The ones in Old West Lawrence are working as well as they can given the following. It's confusing and even potentially dangerous to have stop signs at a traffic calming traffic circle because the rules for stop signs and traffic circles clash and driver's have to decide on the fly which rules to follow. This situation is foolish and dangerous.

Circle traffic does NOT stop, it YIELDS to vehicles already in the circle. Having a 2 way stop sign intersection as well as the traffic circle causes the driver to be either; 1. Unsure and cautious or 2. Assume they have the normal right of way and go ahead regardless of the stop sign.. on several levels not a good situation. Just ditch the stop signs. To leave them up is irresponsible and problematic at best and costly for the city or worse if someone gets hit because of the confusion.

Get it out of there. You guys are fucking idiots

Remove them. If people live in town, they can deal with traffic just like everyone else. These are a waste of time and money and are extremely frustrating to the rest of us living in this area.

The tiny traffic circles are too small. The intersection is so tight that they can't even be used correctly. I have seen most drivers just disregard they are there. They are uglier than the diverters and seem so small that you for sure could not landscape in them" at least you could have beautified the last version of this.

Remove all of the Pilot #3 modifications and quit wasting all city taxpayer money to accommodate one neighborhoods' obstructionist whining!

Remove the traffic calming devices all together.

Get rid of these. Quit wasting time and money. There is no demonstrated need for this. None.

It's so hard to get a bus through there on some locations. Reconsider the effect on bus routes.

I'm loving the speed bumps.

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These devices are confusing and challenging for drivers. They are a nuisance and should be removed.

Pull your head out of your rear ends and quit wasting time and money on this project

Speed tables only, similar to west side neighborhoods. Only few and in select locations.

Stop it.... so dumb. You need to take a policy class on unintended consequences. Solving one problem can create something far worse.

If you must, keep bumps and circles but for crying out loud remove those stupid 1/2 lane chokers.

Bring back the diverters or do like Schwartz by Dillon's at 6th and Lawrence. Minimize entry to the neighborhood.

I think the 1/2 lane chokers have no effect and are unnecessary. I would like to see a few more speed humps, and I think there should be a bit of an apron around the traffic circles with a planter in the center if possible.

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There's is a significant variation in the width of streets in the area. Wider streets such as 7th need slightly larger diameter circles to be effective.

Overall, I think this is the best version yet. I think there are some key potential improvements: (1) make the calming circles slightly larger, they are fairly inconsequential; (2) make the 1/2 lane chokers wider, they don't have much of an effect; (3) add a bike cut-through for the speed bumps so bikers don't have to go over the bumps (like the permanent concrete bumps on Maine St have).

Remove it all. Send apology letters to every taxpayer in Lawrence.

I have to drive through the neighborhood every day, and now I may only choose to drive down Maine. I love driving through the neighborhood of old west Lawrence with my children - especially to see holiday decorations this time of year. I don't mind the speed bumps - but I hate the traffic controls in the middle of intersections which only allow you to turn one way. When we get stuck on a different street it's terrible and we just live on the other side of sixth street. We should be able to choose whichever street we would like to drive down.

Remove 90% of them. Maybe a speed hump here and there, but please, no more of this merry-go-round-amusement-park-go-kart-track-nonsense! Yes, they absolutely WILL SLOW DOWN vehicles. This INCLUDES police and first responders. If the city chooses to implement such barriers and down the road a death occurs related to a Fire Truck or Ambulance having to negotiate these obstacles, a wrongful death lawsuit could cost the city millions of dollars.

I used to live in OWL, this traffic devises are a stupid waste of resources. Roads are meant to be traveled, traffic control needs to be policed, no hendered. Dumb dumb dumb

The few times I've driven in the area made it un necessarily hard to do!
I've not liked any of the traffic calming items put up in any parts of Lawrence.

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Alabama street has no calming devices. Each block should have a least one. The speed bumps seem helpful but the still need to be higher. The circles also seem to slow traffic somewhat but the volume of traffic as well as the litter on my street has definitely increased. There is some confusion regarding stop signs and circles but I am very hesitant to have stop signs removed as others have suggested. This neighborhood worked hard to get those signs installed as another attempt to slow traffic. I loved the diverters. I would vote to bring them back. The traffic and speeds were significantly reduced. Learning new patterns to get around the neighborhood took time but it was possible.

I would like more than one option for getting thru old west Lawrence to LMH. I think it's a public safety hazard to turn the whole are into a weird maze. If you don't want they traffic at least put up "no thru traffic" signs and actually block roads. This ay of doing things is a mess.

The obvious modification should be the removal of all devices.

You all need to worry about MANY other issues here in Lawrence! These traffic bumps and poles you are putting up are completely ridiculous! Maybe how to handle the homeless should be top priority, and growing this town instead of making it a dump, which it has turned out to be, especially the downtown area.

The 1/2 lane chokers are not necessary. Consistently, there are cars parked on those streets and the chokers take up parking spots rather than slow down traffic. If those streets already have speed bumps and traffic circles, nothing else is necessary.

Get rid of the half lane chokers. Very inefficient!

Please make the traffic calming circles permanent and more aesthetically pleasing.

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Would you like to suggest any MODIFICATIONS to the current Pilot #3 layout? If so, please describe these modifications.

Please modify the pilot in order to increase driver and pedestrian safety. Increase the size of the traffic circles slightly but keep size so there is no impact to existing corner radius/property owner. Inside the traffic circles, replace the yellow diamond signs with stop signs. Install 4 way stop signs at the traffic circles. The large intersection at 700 Indiana should have a larger traffic circle relative to size of intersection. Increase the size/number of delineators at the choker/planer locations so that it covers more of the street. Please leave the pilot installed until permanent replacements are installed.

Make the circles as large as possible and clearly mark which streets have stop signs at those circles - have a circle and a stop sign is somewhat confusing for people.

Enlarge the diameter of traffic circles slightly, place extra stop signs inside the traffic circles - I have been nearly hit twice in the last week at 7th and Mississippi when extremely fast-moving eastbound traffic has completely ignored the stop sign there. The placement and execution of the chokers needs tweaking.

What this whole debate/modifications has done for me is that I no longer drive through Old West Lawrence. I am retired, so it's easier for me to plan trips ahead, even if that means a little extra time. I use only those streets in OWL that connect me to Kentucky or Tennessee (7th & 8th between my street or my alley & Kentucky or Tennessee). If I want to go anywhere else in OWL, I'll walk or ride my bike. Period. I've changed my behavior to reduce my impact on OWL traffic to the minimum I can. I'd like to see everybody else do the same. It's also made me aware of car traffic for other residential neighborhoods, so I drive as much as possible only on major roads & no longer seek out shortcuts through anybody else's neighborhood either. And I wish other drivers would change their behavior this way too.

Block traffic coming north at the intersection of 9th and Mississippi, completely. Otherwise, the stadium/convention, being built at 11th and Mississippi, will generate enough traffic to turn OWL into a throughway. This project is scheduled to begin soon, and to be put in place in a year or two. The traffic roundabout-circles are too small in diameter, and people just drive right through as though there is nothing there at all.

At traffic roundabout-circles, conscientious drivers (understandably) do not know whether the stop signs are functional anymore. Should they stop at the stop sign? Or should they proceed through the roundabout?

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I don't think the speed limit signs are big enough. I live on Alabama street. We have Lawrence Nursery School at the end of my block and Pinckney School across 6th St. I think we need to increase the school speed limit/safety zones. People turn off 6th St and zoom down my street all the time, all hours of the day.

Remove and don't replace with anything.

Reduce # of speed bumps on Missouri and Maine

I'm not too sure about the half lane chokers...they are not on my streets, so I really have no opinion.

Remove everything and return it to the way it was.

The speed bumps seem really massive for the size of street. Very curious about the actual mass and appearance of the planting boxes; this is impossible to evaluate now. The layout seems a reasonable balance of effectiveness and inconvenience.

After 3 rounds of this traffic calming, I think this one is the best and will do the job and not create ill will which is what the first round did.

Thank you for letting us try this out and evaluate what works and what does not. Let's go ahead and make it all permanent and move on to another neighborhood.

thank you!

Get rid of all of it. The planners are trying to justify their jobs by overplanning. Streets are for driving.

