

**City of Lawrence
Traffic Safety Commission Agenda
November 3, 2008-7:00 PM
City Commission Room, City Hall**

ITEM NO. 4: Consider request to establish NO PARKING along the south side of 18th Street from Missouri Street, west 100 feet.

Facts:

1. City practice has been to not restrict parking in residential areas unless requested by the public and supported by adjacent property owners and/or residents; however, this restriction is needed in order to provide for the proper operation of the KU bus system.

ACTION: Provide recommendation to the City Commission.

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Woosley presented the information provided in the staff report and advised that the adjacent property owner had called and indicated that he is not opposed to the request.

Public comment:

Danny Kaiser, University of Kansas: The biggest reason for our request is to allow our 40-foot buses to maneuver through the area and turn left into the campus; the rear swing on a 40-foot bus is very noticeable and 18th Street is not very wide; we have had three incidents where the rear swing has clipped a parked car and one incident where the bus driver was trying to stay far enough away from the parked cars and was sideswiped by an oncoming car; this request would remove two parking spaces.

Commissioner Woods: In the past, we were led to believe that these buses were temporary and would be replaced with something smaller; Kaiser advised that some 35-foot buses are being purchased when funds are available, however, 35-foot buses can also be a problem and there are times when the 40-foot buses are necessary to handle the demand.

Commissioner Woods asked how many accidents they had had with the buses; Kaiser advised he did not have that information and wouldn't feel comfortable guessing.

Commissioner Smith: I think your bus drivers do a pretty darned good job.

Commissioner Woods asked if they could use another route into the campus; Kaiser advised this was the only feasible route for the bus to take.

Commissioner Miller asked about the availability of parking for the adjacent resident; Commissioner Smith noted they had a big driveway and Woosley noted they had called and were not opposed to the request.

Commissioner Ziegelmeyer: I think this is a reasonable request.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MILLER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH, TO RECOMMEND ESTABLISHING NO PARKING ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF 18TH STREET, FROM MISSOURI STREET WEST 100 FEET; THE MOTION CARRIED 8-1 (Woods: I think we're setting a precedent; these buses don't fit any of the city streets and I think they will be back wanting more; I think the route could be adjusted somehow).

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David Woosley

From: Kaiser, Danny [dkaiser@ku.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2008 1:41 PM
To: David Woosley
Cc: Steeples, Don W; Weinberg, Jeffery B; Hultine, Donna R
Subject: 18th Street request

Traffic Safety Commission
City of Lawrence
6 E. 6th Street
Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear Commission Members:

The Parking & Transit office of The University of Kansas is requesting “No Parking” designation for the area of 18th Street immediately west of the intersection of 18th and Missouri Streets and east of the first driveway. This would relocate the current “No Parking” sign approximately 35 feet west of its present location.

18th Street is a bus route for one of our fixed routes. It is also used for our basketball and football game shuttles. Buses traverse 18th Street from west to east and turn north into Lot 90.

18th Street is relatively narrow with parking along the south side of the street. When a large bus turns left into Lot 90 the swing of the rear of the bus comes very close to parked cars along 18th Street. There have been three situations where a bus has come in contact with a parked car resulting in damage, and one situation where an oncoming car and a bus brushed each other as they passed.

Making this area “No Parking” will go a long way to reduce the risk of accidents on 18th Street in exchange for the loss of two parking spaces.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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