

City of Lawrence  
Traffic Safety Commission Agenda  
August 6, 2012-7:00 PM  
City Commission Room, City Hall

MEMBERS: Dan Harden, Chair; Edwin Rothrock, Vice-Chair; Stuart Boley; Ryan Devlin; Cody Howard; Jason Novotny; Tracy Russell; Chris Storm; and John Ziegelmeyer Jr.

**Anyone who wishes to be notified when an item will be heard by the City Commission must provide their name and a telephone number or an e-mail address.**

ITEM NO. 1: Review and approve the minutes of the Traffic Safety Commission meeting, June 4, 2012.

ITEM NO. 2: Consider request to designate the right northbound lane on Kasold Drive at 6<sup>th</sup> Street as a RIGHT TURN ONLY lane.

Facts:

1. Kasold Drive is classified as an "arterial" street with two northbound through lanes at 6<sup>th</sup> Street.
2. Peak-hour traffic counts obtained show that during both the AM and PM peak-hours, over 55% of the northbound traffic makes a right-turn, while less than 45% of the traffic continues northbound.
3. If the right lane is designated as a right-turn only lane, pavement markings and signing would have to be installed.

ITEM NO. 3: Consider request to construct a ROUNDABOUT or TRAFFIC SIGNAL at the intersection of 27<sup>th</sup> Street & Haskell Avenue.

Facts:

1. Haskell Avenue is classified as an "arterial" street; 27<sup>th</sup> Street is classified as a "collector" street.
2. Haskell Avenue will have a connection to the South Lawrence Trafficway when it is completed in 2015.
3. Traffic data obtained in May, 2012 show that three traffic signal warrants are currently met; Warrant 1b, Eight-Hour Vehicular Volume, Interruption of Continuous Traffic; Warrant 2, Four-Hour Vehicular Volume; and Warrant 3, Peak-Hour.
4. Traffic data also is within the range of accommodation by a single-lane roundabout; in addition, due to the off-set in 27<sup>th</sup> Street, a roundabout may be easier to build and operate.

ITEM NO. 4: Consider request to establish NO PARKING on Massachusetts Street south of 23<sup>rd</sup> Street and provide a separate LEFT-TURN LANE for northbound traffic.

Facts:

1. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street is classified as an "arterial" street and Massachusetts Street is classified as a "local" street south of 23<sup>rd</sup> Street.
2. When the intersection was reconstructed in the 1990's, residents of the area indicated that they did not want a northbound left-turn lane if it meant the removal of on-street parking.
3. In order to provide a left-turn lane, parking will have to be removed from both sides of the street for approximately 150ft south of the intersection.

ITEM NO. 5: Consider request to construct TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES on 17<sup>th</sup> Terrace, 18<sup>th</sup> Street & New Hampshire Street.

Facts:

1. As a part of the approval of the reconstruction of the Dillon's store on Massachusetts Street, Dillon's provided \$40,000 for the construction of traffic calming devices on the residential streets east of the store.

2. 18<sup>th</sup> Street was approved for Traffic Calming by the Traffic Safety Commission and the City Commission in 2007.
3. Traffic data collected in March 2011 showed that over 65% of the traffic during the peak-hour was cut-through traffic; therefore, this street meets the minimum criteria for consideration of traffic calming.
4. Traffic data collected in the 1700 block of New Hampshire Street in January 2011 showed over 1100 vehicles per day on a "local" street; therefore, this street meets the minimum criteria for consideration of traffic calming.

ITEM NO. 6: Public comment.

ITEM NO. 7: Commission Items.

ITEM NO. 8: Miscellaneous.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Harden, Chair; Stuart Boley; Ryan Devlin; Cody Howard; Tracy Russell; Chris Storm; and John Ziegelmeier, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Edwin Rothrock, Vice-Chair; Jason Novotny

STAFF PRESENT: David Woosley, Public Works Department  
David Cronin, Public Works Department

PUBLIC PRESENT: Betty Alderson; Bob Gent; Chad Luce; Jeff McKee; Lois McMillan; Mark Savich; and Mike Sizemore

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Chair Dan Harden called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room, City Hall, 6 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

**ITEM NO. 1:**

**Review and approve the minutes of the Traffic Safety Commission meeting, June 4, 2012.**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DEVLIN, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER RUSSELL, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING, JUNE 4, 2012; THE MOTION CARRIED, 6-0-1.**

**ITEM NO. 2:**

**Consider request to designate the right northbound lane on Kasold Drive at 6<sup>th</sup> Street as a RIGHT TURN ONLY lane.**

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report and noted that e-mail correspondence (attached) had been received and forwarded to each commissioner.

Public Comment:

None.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Devlin asked how the lane currently functions; Woosley advised that it is used by both right-turning and straight-thru traffic.

Commissioner Harden: In theory you would increase the intersection thru-put capacity.