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1. The 1/2 lane chokers make no sense and are a nuisance. For example, the one in the 600 block of Indiana serves no evident purpose at all, and the one in the 800 block of Mississippi is a traffic hazard, as it forces north-bound cars into the on-coming lane. They should be removed.
2. The Small Traffic Calming Circles are also essentially worthless, as they are too small to slow down traffic that is committed to speed and also too small to be reliably seen, especially where there are many accumulated leaves -- which makes them a road hazard. Plus the decision to allow cars to turn left "inside" the circle rather than going counter-clockwise around it is an invitation to collisions and threat to pedestrian safety. I suggest they be removed in their current form and possibly be replaced in some locations by larger ones that are truly treated like circles, with all traffic moving to the right.

New speed bumps have caused me to change my driving habits, to completely avoid streets that have them. Probably others are doing the same. This is counterproductive. Get rid of the "temporary" speed bumps, please. Add more "traffic circles", although I do not think they are very effective and at least half of drivers I've observed do an incorrect left turn, and about a quarter of drivers I've observed simply ignore the two-way stop at the traffic circles nearest me. Add police cameras or surveillance to issue citations.

Need to make the traffic calming circles larger, at least on Indiana and 7th , since 7th is quite wide, having been US 40 at some point.

It's too easy to just swerve around them (if you are going straight) without slowing down. Don't ask me how I know.

As noted above, suggest removing the "choke points".

This is the second time I have taken the survey. Surely you have methodology for preventing retakes? Also the absence of authentication of place of residence severely limits the value of the survey.

The mock chokers (aka half-lane planters) do not adequately represent a true choker and merely block a parking spot. I'm not sure we can consider this an actual test if those. The traffic circles need to be larger in some intersections in order to be effective.

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My clear preference is to REMOVE ALL these barriers, bumps, and other such devices.

If the City and the OWL Neighborhood Association insist on using these devices, I prefer Pilot #3 to Pilot #1.

I would consider installing more traffic calming in areas outside of the current test area for Pilot #3, particularly speed bumps where appropriate. I would vote No to putting additional stop signs at the small traffic calming circles.

I think that the small traffic calming circles should be made larger. I also think that more speed bumps would help.

Some people are confused by the calming circles plus STOP sign intersections. Most traffic circles are open merge, first-come, so this confusion about whether or not to stop might need to be addressed for drivers new to neighborhood. However, an extra sign might be confusing, so I don't have a good answer. But I've witnessed three cars stopped at one of these intersections and no one was sure who should go first.

I am concerned that the planters (maybe they are the lane chokers/bump outs) could be a problem and not look good. Who will manage the plantings?

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First, this survey is skewed and generally asks questions regarding pre-determined goals. Modify this to include broader opinions regarding these planning devices; e.g. Do you believe (name traffic calming device) has enhanced or needlessly encumbered the community access to OWL? Do you believe the (name traffic calming device) improves or diminishes OWL? Have you EVER lived in OWL? If yes, how long? Has your experience with the OWL (traffic calming device) been positive or negative (you can provide a range). The point is---ask real questions that get broader answers regarding the satisfaction or dissatisfaction with the OWL traffic debacle.

Add at least one device to the streets that don't have any.

1/2 Lane chokers are not useful on the 600 block of Indiana where I live. Cars park in front of and behind them which must be a nuisance for the homeowner right in front of the choker.

More speed humps

3 was likely the best so far. The blocked intersections were causing turn around all over. I'm still not convinced there needs to be any at all.

Roundabouts everywhere and stop with the other nonsense

The speed humps on Michigan St are very rough on my tires and hydraulic systems even at a low speed. I live on that road and have no choice but to take it.

Why do you think it's a good idea to add these "calming" devices that not a single person likes

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I'd remove the lane chokers.

Remove them, people just go around them creating more unsafe driving behavior.

Let people drive where they need to drive to get where they are going.

Lines on the road are cheaper and just as safe if not more safe.

As a service technician these diverters are a giant pain. Parking is already terrible and then on top of that when I have to find a house for the first time Iâ€™ll randomly get sent in an unintended direction.

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They are a hassle, tough for bigger vehicles to go through

Do speed bumps. Makes no sense. If you actually read the comments youâ€™d see no one cares for these. Even on Facebook just hear negative things about it

Replace all diverters. Add speed bumps.

Waste of time and money.

Use speed bumps

Remove all of them. Waste of money. Why donâ€™t you make a difference in high traffic area.

Remove them immediately

To get from 9th street to 6th street, the only way to do that is go down MichiganMaine, or Kentucky. It is very confusing and frustrating. There doesnâ€™t appear to be any through streets.

I guess by frustrated those that donâ€™t live in the neighborhood, you pilot is a success, because it causes people to never drive through. In fact, rather than deliver items to friends in that area, I have required them to come pick stuff up, because I refuse to drive through a maze. My friends have not been happy with me.

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I would like to see the traffic circles INCREASE in size to slow traffic down more. I also think the chicanes should be larger to cause all vehicles to slow down upon entering the neighborhood. I think the stop signs should be removed from the traffic circle intersections to remove the ambiguity of what a driver is supposed to do at that intersection when turning left. I would like to see the planters installed at the entrances to the OWL neighborhood; setting the expectation that this a pedestrian neighborhood where driving speeds should be at a minimum.

Stop signs instead of "calming"

I don't mind speed bumps or circles, but the chokers is an issue. If I miss a turn, I spend another 5 mins getting to where I need to go. In emergencies I could see this being problematic. I think a speed bump would reduce speed and reduce bad behaviors, because while I don't live in the area, I am there frequently. I notice more speeding and illegal turns due to these chokers, and think they cause more harm than good.

Just put in stop signs.

These are a waste of money! It is already hard enough getting around time with all the construction you people decide to have and no we can't use side streets.

Quit bolting trashy plastic and aluminum bars down to the middle of the road.

Get them out of there

Remove completely.

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If you absolutely must have traffic calming devices, take out the diverters and replace them with small roundabouts. This at least makes the driver slow down and they can still go about their planned route without turning them wrong directions.

I think we should put traffic calming devices and "chokers" on EVERY neighborhood street and major road in Lawrence. I feel like the current format is inequitable in distribution, because the current devices only address the traffic "problems" in the wealthy neighborhoods. My hope is that this initiative is expanded to include every neighborhood, as well as every other place cars are driven in Lawrence. #takethebus #walkingisgoodforyou #stayoffmylawn

The chokers are cause many people who are working, assigned to go to residences, frustration. I would think emergency responders would be slowed down as well while they took an indirect route. These are literally the dumbest thing the city has done since the ice skating rink.

Please stop messing with traffic in areas. Don't need traffic to be messed with. It's been fine for many years. If people think the traffic is too quick in their area, maybe they should move.

Remove all of this. It is ugly and classist. It only infuriates drivers. I'm okay with speed bumps for slowing down traffic, but the rest is ridiculous.

Remove it. Very inconvenient

Take them all out

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This has changed the nature and character of the neighborhood. While I understand the desire to minimize traffic, in reality these devices just burden surrounding streets.

The traffic calming devices make it difficult for me to deliver equipment in that area, and makes it difficult for emergency vehicles to get through the area quickly and safely.

Most people who drive through here who don't live here or don't have family from here have no idea what to do with the "traffic calming" installations. They usually end up sitting at a complete stop trying to figure out what to do or try backing up down the block to go a different direction. I have seen increased meandering and people confused about how to get to their lo action choking up people trying to get through. The speed bumps are fine and I like them, but the installations and their considerable amount of changes appear to have created more confusion and more issues than before.

Get rid of the chokers,
Roundabouts

Let the grid layout of OWL remain a grid layout.

I think they are a joke and pointless. People still drive around them, so remove them!
Take them all out.

Use one way streets to make it easier to get around campus.

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Remove them all

Remove all of it apart from speed bumps. Those are fine.

Quit your science test. You are making life difficult for delivery drivers.

Stop signs.....

Speed bumps and speed humps are fine and should be installed where needed. Traffic diverters and lane chokers do not help and encourage reckless driving. Leave the streets open as normal but add speed bumps and speed humps where needed.

REMOVE THE "calming" OBSTRUCTIONS! There's nothing calming about them. They are creating major safety issues and they also are impossible to navigate through the neighborhoods. For people familiar or unfamiliar with the area, they are a nuisance for delivery drivers and paramedics alike.

take them out

Whose ever idea it was for these blocks and bike roads needs to be fired.

