

AGENDA: TSC 12/2/13

ITEM NO. 4: Consider request to establish NO LEFT TURN on southbound Missouri Street, Arkansas Street & Maine Street at 19th Street.

Staff Report:

1. During the past three (3) years, there have been three (3) reported crashes involving southbound left-turning vehicles at these intersections; one (1) at Arkansas and two (2) at Missouri; in addition there was one (1) reported crash at the involving a vehicle exiting the Naismith Hall parking lot and making a left-turn; all crashes occurred between 2:00pm and 5:00pm.
2. A NO LEFT TURN restriction can be established at each of these intersections to restrict turns at all times or during specified time periods; however, restricting these turn will increase left-turns at other locations such as Naismith Drive, Naismith Hall driveways or the alleys between Arkansas & Missouri and Maine & Missouri unless these locations are also restricted.

MINUTES: TSC 12/2/13

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Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report and noted the receipt of two (2) e-mail's concerning this item.

Public Comment:

Betty Alderson, 1400 Lilac Lane: 19th Street has been a problem for years; you're locked-in to that narrow street there; traffic is backed-up in both directions bumper-to-bumper from Naismith to Massachusetts every day between four and six o'clock; I don't know what a solution to this is; part of the problem is that people are in a hurry; when I read this I thought I'm not sure closing those streets is an answer, but I don't know what the answer could be.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Ziegelmeier: I'm not sure how effective that sign would be; Woosley advised that the proposed sign would not be legal, but that NO LEFT TURN signs could be installed.

Commissioner Rothrock suggested that DO NOT BLOCK INTERTSECTION signs may be more appropriate.

Commissioner Ziegelmeyer: I don't want to diminish that we have had accidents there, but three (3) accidents in three (3) at three (3) intersections is not very high.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ROTHROCK, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER RUSSELL, TO RECOMMEND DENYING THE REQUEST TO ESTABLISH NO LEFT TURN ON SOUTHBOUND MISSOURI STREET, ARKANSAS STREET & MAINE STREET AT 19TH STREET; THE MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

From: Voegerl, Ryan S [mailto:voegerl@ku.edu]
Sent: Saturday, November 23, 2013 1:25 PM
To: David Woosley
Subject: RE: Traffic Safety Commission Agenda

Hi David,

Thank you for reviewing my suggestion of "No Left Turns Onto 19th Street."

I would like to add additional information: "When driving eastbound on 19th street, I have avoided a collision by using my brakes (30 MPH to 0 MPH, in roughly three seconds). This event occurred at around 10 AM on a Thursday morning."

Restricting left turns between 2 and 5 PM would be very helpful, but a greater time span of 9 AM - 6 PM would prevent even more accidents.

Thank you for your time,
~Ryan Voegerl
Geology Graduate Student

From: David Woosley [DWoosley@lawrenceks.org]
Sent: Friday, November 22, 2013 3:00 PM
To: Voegerl, Ryan S
Cc: David Woosley
Subject: Traffic Safety Commission Agenda

Attached is the Traffic Safety Commission Agenda for December 2, 2013.



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From: Alderson, Betty J. [mailto:adkab@ku.edu]
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2013 3:47 PM
To: David Woosley
Subject: Dec. 2

David,

I see that the public meeting for the transit hub is from 6 to 7 Monday evening and that the traffic safety commission meeting is at 7 the same night. I may try to do both and would probably be late to the traffic commission meeting.

I am very concerned about the 19th street suggestions. There certainly is a problem that has been described; however, when I first read the information it was not immediately clear that it was the cars approaching from the north going south that was the issue. Maine street is the only southbound street going south off of 19th in that stretch of road. Having lived at 1920 Maine for more than 50 years I do understand what is being discussed. But there is virtually no convenient other alternative to coming from the north on the streets mentioned, you cannot go east on 18th street, so one would have to go west on 18th street to Naismith before making two left turns to go east. The traffic is backed up most days, or was when I lived in the neighborhood, from Naismith to Massachusetts between 4 and 6 pm. This is bumper to bumper traffic. I like what has been done on 18th street for it has made that part of the University Place neighborhood much safer for those who live there all the time. Southbound traffic from the KU Recreation Center often leaves the parking lot there to exit onto Missouri at 18th and proceed on to the south to 19th street. Other than reducing the speed to 20 mph or lower may be the best solution available and that presents a terrible enforcement problem. And there are unsolved, uncorrected storm water problems any time there is a heavy rain in the area to further complicate the issue.

