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**Sent:** Monday, March 12, 2007 5:36 PM  
**To:** David Woosley  
**Subject:** RE: traffic on 31st street

David,

What we would really like is to have the city check the traffic speed and patterns. We have a very high volume of traffic at certain times of the day that makes it not only more dangerous for drivers but also for pedestrians and even for someone just to try and get across 31<sup>st</sup> Street to catch the T.

We need some type of crossing here because the closest is up at Neider Road and we have folks we support and some employees who catch the bus and some walk to work. You might want to check crash data all along 31<sup>st</sup> Street as I am sure there are concerns with other folks as well. Anything you can do towards this would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks,

Sharon S. Spratt, CEO

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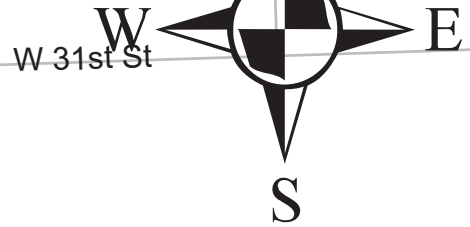
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Harrison Ave

Recommended  
Pedestrian  
Crosswalk  
Location



Approximately 12,000 vehicles per day;  
85th% speed > 50mph

2801



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Traffic Safety Commission  
City of Lawrence, Kansas  
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Dear Commissioners:

Thank you very much for your agenda consideration of our request to David E. Woosley for a solution to the high traffic problems we are experiencing throughout the day for drivers and pedestrians accessing Cottonwood, Inc. located at 2801 West 31<sup>st</sup> Street. Automobile accidents and near-accidents involving staff and consumers, as well as the obvious difficulty area pedestrians have safely crossing the four lane street with speeding traffic, has precipitated this request.

The agenda item indicates that discussion will focus on safe pedestrian crossing around Harrison and 31<sup>st</sup> Street. A crossing directly aligned with our main entrance at Harrison would likely cause traffic backup at peak times. As an alternative, we would propose a pedestrian crossing, similar to the one on Massachusetts at South Park, some distance either east or west of Harrison.

Unfortunately, Cottonwood has an annual celebration event, "The Classies", on the evening of May 7<sup>th</sup> and it involves all staff and individuals served at Cottonwood, Inc. We will not be able to attend the Commission meeting but appreciate your consideration either at that meeting or a subsequent meeting where we may be able to attend.

Sincerely,

Jill Baker  
Administrator of Services

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