Get rid of it.

It makes those streets so inconvenient to go through as you are always turning when you want to go straight through. totally unneeded and a terrible idea. take them all out. complete waste of time and resources from the city of Lawrence.

Remove them and just monitor traffic and

Hand out violations!

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Remove all devices that prevent turning.

Please get rid of them. I don't pay taxes in another neighborhood for these folks to get a free private drive. These things are a nuisance.

Remove them all.

1. Add signage to 1/2 lane chokers along the line of "no thru traffic" 2. Post "20 speed limit" sign on same post as the "your speed" displays on Maine Street.

Get rid of them and the bike lanes.

I think this is a good thing overall. However, it presents a challenge to know which streets you can go down without hitting a barrier. It would be good to have the barriers as more of a roundabout or some option that does not cause difficulty navigating the streets in this area.

Use our tax dollars for something else to help the city! Schools, sidewalks, the homeless.

Remove them all. It's painful to travel through Lawrence as it is.

I despise the traffic calming arrows and lanes and one way turns. It's nearly impossible to visit my friends there and Halloween was a nightmare. I like the speed bumps, and I think they're effective, but the forced turns are horrible and it really detracts from the beauty of the neighborhood.

Complete removal.

Diverters are extremely confusing and have seen people simply drive over them. I would say these are a ridiculous waste of money. Funds could be used better elsewhere.

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Would you like to suggest any **MODIFICATIONS** to the current Pilot #3 layout? If so, please describe these modifications.

Take them all out.

Fire whoever designed and implemented it.

Instructions so that drivers know they are to operate as if the devices are roundabouts.

1. Locate the choker in the 600 block of Indiana to be visible upon entry to the neighborhood, as the one on the entry at Mississippi appears.

2. Slightly enlarge the traffic calming circle at 7th and Mississippi as well as 7th and Indiana.

3. Enhance the yellow reflective signs within the circles to stop signs.

Get the OUT. I work in the area.

REMOVE THEM. AND GROW UP.

THIS IS PETTY !!!

No lane chokers. The speed humps are insane. Get regular speed humps.

Remove all devices. This is embarrassing and an absolute waste of money. These homeowners bought with existing conditions. Why are we wasting resources with so many other important issues happening in our community?! I'm surprised this hasn't tomfoolery hasn't been picked up and showcased in some some satirical comedy website. Who is responsible for this?!?

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Would you like to suggest any MODIFICATIONS to the current Pilot #3 layout? If so, please describe these modifications.

Get rid of the "1/2 lane chokers" (such as on Missouri Street) because they are dangerous to resident traffic pulling in off 6th street, especially when vehicles are departing from Missouri Street onto 6th at the same time. Also, the small traffic circles are good EXCEPT that the stop signs (such as at Missouri Street and 7th) need to be removed because it is confusing to have a stop sign at a circle. There ought to be "circle" signs instead of stop signs so people know what to do. Right now people tend to not stop or use the circle correctly. -but the small circles are MUCH BETTER than the blockades used prior to the circles. The blockades are totally unacceptable.

Take them down

I prefer #3 to #2. #2 barriers ended up scattered as people plowed over them. I have to drive through there and I hated having to constantly turn w/ #2. I saw people divert into incoming traffic lane to make turns desired. I had to go around and around different blocks causing more driving in the surrounding neighborhood (that's not the desired result that we want, correct?) than needed because I couldn't turn the way I needed to with #2. #3 seems as effective as #2 in slowing down traffic but allows people to turn where they need to.

As a delivery business located on the edge of the neighborhood, we were VERY happy calming devices took the place of outright barriers. We do not mind the extra speed bumps, although our vehicles carrying vases of water must drive significantly slower than 20mph to pass over them. We strongly oppose the 1/2 lane choker near 9th and Indiana. This choker will make it more difficult for our employees to exit our parking lot, restricting or forcing wide turns to the north and blocking visibility when clearing traffic for a turn toward 9th street.

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Would you like to suggest any MODIFICATIONS to the current Pilot #3 layout? If so, please describe these modifications.

N/A

I respect theming to calm traffic there, but as a college town they have become hazardous and dangerous to not only students, but to people who live here as well.

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What OTHER COMMENTS would you like to add?

Please remove all devices

In general, I appreciate the overall efforts to try different layouts for traffic calming, and do believe it has generally lead to decreased speeds throughout the neighborhood. I do like the current layout best, but I wondered if stop signs at intersections with traffic circles will remain the same? Do intersections need to be widened to account for the traffic circles? Will permanent traffic circles look the same as the temporary circles? Would a permanent circle be bigger or look more 'official,' or include additional signage?

All this has done has caused problems for traffic..some streets are completely inaccessible while others have roundabouts. You evidently did not learn from the roundabouts the LDCFM has repeatedly destroyed because they have to drive over them. Putting up roadway obstructions like the sticks and roundabouts do nothing other than irritate people and cause emergency responders to lose time trying to avoid and deal with them. Safety first does not apply here. Bad idea all around. Take them all out!

I have a hard time seeing the entire picture here and how this helps anyone. During game days, the "calming devices" bring traffic to an utter stand-still for 30 minutes to an hour backing up traffic all over the west side of Mass street near 9th and Emery and the surrounding neighborhoods. I don't think that is worth it to back up traffic like that so a few people won't drive through a, frankly spoiled, neighborhood. Makes no sense to me. Plenty of other neighborhoods experience "cut-through" traffic. We should be able to take whatever public routes and roads exist to get to public spaces that are available... Who work in the city govt that lives in this neighborhood? Guarantee that they have something to do with this program and I'm not happy about it.

Another issue is that people who live in this neighborhood's lives are made increasingly inconvenient by the traffic calming devices. The fact that they change makes it even worse. I have to plan a new route to my own home every few months when the plans are changed it seems, and sometimes I am tired when i come home and every street looks the same so i'm spending time that i could be resting, driving around in circles in my own neighborhood just to go down my street the right way so i can park near my house... When will it be heard that residents of this neighborhood want the devices completely removed?? I can't tell you how many of my neighbors i have seen drive around the block multiple times trying to get to their own houses. It's ridiculous and we're tired of it!

This issue has been raised many times in the past 30 years. There are no easy or obvious solutions. You need to not impede traffic on Maine, Michigan, Mississippi and focus the traffic on those streets. And put appropriate traffic calming on the other streets if needed. Residents on Maine, Michigan, Mississippi need to accept they live on residential collectors that connect two arterials. Posting a 20 mph speed limit does nothing to slow the traffic and this has been proved by many studies over the 30 years.

Stop prioritizing rich homeowners over the middle class people that made this neighborhood so great.

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What OTHER COMMENTS would you like to add?

I would hardly consider calling these calming as they actually elicit extreme frustration and trying to make a simple turn to go around a block. I think the whole thing is ridiculous.

Really like the current setup versus the previous ones. I can go back to using the routes I used prior to any of the traffic calming measures and traffic seems to be going slower.

Stop wasting our taxpayer dollars on a small number of wealthy homeowners in OWL and instead spend it on improving conditions across Lawrence more equitably. Many neighborhoods in Lawrence don't get the basic upkeep they need and our tax dollars shouldn't go to experiments for making a few wealthy homeowners have less through traffic.

Pilot #3 has felt like a vast improvement over the first two. All efforts made to refine the project are much appreciated. Thanks.

KU is planning a major development to create a north gateway to the campus using Mississippi street as on the traffic on ramp to it from 6th and 9th street. They have said this is the preferred route in published videos. This is their vision. This is a major juggernaut with a conference center, retail and other activities that will be supported by KU, KU Athletics, KU endowment, KU Alumni, the Lawrence Chamber, and other major economic players in Lawrence. Mississippi Street will become the on ramp and off ramp to the university north gateway, and that will make current traffic cut-through volumes now on Mississippi Street pale by comparison. Close Mississippi Street! Block it off before the OWL residents on Mississippi become homeowners on a highway on and off ramp. Let's stop messing around with plastic bumpers, close the street between 6th and 9th! Save Mississippi Street, Stop the Madness! Let's not wait 2-3-4 years of insufferable traffic volumes before taking defensive action for the benefit of OWL, and especially Mississippi Street, residents.

I'm open to the circles if others find them helpful.
Speed monitor signs seem particularly helpful. Can they be permanent?

