

AGENDA – TSC 7/6/09

ITEM NO. 5: Consider request to establish NO PARKING along the south side of 13th Street from 300 ft. east of Oregon Street to 300 ft. west of Oregon Street.

Facts:

1. 13th Street is classified as a local street in a residential area paved 30 feet wide.
2. The city's practice has been to not establish NO PARKING in this type situation unless requested-by and supported-by area residents.
3. The Burroughs Creek Rail Trail is scheduled to be constructed at this location with a crossing of 13th Street near Oregon Street.
4. It is good traffic engineering practice to provide sight distance at this type of crossing.
5. Parking is currently prohibited along the north side of 13th Street in this area.

MINUTES – TSC 7/6/09

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David Woosley presented the information provided in the staff report and noted that comments had been received from a resident opposed to the request.

Public comment:

Julie Mitchell, 1231 Brook Street, representing the Brook Creek Neighborhood Association reiterated their support for the Burroughs Creek Trail and the request for NO PARKING.

Phil Collison, 933 Pennsylvania Street, representing the East Lawrence Neighborhood Association reiterated their support for the NO PARKING request.

Judy Harrington, 1228 Delaware Street: I am excited about the bike trail and I ask for your support for the NO PARKING.

Michael Almon, 1311 Prairie Street, circulated a map showing the area in question (attached) and a number of photographs showing parking in the area (attached). Almon stated that most of the parking occurs during the

week by employees of a business; most residents have adequate parking in their driveways or garages; we think for visibility-sake, particularly when children on the trail are crossing the street, parking needs to be restricted consistent with the trail crossing on other streets.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARDEN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HECKLER, TO RECOMMEND ESTABLISHING NO PARKING ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF 13TH STREET FROM 300 FEET EAST OF OREGON STREET TO 300 FEET WEST OF OREGON STREET; THE MOTION CARRIED 7-1(Woods: the request did not come from the adjacent residents and I am concerned about the livelihood of the owners of the day care center).



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15 May 2008

re: request for parking removal, south side of 13th St. at Oregon St.

Dear Commissioners:

Please remove parking from the south side of 13th Street for a distance of 300 feet east and west of where the Burroughs Creek Trail will cross 13th Street (at Oregon St.). This request is to assure the visibility and safety of bicyclists and pedestrians when crossing 13th Street. Please see attached map.

In mid 2004, discussions began between Brook Creek, Barker, and East Lawrence Neighborhoods to create what was to become the Burroughs Creek Trail & Park. The City Commission appointed a three-neighborhood committee to plan the trail along the abandoned BNSF rail corridor. On 14 February 2006, the City Commission adopted the Burroughs Creek Corridor Plan.

In the ensuing three years, the City has worked at implementing the Corridor Plan by developing a site plan, acquiring land parcels from adjoining landowners, negotiating with BNSF Railroad, securing Federal Highway Administration funding, passing a sales tax, and producing construction drawings. Trail construction is scheduled to begin in August 2009, and be completed by October of 2009.

When utilized at full capacity, the Burroughs Creek Trail is projected to have 2700 users per day: bicycle commuters, utility bicyclists, recreation bicyclists, joggers, child strollers, in-line skaters, pedestrians, etc. The Trail crossings at 11th & 19th Streets will have HAWK signalized controls, but at 13th & 15th Street, there will be raised speed tables. On 11th, 15th, and 19th Streets, parking is prohibited on both sides of the streets, so visibility is excellent at the crossings. However, on 13th St., parking is prohibited on only the north side, not the south side. So that is the reason for our request.

This is one of the last design details for the Trail, but it was not possible to address it at any other stage of planning. Safe traffic nodes are key for the success of the Trail, so we appreciate your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

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May 25, 2009

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Re: Burroughs Creek Trail safety concern

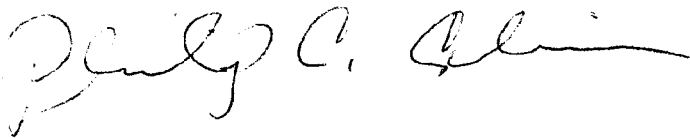
Dear Traffic Safety Commission members:

The East Lawrence Neighborhood Association is very excited about the new Burroughs Creek Trail path that is underway. After three years of discussion & planning, we are looking forward to it opening this fall.

