

**City of Lawrence**  
**Traffic Safety Commission Agenda**  
**August 4, 2008 – 7:00 PM**  
**City Commission Room, City Hall**

ITEM NO. 2: Reconsider request to establish a marked crosswalk at the intersection of Dakota Street & Louisiana Street.

Facts:

1. At the March 3, 2008, Traffic Safety Commission meeting, the Commission voted 7-0 to recommend establishing a MARKED CROSSWALK together with PEDESTRIAN REFUGE ISLANDS on Louisiana Street adjacent to Dakota Street.
2. At the May 6, 2008, City Commission meeting, the Commission referred the request back to the Traffic Safety Commission to take into consideration the cycling public; in addition, there was discussion about alternatives.
3. At the June 17, 2008, the Bicycle Advisory Committee voted unanimously to support construction of the PEDESTRIAN REFUGE ISLANDS on Louisiana Street as requested by the Parkhill Neighborhood Association.

**ACTION: Provide recommendation to the City Commission.**

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**August 4, 2008 Minutes**

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David Woosley presented the information provided in the staff report and distributed copies of an e-mail from John Bowen, 403 Dakota Street, supporting the request.

Public comment:

Michael Pomes, 528 Kansas Street, representing the Park Hill Neighborhood Association: The Park Hill Neighborhood Association has been pushing for this pedestrian crosswalk and pedestrian refuge because it is very close to a major place of shopping on either side; this would make it easier and safer to access those areas; Park Hill Neighborhood is a pedestrian neighborhood and having the pedestrian crosswalk would be a nice fit for the neighborhood to allow additional access to more shopping.

Carol Bowen, 403 Dakota Street: It is recommended that when you have a crosswalk, you have a pedestrian refuge and the Traffic Safety Commission followed-through on that previously because it is the smart thing to do; some people might say why don't you walk up to Louisiana & 23rd; but that is not making a walkable community to have a pedestrian walk that far to get across the street, plus there are more conflicts with vehicles at that intersection and it is a whole lot riskier.

Commissioner Woods: I voted for this initially, but after looking at it, there are no sidewalks to get to this thing; people will be walking through the neighborhood through yards and I am going to have to vote against it until we can get a sidewalk in there that will make it better accessible.

Commissioner Smith asked what alternatives there were; Woosley reviewed the alternatives provided in the agenda packet.

Commissioner Smith asked where there were sidewalks; Woosley advised that there were sidewalk along both sides of Louisiana.

Commissioner Smith: I don't know that I'd have that much of a problem with them walking in the street to get up there since there is a sidewalk to walk up to the crosswalk and a sidewalk on the other side.

Commissioner Novotny asked if there was street lighting; Woosley noted that the aerial appeared to show one at the intersection which is typical.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ZIEGELMEYER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH, TO RECOMMEND ESTABLISHING A MARKED CROSSWALK AND PEDESTRIAN REFUGE ISLAND ON LOUISIANA STREET NEAR DAKOTA STREET; THE MOTION CARRIED (5-1)(Woods: there are no sidewalks from the neighborhood leading to Louisiana Street).**

**David Woosley**

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**From:** Bowen [carolb@sunflower.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 27, 2008 4:32 PM  
**To:** David Woosley  
**Cc:** EddieDavalos@CBMcGrew.com  
**Subject:** PhNA request

David, As a result of the Parkhill Neighborhood Association meeting Sunday, January 27, we are requesting a crosswalk at Dakota Street across Louisiana Street. There are many pedestrians in our neighborhood who cross Louisiana Street with difficulty to shop at The Malls. We understand that a crosswalk does not guarantee safety, but it would define where we should cross. Sidewalks leading to the crosswalk would help pedestrians navigate the terrain. Our reasons are as follows:

1. Parkhill is a very pedestrian neighborhood.
2. The Malls is an activity center across the street from the neighborhood.
3. Dakota Street functions as a collector street for vehicular and pedestrian traffic.
4. There is no defined place for pedestrians to cross from Dakota Street to The Malls.
5. Sidewalks would be a plus, but our request is really focused on a crosswalk.

Thank You,

Carol Bowen  
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