As a neighborhood pedestrian who walks the streets every day with a large stroller of kids, I feel 1000% safer with the traffic circles compared with the previous system of forced RH turns! Over half of the cars I encountered used to break the rule of the forced turn, making patterns unpredictable and scary for those of us walking. I'm so grateful for the switch to the circles!

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What OTHER COMMENTS would you like to add?

Just keep in mind that "calming" restrictions in some streets pushes traffic increases to other streets: they don't make the traffic disappear. Let traffic flow on public streets naturally and just add speed bumps and more stop signs. Thank you for the survey.

There are greater roadway concerns in Lawrence than inhibiting local traffic in OWL. It is advisable that the City focus on completing road construction projects in full, correctly, and on-time. As it is, the City has numerous outstanding roadwork projects underway which has greatly impacted the ability of residents to move about the city. Please consider the impact these concurrent projects have on neighborhoods, residents, businesses, and out-of-town guests.

The few times I've driven through OWL it's made my time spent driving around the neighborhood longer due to the diverters. I could've been out in way less time.

Enough with this experiment. How many tax dollars have you spent on this? If someone moves near campus, they can expect game and campus traffic. If that bothers someone, then they can move.

My comments are based on my job location. Phase 1 and 2 really made it difficult to get in and out safely from where I work. Traveling east on 6th street wasn't an issue. My issues were trying to turn West onto 6th street from Indiana or Mississippi at the rush hours. I don't feel safe turning out there, I've seen too many wrecks happen at these intersections. Working my way to 9th street was a major inconvenience with all of the mazes that were in place. Most of the time I would need to go several blocks out of my way to be able to turn back to the west. Phase 3 is ok if that is what we are looking at as permanent. I don't like the half lane chokers. Not helpful in any way.

Thanks to everyone for all their work on this.

Have several clients on home health in the area. On multiple occasions, we've seen police speeding through the neighborhood. If we're trying to make the neighborhood safer, shouldn't they be abiding by the laws as well?

Please please please stop wasting money on this. These devices are unsafe and the community hates them. Please remove them all except the speed bumps. The fact we have to remove these devices for winter weather safety demonstrates once again they Do Not Improve Safety.

Thank you to the city for cooperating on this project. I hope we can see this through to something permanent, sooner rather than later. Traffic reduction and calming has been an issue in OWL for the 40 years I've lived here. I hope we don't abandon all the time and effort given to this by OWL residents and city staff.

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What OTHER COMMENTS would you like to add?

I would like the City to pursue a permanent traffic calming plan in OWL based on Safe Streets or other options in place in other cities that are effective. Despite the arguments and neighbor v neighbor sentiments this particular project evoked in OWL (which, frankly, was an unintended consequence of this test and could have used a more nuanced and supportive approach by the city and its consultants to manage feelings/input), I believe the traffic calming pilot overall was successful at addressing the cut through traffic in our neighborhood and the unsafe speeds as well as reducing NOISE and LITTERING that such cut through traffic brings. Keep it please

Please stop being stupid.

I'd love to see low water crossings, single track covered bridges, and replacement of asphalt with gravel (potholes and washboard finishes included) considered too. People in OWL love to talk about the historic nature of the hood, but nothing about these street modifications are historic (if you want that, bring back the brick and scatter horse sheet all over - people will definitely slow down to avoid driving through that).

There are areas in town with far worse problems that should be addressed and this was only addressed because it is OWL!!

Stop wasting the people's tax dollars

Add more speed humps to more neighborhoods throughout Lawrence, along with the small calming circles. People drive way too fast in Lawrence and it doesn't matter if the speed limit is 40 or 20.

Just a question... what makes this neighborhood special enough to get special traffic things? Commissioners live there?

Great work everyone!

I drive through this area to work every day.

The thing is people get WILD to get around those devices and drive very dangerously, driving directly into other lanes and doing other dangerous things.

They also get road rage really bad.

Since I drive through here every week day I've seen it over and over. Traffic became much more dangerous after those were put in. The amount of reckless drivers vastly increased compared to what it was before.

The circles are only kind of better - now people just stop, confused, and sit in the intersection blocking all ways of traffic.

I definitely apologize if this isn't civil or seems like a personal attack on other drivers, I don't mean it that way, just want you to be aware that having those up is actually causing traffic to be worse by accident.

Stop blocking north and south bound traffic from certain intersections. it is just stupid and is a hindrance to residents.

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What OTHER COMMENTS would you like to add?

This is SO MUCH BETTER than the diverters. People aren't making unsafe turns against traffic, doing three point turns in alleys and zooming off, etc. We still see ZOOMING on Alabama (since it doesn't have speed bumps) and would love to slow traffic on our street, but overall this is much improved. People can come visit us, deliveries are easier, and neighbors are speaking to each other again. Kudos to the OWL traffic team. Now the city just needs to get out of their way. Hopefully the city can learn from this experiment and involve neighborhoods instead of consultants. It's a shame it took a volunteer group to do what "professional" engineers couldn't.

Really appreciate the traffic calming circles and bumps as someone who lives here and walks frequently with or without dogs. The previous pilot caused a lot of dangerous, improper traffic movements that I have not personally seen after installation. Thank you.

These devices only cause more traffic and congestion. They increase unsafe driving as I on a daily basis see drivers doing unsafe things trying to get around them as they make no sense and no one knows what to do as they are not devices people have been taught to drive with as they make no sense. The speed bumps are far too big and require slowing down for 10mph or they cause damage, and Have not ems cut outs. The speed limit is 25 or 35mph in the area and you have to drive 10mph or you will damage you car going over them at the legal speeds. This project has been a massive waisted or time and more importantly tax payer money. It's is a massive annoyance to anyone who lives in the area and has to drive thought there, like myself. You live in a college town, there will be traffic. Stop wasting my and other tax payers money and causing more problems and headaches of residents.

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The fact that firetrucks can't get down most of the streets now is a huge danger.
The entire program is just another waste to City coffers.

Pilot 3 is ideal...pilot one was purely a "nuclear" option to a non-nuclear problem. Pilot 2 was still too strong a reaction to the problem. Pilot 3 is perfect.

Making streets and intersections unusable is a problem on many levels. Take all of those out. Speed bumps work.

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What OTHER COMMENTS would you like to add?

I have been a Lawrencian since 1986. I always drive carefully in OWL. I don't think it's right to block off this neighborhood from the rest of us living nearby. It isn't a private, gated neighborhood that maintains its own roads. But with the lane chokers, Lawrencians are essentially blocked from driving in the neighborhood. It's very frustrating.

I'm all for speed humps and calming circles that still allow for flow of traffic but lane chokers are beyond frustrating and seem to have created more dangerous driving rather than less.

It's possible that in order to slow some overzealous northbound traffic coming down the KU hill on Indiana and Mississippi towards 6th street the traffic circles may need to be slightly larger to discourage some people with smaller vehicles blasting through.

Slow traffic but don't deter it. Residents of Lawrence deserve to drive fully on roads unless they are one way

This was a stupid and/or insane project idea you clowns came up with. Glad to see my tax dollars being wasted. Dumbfucks

The last version of this worked better. I have seen traffic increase and also nearly got hit walking across the intersection at 8th and Ohio. Drivers are back to cutting through and are not paying attention to pedestrians.

These things are ridiculous. Please get rid of them.

Remove all of the Pilot #3 modifications and quit wasting all city taxpayer money to accommodate one neighborhoods' obstructionist whining!

I understand and appreciate the desire for safer driving conditions in our community. I think there are better, smarter, more efficient ways to meet this goal than the traffic calming devices we have seen in Old West Lawrence so far.

This city many pressing issues and continually throwing money at this project is wasteful and screams improper.

For many residents of Lawrence, this seems an absolute waste of time and resources. There has been no demonstrated need to waste resources and man power on these items when so many other areas are deficient. This reeks of "rich people complained" and they were taken care of; these are exclusionary devices meant to keep the poor folk from passing through the neighborhood. There's no other explanation.

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What OTHER COMMENTS would you like to add?

If the traffic calming devices are left, I recommend a light on Michigan to turn onto 9th Street. With traffic coming from downtown and from 9th & Iowa it is very difficult to turn left from Michigan to get to 9th. If you take any other route out of the neighborhood, you get diverted to 6th street instead of 9th street. There needs to be more ways for people to get to 9th street safely from within OWL.