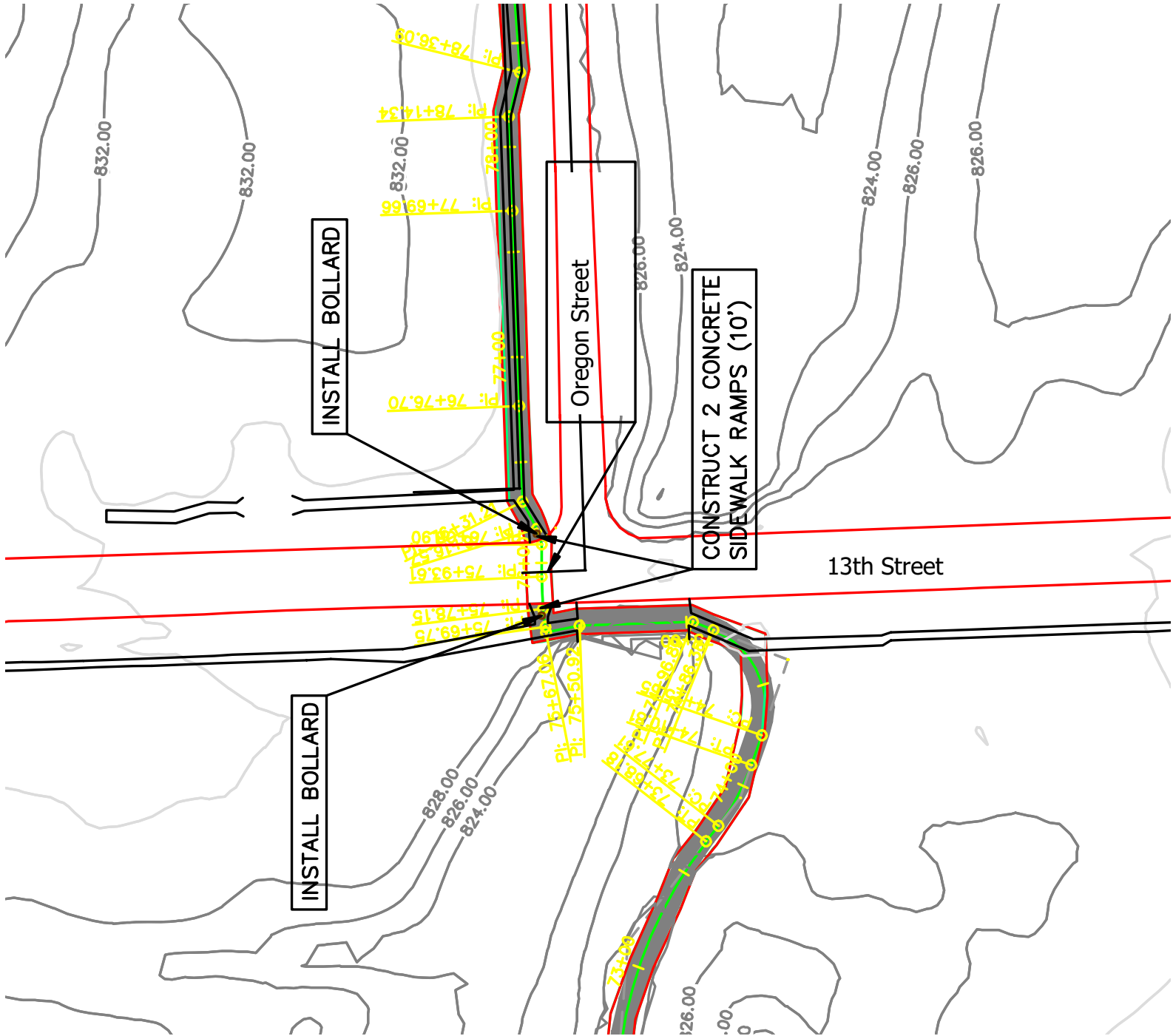
Our neighborhood has safety & visibility concerns for trail users where the trail crosses 13th Street. Therefore we would like to request "No Parking" signs from where it intersects with 13th Street extending 300 feet to the east & west, on the south side of the street. Parking is already not allowed on the north side of the street. We feel this action will appropriately address these safety & visibility concerns.

Thank you for your time & consideration.

Sincerely,



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David Woosley

From: Bruce Uecker [bauecker@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2009 7:22 PM
To: David Woosley
Subject: Traffic Safety Commission Agenda for July 6th 2009

I will not be able to attend the traffic safety meeting scheduled for July 6th 2009, however, I wish to express my view on Item No. 5, the request to establish a NO PARKING area along the south side of 13th street near Oregon. I am apposed to this request as the driveways in this area are too narrow to park two vehicles abreast thus parking along the street is a necessity. Also my wife operates a licensed daycare out of our house, so parking along the street is very important to her business, since most parents dropoff and pickup their children at similar times. My address is 909 E. 13th St. My phone number is 785-218-5771.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Bruce and Melissa Uecker.

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