Commissioner Ziegelmeyer: Hopefully it would cut-down on the number of motorists that cut-thru the drugstore parking lot.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BOLEY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DEVLIN, TO RECOMMEND DENYING THE REQUEST TO DESIGNATING THE RIGHT NORTHBOUND LANE ON KASOLD DRIVE AT 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET AS A RIGHT TURN ONLY LANE; THE MOTION FAILED, 2-5.**

Commissioner Russell: I think it's a valid proposal that has been put forth and just because the proponent isn't here I don't think we should negate the fact that the traffic counts have shown that 55% is turning right.

Commissioner Ziegelmeyer: I agree with Commissioner Russell; I think it is a valid request and I think it makes sense.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ZIEGELMEYER, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER RUSSELL, TO RECOMMEND DESIGNATING THE RIGHT NORTHBOUND LANE ON KASOLD DRIVE AT 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET AS A RIGHT TURN ONLY LANE; THE MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**

**ITEM NO. 3:**

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Public Comment:

Chad Luce, Westar Energy, 746 E. 27<sup>th</sup> Street (handout attached): I don't have anything personal against roundabouts, they just don't mix well with our line-trucks; our service center is on 27<sup>th</sup> Street and we have 50 ft. wheelbase trucks and digger-derrick trucks that are 67 ft. plus the utility pole and we just don't think a roundabout could be built big enough to accommodate us; we estimate 40 of our large trucks per day from our facility use that intersection; we certainly support signalization there.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER RUSSELL, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER BOLEY, TO RECOMMEND CONSTRUCTION OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT THE INTERSECTION OF 27<sup>TH</sup> STREET & HASKELL AVENUE; THE MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**

**ITEM NO. 4:**

**Consider request to establish NO PARKING on Massachusetts Street south of 23<sup>rd</sup> Street and provide a separate LEFT-TURN LANE for northbound traffic.**

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Public Comment:

Mike Sizemore, 2301 Massachusetts Street: I live right on the corner of 23<sup>rd</sup> & Massachusetts; there is overwhelming support in the neighborhood to do something at this intersection; there is a mis-alignment and trying to head north out of our neighborhood or turning west when traffic is stacked-up going south is a blind intersection and there have been a lot of wrecks; I appreciate your consideration of this and anything else that can be done beyond the no parking; this is where the majority of Haskell students come into the neighborhood.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Boley: I think it is a scary intersection; I tried turning left out of there and I understand the problem.

Commissioner Ziegelmeyer asked if the only option was to remove the parking; Woosley advised that was the only way to get a left-turn lane there.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ZIEGELMEYER, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER BOLEY, TO RECOMMEND ESTABLISHING NO PARKING ON MASSACHUSETTS STREET FOR 150 FEET SOUTH OF 23<sup>RD</sup> STREET AND PROVIDING A SEPARATE LEFT-TURN LANE FOR NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC; THE MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**

**ITEM NO. 5:**

**Consider request to construct TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES on 17<sup>th</sup> Terrace, 18<sup>th</sup> Street and New Hampshire Street.**

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Public Comment:

Bob Gent, 1801 Barker Avenue: We have got a tremendous amount of cut-through traffic on our street and we have children that live on our street and we're very concerned for their safety; we have a lot of difficulty with trucks from Dillon's coming down our street and turn right onto Barker and drive over the curb and through the yard; I'm concerned about traffic coming to the Dillon's store and I'm especially concerned about this truck traffic; over time I have surveyed the neighbors along 18<sup>th</sup> Street and with few exceptions all of them approved the idea of traffic calming, and many of them thought the idea of putting a diverter in and making the street one-way eastbound was what was mostly preferred; it would be nice to have the one-way and speed humps if possible.

Lois McMillan, 1800 New Hampshire Street: I see a lot of truck traffic; we've had two instances where wires were ripped-off our house; we constantly see the influx of traffic going both ways on our road, both in front and on the side; Dillon's can't control external traffic delivering that is not theirs; something needs to be done for the safety of our people and the safety of our homes.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Harden: Our role is not to come-up with design details, but to recommend to the City Commission to either do this or not to do it.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BOLEY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DEVLIN, TO RECOMMEND CONSTRUCTING TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES ON 17<sup>TH</sup> TERRACE, 18<sup>TH</sup> STREET & NEW HAMPSHIRE STREET; THE MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**

**ITEM NO. 6:**

**Public Comment:**

Betty Alderson, 1400 Lilac Lane #103: I do have some concerns for the neighborhood situation; I have an additional concern about Dillon's using the lot at 19<sup>th</sup> Street & New Hampshire for temporary parking during their grand opening; I'm concerned that if it becomes permanent, it will increase the traffic on New Hampshire Street; I can see maybe turning 18<sup>th</sup> Street into a one-way street; I do think we need to do something to protect the neighborhood.

**ITEM NO. 7:**

**Commission Items:**

None.

**ITEM NO. 8:**

**Miscellaneous:**

None.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission is Monday, October 1, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

*David E. Woosley*

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