The round-about at Michigan and 8th needs to be revised to make it easier for larger vehicles, like SUVs to get through without curbing checking their tire, especially on the SW coordinate of the roundabout. It is very hard in a larger vehicle to make it around the corner without hitting the curb.

If you would like less cut-through traffic through the neighborhood, here's some ideas: change the traffic signals on 6th street so that a car can conveniently get from one lane to the other. Often if you are on 6th street, and you start in the left lane, it is very difficult to put on a turn signal and have some kind stranger let you merge into the right lane so that you can turn onto Tennessee Street. I've been blocked from making that merge even when starting from Wakarusa. In general, I think of 6th street as something you must decide in advance which lane you want to be in by the time you get downtown, or else you'll end up not being able to merge and being forced over the bridge into North Lawrence. What can be done in decrease the congestion on 6th? The traffic calming devices in OWL push more traffic to 6th street. And in addition, the turn from 6th street onto Tennessee street needs to be changed so that you do not curb check. Often there are people waiting in the west-bound turning lane on 6th to turn onto Tennessee Street and that traffic takes wide turns, so negotiating with other traffic at that intersection is particularly difficult.

I think the big question to ask yourselves, is what can be done so that students who live in the Oread neighborhood can access the commercial district on 6th street safely. I don't have the answers, but I have always preferred to cut through OWL and use lights at Michigan so that I can safely get across 6th street to the locations I wish to give my money to. 6th street needs more lanes. As it is now it is very congested and often you find yourself hitting every single light as you move westbound. This needs to be changed so that people won't just opt to cut through OWL to get to 9th, a much more easy road to use to head westbound.

Please remove these devices. There is good reason you never see these devices in any other cities.

Fire the city manager

Current program is wasteful.

City Engineer is a dope

Please remember the streets are PUBLIC streets and not your personal property.

The current phase 3 layout has returned all traffic, speeding, cut through to the way it was before the phase 1 test. Unacceptable

Note the survey question on traffic volumes should be a significant "increase" not decrease as written

Overall I am very pleased with the current configuration, and will be interested to find out what the data shows the effects have actually been,

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What OTHER COMMENTS would you like to add?

I was initially skeptical that the small circles would have any effect, but they have. Cars stop or at least slow more at stop signs. If the circles are large enough to require cars to maneuver rather than pass straight through the intersection, they significantly slow traffic. That is the purpose!

LISTEN to the people! Please work on the flow of traffic on primary streets which resolves nearly all side street issues. Stop the bandaid approach and work on getting better at problem solving. If the problems can't be solved with current staffing then stop funding these sad projects and hire someone with more expertise.

I think there has been a big improvement and like this configuration. With some additional tweaks, I think it will be very satisfactory. Thanks to the OWL Traffic Team and City for continuing to work together.

This entire thing has been a huge waste of time and money from the beginning. OWL is a grid system, deal with it.

Give the neighborhood a bunch of signs that say SOBRIETY CHECK POINT AHEAD and let them move them around randomly from week to week. You will get the same results for a lot less money. BTW, if the city actually uses this suggestion, I want to be paid \$10,000 as a "Consultant". That's a bargain compared to the \$\$\$ they have thrown away on "Studies", I bet.

See above

You have a typo on What impact to TRAFFIC VOLUMES have you noticed since the Pilot #3 test (devices installed in October) began relative to Pilot #2 (the devices installed in the spring)?

A significant reduction

A minor reduction

No impact

A minor increase

A significant decrease... This should be a significant increase.. right? or do you not want people to have the option to report that these have lead to cars being forced to play chicken in the center of my street for no reason.

I love how cars, including myself drive up and down the horribly maintained alleyways and almost hit people, trash cans, debris to avoid these devices. I should send a bill for new tires to the city.

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What OTHER COMMENTS would you like to add?

I want to thank the OWL committee for their hard work on this project. The speed monitor on Maine seems to slow traffic. Could we make that permanent? Could we add more of those?

I think the whole project is classist. If folks in OWL don't want traffic they shouldn't live downtown. I live in a lower income neighborhood near by and nothing has been done to slow traffic in our area. This project has made it more difficult for me to get to work, to the grocery and to the hospital in an emergency. When there's games or traffic issues on 6th or 9th there's no where to divert traffic as a result of this stupid set up. I've seen people cut thru OWL alley ways, go the wrong way down roads, and turn around in driveways to get around the barriers. It's creating hazardous conditions. How about the city fixes the sidewalks in old east Lawrence with the money instead? Or we could add better bus stops in or fix some potholes. This project feels like a weird psychological experiment and if you want to keep the maze up at least add some cheese at the end.

This is a classist attempt to move all traffic out of these richer neighborhoods. These are established paths thorough town. Stop.

This was a waste of time and labor. There was not an issue to begin with. Just a few entitled OWL residence who wanted to complain because they can't walk in the middle of street because they all are too above paying taxes to help clear and make a safe walkway on the sidewalks.

Get them all out. I must drive through OWL for my career a handful of times a week and the barriers provide a significant and unnecessary barrier to efficiently navigating around the neighborhood.

#3 pilot is definitely the best of the 3 options, but it could be tweaked a bit.

Good job to the committee working on this project to make our neighborhood safer for all. There are still crazyies on our roads, but alas, they will probably always be with us.

Helen Martin
742 Maine St.

This is a good arrangement! I live on Indiana and when the speed bumps and circles are in, the traffic is reduced. I feel much safer on my street. It is amazing how quickly the volume traffic volume increases and traffic speeds up when the diverters are removed. I hope this arrangement continues.

Please do not go back to any system that actually limits which way you can go at an intersection.

These are not solutions to the perceived problem. Law enforcement is the solution. I suggest that homes with these fixtures within sight will lose 10% of their value.

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What OTHER COMMENTS would you like to add?

Please replicate the Indiana pilot layout on the other streets in the neighborhood.

This iteration is the best one yet. If made permanent let's work on the aesthetics of the circles.

Stop messing with traffic flow. The streets are arranged in a simple grid. Leave it alone and stop acting like nannies.

Leave the devices up after data collection is complete!!! Please at least keep traffic circles if snow plows are an issue.

I'd like to see traffic calming measures added to Tennessee. And we need to be able to cross 6th and 9th streets in many (MANY) more locations.

I would like the City to acknowledge that Maine Street between 6th & 9th is still a residential neighborhood, despite being a conduit to LMH in emergency situations. I'd like to see the City use traffic enforcement dollars & personnel to set up speed traps on Maine and ticket every vehicle that exceeds the speed limit. Doing this several times would be, I think, a good way to convince cut-through drivers who currently continue to use Maine as a convenient shortcut that it's no longer worth it. I don't drive on Maine at all anymore & that means I have to go a few blocks out of my way to get home if I'm coming east on 6th Street. Not too big a price to pay (I'm retired, so I know I have more time than busy young families do). Not getting another expensive speeding ticket might be the incentive other drivers need to stop throwing Maine Street residents under the bus.

Please ignore delusional Karens who think cars on roads are aberrational and dangerous. I have never once seen a child playing in the street in Lawrence, so people could literally drive intoxicated at 75 mph on side streets ten hours a day and never hit one.

People don't know what they are. The drive over quite a bit. The traffic noise is terrible, with starting and stopping. I have seen vehicle's stop to ponder what to do with them and proceed directly across them. What a waste of time and resources for the city.

Your second question on traffic volumes is poorly written. My choice would have been "a significant increase," but there is a typo that changed the word "increase" to "decrease," related to KU traffic. Of course, part of that increase has to do with it being fall semester, football season, etc.

I like keeping traffic patterns that were designed for that neighborhood, which I visit often, but having traffic slowed. Option 3 does that.

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What OTHER COMMENTS would you like to add?

I want to be able to get downtown or to 9th St unimpeded but the rest of the world to know that speeding is unacceptable in Old West Lawrence. Thank you.

Stop wasting taxpayer money for a couple privileged homes.

I respect the desire of residents to reduce speed in their neighborhood but this should be done with judicious use of traffic circles. Diverters and excessive # of speed bumps make the neighborhood inaccessible for deliveries, for visitors, and for emergency vehicles. Old West Lawrence is a treasure that we want to show visitors (like Potwin in Topeka.) Making it hard to access has an impact on the entire community and any potential residents who might want to move here. Showing it off to potential KU faculty has been a selling point featuring our homes and our history.

What we have now works just fine. Please don't go back to blocking turns onto different streets.

How will these new bumps and traffic circles affect snow removal?

I think the city spends too much money and effort on a small area of the city's traffic. They need to improve the major city streets to accommodate the increased volume of traffic. Perhaps this would keep vehicles from cutting through the residential areas to avoid the overly congested main thorough fairs. What about putting a circular bypass for vehicles in the city's "Strategic Plan". You know, something like they've done for bicyclist.

Until June of this year I owned a house in old west Lawrence. The initial project the blocked turns and redirected traffic in ridiculous, untested was obscene. I cannot believe that this city spent that much money on things that all my neighbors hated, and now it's completely out of money for improvements to the neighborhood. Even with all that money spent, I highly recommend you just remove everything, because winter is coming. I'm really glad I don't live in OWL anymore.

Several commenters appear to be still griping about the first iteration, which was undeniably overdone but is now off the table. And I wonder if an accurate figure for the median home value in all of OWL would justify the complaints of privilege.

That said - back this arrangement off a little; be careful about the mass of the planter boxes and roundabout material; trim the trees back from the existing stop signs; and let's get this done. Then, move on to the next neighborhood that volunteers to go through this process, and let THEM take some heat (original word was cr*p, but unacceptable) for a change.

The City needs to reduce its planning staff so something positive (instead of resistance and barriers) can actually get done and traffic and the economy can get moving.

Thanks to the city and staff for continuing to look for creative ways to address this long-standing traffic problem, and for inviting so much public comment. I do hope the final installed circles and bump-outs will be done in a aesthetically pleasing way that harmonizes with the look of the neighborhood.

Traffic volume, speed, and recklessness has been a concern of my neighbors and me since I moved to the neighborhood 44 years ago. This pilot program, and prospective implementation, represent a HUGE step in the right direction. Thank you, City of Lawrence for facilitating and implementing it.

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What OTHER COMMENTS would you like to add?

The stop signs are very confusing, where they are in combination with other devices. While it's understandable that the city would not want to remove them during a test, it is important that residents know what the ultimate plan is. With reference to my comment #2 above, if the "small" traffic circles remain, I do not believe that removing all stop signs at the relevant intersection makes sense, as I do not believe the small circles necessarily reduce speed. However, if larger, true circles were implemented - which would force cars to slow and rotate counter-clockwise - any stop signs would be redundant.

I don't think the speed bumps actually slow speeds, except immediately before and after the bump when people hit the brakes to go over them. After transiting the bump the faster drivers just accelerate and resume their previous speed. This is just a personal observation, and not all drivers do it. On the other hand, the bumps don't cause as much noise as I anticipated. (One is located about 60 feet from my bedroom). That surprised me.

The streets with traffic circles should have signs that indicate that the intersection has a circle. It is hard to recognize that what's in the middle of the street is a circle at this time.

Please do not remove these temporary devices until a permanent solution has been agreed upon.

What OTHER COMMENTS would you like to add?

â€¢ Sometimes neighborhoods need to deal with TEMPORARY driving hassles, detours, and other inconveniences during construction projects. This plan, however, is intended to be PERMANENT, and it is INTENTIONALLY UNPLEASANT.

â€¢ This plan has PITTED OWL RESIDENTS AGAINST EACH OTHER:

â–ª RENTERS versus HOMEOWNERS: Earlier this year there was conflict about whether renters should get as much say as homeowners.

â–ª AFFLUENT RESIDENTS versus OTHERS: I noticed that several of the survey responses described this plan as wasting taxpayer money for the benefit of â€œa couple privileged homesâ€ (survey respondent #47), â€œa few wealthy homeownersâ€ (#5), â€œjust a few entitled OWL [residents] (#33), or a â€œfrankly spoiled, neighborhoodâ€ (#3).

â€¢ MAINE & MICHIGAN STREET RESIDENTS versus OTHERS: During meetings and in this survey, some residents on Maine Street and Michigan Street expressed displeasure with a plan that intentionally increased traffic on their streets. For example, one survey respondent wrote, â€œI would like the City to acknowledge that Maine Street between 6th & 9th is still a residential neighborhood, despite being a conduit to LMH in emergency situationsâ€ (#44).

I do not recall OWL residents being pitted against each other like this in the past.

â€¢ I feel sorry for anyone who has worked hard to make their house look nice but who now has a â€œBUMPâ€ sign in front of their house.

â€¢ When evaluating the before-and-after data, we need to pay attention to the context. I provide details below, but TO SUMMARIZE, for most of the streets, the â€œAFTERâ€ data-collection period included either the days before KUâ€™s Thanksgiving break or KUâ€™s â€œStop Day.â€ Even without this traffic plan, traffic in OWL is likely to be lighter than average on these days because many students leave campus.

DETAILS: In a document from the City of Lawrence website (accessed by going to

The original Pilot #1 was an atrocious plan that the City and their Consultant should be embarrassed ever got implemented in the first place. The errors were numerous and obvious. Even after it was abundantly clear that the plan was a failure, the City left the barricades up for two more months before they finally removed some of them to create Pilot #2. With the installation of Pilot #3, we finally got our neighborhood back as it effectively slows traffic and doesn't block people from getting where they need to go. Traffic speeds are reduced by the installed speed humps. Traffic speeds are an issue; traffic volumes are not except on the very busiest of streets.

Thanks to the Traffic Safety Team for all their thoughtful work.

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What OTHER COMMENTS would you like to add?

If people move to OWL, they need to accept that this is not a "gated" community or that it should become hard for the rest of Lawrence to access. I lived in OWL for 21 years, and we all knew that people loved to cruise the streets checking on the beautiful trees, etc. We also had the bus with the KU Football team come through every game day (Great memories). We have all paid taxes (long before many of the current residents moved in) to pave the streets, un-pave the streets, maintain the streets, etc. and, therefore, should have free access to use the streets; fairly unencumbered. Lawrence should not just randomly choose to create obstacles to neighborhood access, and treat citizens to the latest theory of modified traffic behavior, when their tax dollars have paid for the access. The word on the street is that this has occurred because a few wealthy people moved to the neighborhood. Part of the wonderful nature of OWL is that ALL citizens have access to travel the tree-lined streets, and we object! If a person wants a gated neighborhood, move to one. Leave Lawrence streets alone, please. The low traffic bumps are enough...the higher ones can ruin cars if someone misses one...that's what speed limits are for....the intersection obstacles should be completely REMOVED to allow all of Lawrence to use the streets...ridiculous that Lawrencians cannot go from 6th and Mississippi to 9th and Mississippi. This IS a college town not a singularly retirement community, after all.

Pilot #3 is an appropriate response to the safety and speeding concerns of the neighborhood. This pilot seems to work as well as the previous two pilots without the wholesale inconvenience of residents and their guests.

I would like to see the speed bumps and traffic circles remain in place through the winter. I understand that the snow plows can go over the speed bumps and around the circles. To take them out would just mean a return to the fast reckless driving we have just finally diminished with these devices.
Thanks for your interest and hard work!

It is VERY hard to navigate through OWL with these traffic calming devices in place. ESPECIALLY on days where there is extra traffic in the area for games and the likes. Just add additional speed humps and move on...

Game day parking is an absolute mess. People are turning around and driving over the devices. You can't even leave your own house with people causing problems at the intersections.

Why do you think it's a good idea to add these "calming" devices that not a single person likes

More people drive through the alleys now to avoid those calming devices. It defeats the purpose if 10x more cars drive the alleys.

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I think this is a waste of taxpayer money and done in the service of elitist homeowners. ALL of Lawrence pays for maintaining these streets and ALL of Lawrence should have free and open access to the neighborhood. Traffic was never bad enough to justify the time, expense, and division brought to Lawrence over these wastes of money.

Thank you for working on this and for taking into account residents' opinions.

A great deal of care is being taken for a privileged few in Lawrence at the expense of other streets who deal with increased volumes of traffic. Traffic circles and a few speed bumps is enough. It is more difficult visiting friends and parking over there. Most Lawrencians are decent sorts - this multiplication of bumps, blocks, and circles seems a lot where a few things would do.

I resent the huge amount of all of our tax dollar that go to fund projects for wealthy neighborhoods only, while Low and moderate income level neighborhoods get impromptu homeless shelters with no community feedback at all. What is missing in West Lawrence services for homeless people.

I lived in OWL for 5 years but now do not. I go through it sometimes to get east from 6th street bec 6th is dangerous. The alternating stop signs along 8th street are already confusing to drivers, these calming devices are just maddening.

While i understand the intent, it has a negative intent for those trying to provide delivery to the area, causing more confusion and annoyance to the problem. Speed bumps slow down traffic but these intersection devices where you cant turn or otherwise navigate make deliveries a hindrance.

Take care of the brick streets and convert other streets that you paved over back to brick if you want traffic slowed

Please remove unnecessary obstacles in a road. Next time don't leave the barriers up for so long it don't take that long to drive down the road and find out they are pointless.

I only drive through Old West Lawrence due to family & going to LMH. As a motorist, I think the devices are acceptable, anything to slow the traffic. Some of the earlier machines were very annoying!

Now will you please add speed-limiting devices on 15th St between Massachusetts & Kentucky? ðŸ˜

I feel as if the traffic diverters do the opposite of what the OWL residences are hoping for alower/reduced traffic. I imagine it creates the need for more u-turns in the neighborhood going down one street being forced to go back another when you can't use the cross streets. Roundabouts would be better solutions than the road diverters.

Speed hump and similar devices are fine. But diverters are just insanely frustrating for a service technician and probably delivery drivers as well. If GPS knew which ways to go then it wouldn't be a problem.

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I hate them

I drive through this section to and from work. It is confusing and frustrating. I don't see that traffic is being managed more efficiently or safely. I frequently see people misunderstand or ignore the diverters and go the wrong way to get past them. The first time I encountered these diverters, I certainly went the wrong way. I thought it was some kind of half-way done construction. And, once I knew what these were intended for, it was still frustrating, figuring out the maze. It's irritating and stressful. I'd wager these "calming devices" make drivers more erratic, which is not safe for any neighborhood. It makes conditions less safe for everyone. And, considering that every year Lawrence gets a new flock (pun) of residents, plus visitors in this area parking for football games, these streets need open roadways with clear signs and routings.

Take these stupid things out!!!!

Just add speed humps. Take out the no left turn.

These were a horrible idea, and waste of resources/money.

Some people work near the OWL area and need to travel though the traffic calming sections. It is horrible when you cannot take the shortest route to work, but have to drive out of the way in order to avoid several of the traffic calming devices. It seems like the implementation of an idea that was designed to pacify the minority, while negatively impacting the majority.

This whole system reeks of entitlement as in a gated community. What is so special about this neighborhood that there is some reason to impede traffic? I go out of my way to avoid driving in Old West Lawrence because I never know where I will end up. It's like entering a maze and it's impossible to know where you will come out. I make all these comments as one who used to live in OWL at 6th and Louisiana.

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My sister lives in the OWL. Throughout this project we have seen most all drivers ignore the traffic diversions. It takes considerable time to drive to her home and wastes fuel. My daughter works with the civil engineering company that was first contracted to work on this project. Their study showed less than 1% decrease in traffic. We have higher priority issues in our community. Too much time and energy has been spent on a project a minority of OWL residents supported.

If we cannot do any of the above modifications as suggested, I would like to keep Pilot #3. I would like to see these remain installed all year round--not removed for the winter months. That just leaves our streets vulnerable to careless drivers, allowing them to resume unsafe speeding and cut-through practices.

When there are streets in this town that don't even have sidewalks, where kids have to play and ride bikes in a busy street, or there are potholes the size of the Grand Canyon, or School crossings without crossing guards, this should be the least of your priorities. Letting a bunch of old, grouchy, rich people get their way instead because they don't want cars driving down their public street is ridiculous. Shame on the city for doing this!!

I appreciate the effort, but unsafe drivers are going to be unsafe. With these attempts, unsafe drivers have become even more unsafe as they recklessly ignore or drive through the diverters. Many will just do a U-turn around them, or pull into our driveways to turn around and go the way they wanted to. It just seems easiest to put in stop signs and call it a day.

Anything that is added will be driven around or driven over. I think speed humps would be great along 7th there where that little red school house is but other than that I think the attempts have only made it difficult to navigate the neighborhood. Having to turn around just to turn right or left onto a street is silly and adds time to my travels.

STOP WASTING OUR MONEY!

Now I see people getting so annoyed with these still being an options they just do what they want or go down alleys

None of the painted bike lanes protect bicyclists. Safety measures that would stop cars from running over a bicyclist in their lane would be meaningful improvements.

Na

I have lived in the Old West Lawrence area off and on for the last 18 years. Not only does this not help reduce speed or traffic, it creates an unsafe environment with cars having to make unexpected turns when they find they cannot pass through completely. Terrible idea, the city needs to work together with the community rather than just taking the initiative to implement something so absurd.

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From my experience, traffic calming devices do the exact opposite of calming. They're frustrating and are telling community members they shouldn't be driving on streets that are for public use.

Maybe we could fund the development of flying cars so road traffic would no longer be a problem for anyone. Just sayin...

This was a terrible concept from the very beginning, be ashamed that this was even suggested, much less that you've made life miserable for people in this neighborhood for over a year now just to appease a few people who think they're too important to have to listen to traffic like everyone else.

Public roads are meant to be used by ALL of the public.

Take them out. It's ridiculous.

Remove or don't make drivers drive blocks to come back the other way let turns be available.

All the street should be available for all of the population of Lawrence.

It is difficult enough to try navigating this town. It is the worst of any city I have lived in. Between the addiction to stoplights with terrible timings, and constant ongoing construction, I avoid going out and spending money unless I am forced. I work in KC and spend money there to avoid the streets of Lawrence.

Makes it significantly inconvenient with anyone hauling a 16 foot or larger trailer. Have had to back up an entire block on multiple occasions due to these poorly designed/ placed things

Never do this sh*t again

The calming devices have been so frustrating, and have kept me from shopping downtown as frequently.

How about you put a tram car in to help people get downtown allowing more flow instead of trying to restrict the current flow of traffic

So many people choose to ignore the traffic signs and make unsafe driving decisions, I feel like even though there are less cars it's been an increase in unsafe driving activity overall

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I don't feel these devices are safe. It is more difficult for emergency services, delivery drivers, etc.

I would be fine with as many speed bumps as you want to put there. I'm good with a speed bump every 10 feet if you want. But those blocker devices are the dumbest thing I've ever seen.

These are ridiculous. Please remove them.

These make driving in the city quite hard.

While I do not live in the neighborhood I have many friends who live there and I also make weekly deliveries from my small farm to clients. The OWL delivery day of the week is the one I dread most - takes me longer to navigate around which means I'm in the neighborhood longer than I want or need to be. This also feels extremely classist considering the cost of housing.

It is really tough to get my truck and boat thru some of this,

I don't live in OWL, but I do drive from the KU campus to 6th Street somewhat regularly. I don't mind the speed bumps on Maine. However, it does bother me that you cannot drive over them while going the speed limit without risking damage to your car and your body. It seems to me that if the speed limit is 20mph, then it should be safe to drive over the speed hump at that speed (not at 25mph, but at 20mph). It's not fair to punish those of us who do obey the speed limit. (I live near 9th and Lawrence Avenue, and I feel the same about the speed humps in that area. It should be safe to drive over the hump at the posted speed limit.)

Noticed significant increase in alleyway cutthru, turning the "wrong" way to circumvent intersection blockages. Remove them altogether! They have served no purpose, and the city streets were just fine before installing them like they were for the past numerous years.

Quit wasting taxpayer money on these yuppies!!! Treat them like everyone else!!!

Waste of \$

When ever there is construction or an accident in the area and traffic is diverted into OWL, it is a nightmare! It's also just terrible trying to make deliveries in the area. Maybe just put in speed bumps instead of turning the whole neighborhood into a maze that belongs in the 6th circle of hell!

How are emergency vehicles impacted? A prime example of the intent of the planners: Imped traffic.

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The problem is, people are stupid. There was an accident closing 6th street entirely and all traffic diverted to 7th. People were turning into traffic the wrong direction because of the circles and barriers. It was DANGEROUS! People are too selfish and impatient for these and someone will get hurt. Just put a 4 way stop at every intersection and people will avoid it like the plague. It's a safety issue and they need removed. It made GameDay traffic horrific, and dangerous.

This is entirely unnecessary. If people want calm, move to the farmlands, the middle of nowhere. Quit complaining about urban living when you've chosen to live in urban living.

Every version of diverters and speed control devices have caused more harm than good.

Please stop using diverters and lane chokers in Lawrence. It seems to only enrage some drivers who then do foolish maneuvers to avoid the diverters and chokers which is dangerous. Just slow them down with speed bumps and speed humps.

Who the actual f*ck decided the placements of the "calming aka ENRAGING" traffic instructions, without any foresight into the ability to actually navigate the neighborhoods?

people just go around them, they make traffic more unsafe.

I hate these. They are ugly and hazardous. They caused us to get a flat tire one time. Calling them "Driver Irritation" devices would be more accurate. We moved away and these Devices springing up around town make me glad we did. Thank you for listening.

Get rid of 21st bike road that no cyclists use and impedes normal transportation and emergency vehicles.

Stop with all the roundabouts and these "traffic calming" things they make it so it's a nightmare to get around and take the money we need to fix up the roads.

See above comment. also. chill with the speed bumps. They are not needed on every side street in the damn town.

Old West Lawrence is always been such a beautiful part of the Lawrence history, and these devices have really distracted from the beauty of the old homes and streets.

These are city streets paid for by citizens tax money. It no for the "special" people. I have seen them damaged by drivers driving over them. My own car damaged trying to negotiate through the area.

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If the city is going to invest so much time and energy into traffic speeds in one neighborhood they should also do this in others that house more children, families and schools. The Pinkney neighborhood is largely forgotten for maintenance, traffic speeds, and safety, yet the residents are frequently called upon to support some of the most challenging populations in our city. Please ensure you are spreading the resources into all neighborhoods and not just the most affluent. Let's move some attention for sidewalk repairs and safety studies north of 6th street.

The humps and circles are great. Residents deserve fewer speeding drivers. But preventing through traffic with no warning signage makes drivers do a lot of dangerous and stupid things. There are businesses at 6th and Missouri that I access from Missouri, and I can't go north on Missouri anymore when coming from the west. I've seen many drivers there break intended habit to do so, and it's going to eventually cause injury and or property damage.

Don't understand why you'd take the most beautiful neighborhood in all of Lawrence and make it ugly. You took the most historic homes and mixed with modern UGLY traffic cones, bumps, curbs and things. I'm in the utility business and it's the dumbest thing in the world to drive around 4 blocks to get to an address a half a block away. I guess you wanted to make it as ugly as you made downtown with the cones and barriers down there. I don't understand.

I see people go around them causing almost head on collisions. They look horrible and personally have changed my mind about moving there now. Ruins the old west. Worst idea ever!

Odd that I didn't have a chance to share my name with the staff when completing this survey. Only option to share my name is publicly.

These additions just make traffic worse and are no help at all.

This is a major inconvenience

I bet getting an ambulance anywhere in there is awful.

I drive in OWL several times a week. As others have noted, there are so many other projects that should have priority. As an electrical engineer, I'm surprised that this temporary "solution" received any traction. That three phases exist speaks to its poor design.

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While I am not from this neighborhood, myself, it appears from social media that out of neighborhood voices are yelling the loudest. I hope you weigh the voices of those who live in this the most. The thru traffic has scared me so many times as I passed through here myself, in a solid vehicle, I cannot imagine either myself or my kids walking it riding bikes in this area. People's ability to fly through this neighborhood should not carry the weight of those who live there.

I really wish the City would stop wasting time and money on these useless pet projects to appease the wealthy of OWL.

Get rid of all

Take all of the devices out. They are a waste of city time and resources. No one likes them. They make navigation of the neighborhood insanely obnoxious. People just drive over or around them (the wrong way) anyways just to get where they are going. I don't know a single person who actually like them. More traffic in the area is not a big deal compared to the nuisance that this project is. Please make it come to an end and remove all current traffic installations. In my experience they just cause road rage when people cannot through a street that they expected.

These dividers were a complete failure and just caused people to commit traffic violations.

See above.

These devices make driving hazardous. They create problems for delivery people, visitors, and residents in finding their way through the maze of obstacles.

As any neighborhood does, OWL developed over time. With over a century of time passing, and older roads being brick while newer placed ones were paved, the placement of stop signs has been done incrementally. I believe the neighborhood, city and university have grown to a traffic pattern causing this grid system area to need 4 way stops for safety, consistency and understanding of movement through the area for cars, walkers and bikers.

While the focus of this initiative has been on Old West Lawrence, the education received by neighbors, city employees, community members, and outside contractors is relevant in assisting existing neighborhoods, future neighborhoods and surrounding streets.

It's cheap and ineffective

Make this guy payback the money he wasted and reopen the homeless shelter on east side of town. This guy needs a good spanking and sent to timeout.

Please don't ever go back to the one way lane closures. That was a nightmare for everyone.

Remove all devices. This is embarrassing and an absolute waste of money and resources. These homeowners in OWL bought with existing conditions. Why are we wasting resources with so many other important issues happening in our community?! I'm surprised this tomfoolery hasn't been picked up and showcased in some satirical comedy website. Who is responsible for this?!?

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GET RID OF THE BIKER STREETS. THEY ARE RARELY USED BY BIKERS AND CREATE A MORE DANGEROUS ENVIRONMENT DUE TO PEOPLE ILLEGALLY SWERVING AROUND THE DIVERTERS

I prefer the current phase 3 condition, and actually like the small traffic circles (if you get rid of the stop signs next to the circles). This is because I am seeing the TEMPERMENT OF OUR DRIVERS, how they behave when you inflict blockades to slow them down, you only make matters worse, especially with the absence of needed law enforcement (that you have caused). Having the circles without stop signs, on the other hand allows traffic to move slowly and carefully, but without annoying drivers and causing dangerous conditions. I should know, as I have had direct observation of these things at all times of day and night during the entire span of the project. Something I wish you had addressed along with attempting to slow traffic - noise of unacceptably loud vehicles and high volume music, intoxicated driving, reduced presence of needed law enforcement. That is because all of these problems come from basically inconsiderate people who choose to break other traffic laws in addition to speeding. They don't stop at signs, don't employ turn signals, don't stop texting, any more than they follow speed limits! This is why we need law enforcement returned along with heavy fines for lawbreakers, if you are serious about traffic safety in our community. Thank you - I do appreciate the work you do.

This system makes navigating to home during rush hours a nightmare. We are forced to go one direction when approaching an intersection which causes more traffic and illegal/unsafe uturns for people just wanting to get home.

Just an inconvenience

They are ugly and it's irritating you can't go down a road anymore cause of the blockage

The inconvenience to traffic has caused irrational driving behavior, e.g. drivers stymied by the nonstandard circles or making u-turns in the street to get around the devices (yes, I've seen both of these occur).

I don't live in old west Lawrence but I do spend some time here every week and watch the traffic. The street I spend time on doesn't have the traffic barrier at the intersection. It does have speed humps and probably the most cars parked on each side of the street as any other street. This effectively leaves room enough for exactly 1 car to fit through and people still race through there like they're on The Dukes of Hazzard (just aged myself), even while children are playing in the street. It is disconcerting to watch. I don't know the solution but I guess the more uncomfortable you make the experience the better. Maybe go back to brick streets with all the bumpiness and people may take another street.

How about patrolling the areas of concern? The no turn one's are ridiculous. There is not enough traffic in any of those areas to warrant any of these devices except Michigan Street in the 700 and 800 block.

Thank you for taking the time to solicit community input before implementing permanent changes.

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An honest waste of funds and time. All neighborhoods suffer from some form of traffic issues. I live in East Lawrence and it's pretty bad with people trying to skirt traffic from 23rd to Haskell, to 11th st, to Delaware ST, to 9/8/7th ST. People fly through there, but nothing is done. On that note, I think the OWL additions are a terrible attempt to curb driving, nor should you try to prevent people from using public streets. Use speed bumps, and roundabouts.

I am a delivery driver. The calming devices make me go in a direction that I don't want to go so I end up spending more time in the neighborhood.

Hate the entire project. We paid for the streets. Let us use them the way they were meant to be used.

I have seen people driving very dangerously pulling u turns becoming aggressive. Myself I feel like it created more traffic I'm driving around the neighborhood trying to figure out where I can turn.

This was hugely disapproved by the public to begin with.

We need a different solution. This is not good for the city, it's residence, or those who live there.