Good luck in working thru this one.

Betty Alderson

From: "Voegerl, Ryan S" <voegerl@ku.edu>
To: "City Hall email" <CityHallemail@lawrenceks.org>
Subject: Suggestion for Safety Sign on 19th Street

Hello,

I am not sure who to contact about this matter, so please forward this message to someone who might be able to help.

When 19th and Naismith west-bound drivers are backed up, KU students are making dangerous blind left turns onto 19th street when leaving Missouri, Arkansas, and Maine Streets. I propose a sign is put up, and hopefully 50% of drivers will see the sign and recognize the danger.

I have personally witnessed an accident that involved a driver making a left turn onto 19th street, between traffic, and into the path of a 19th street eastbound driver.

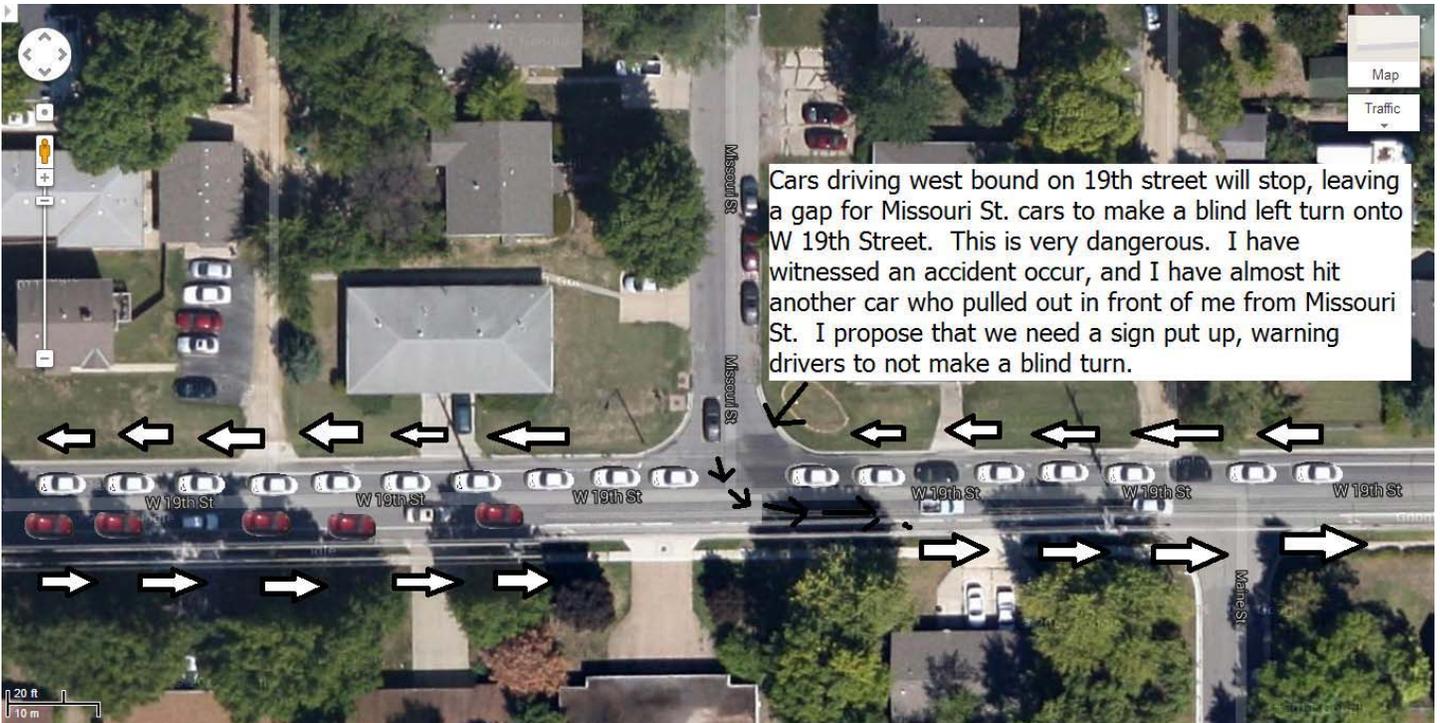
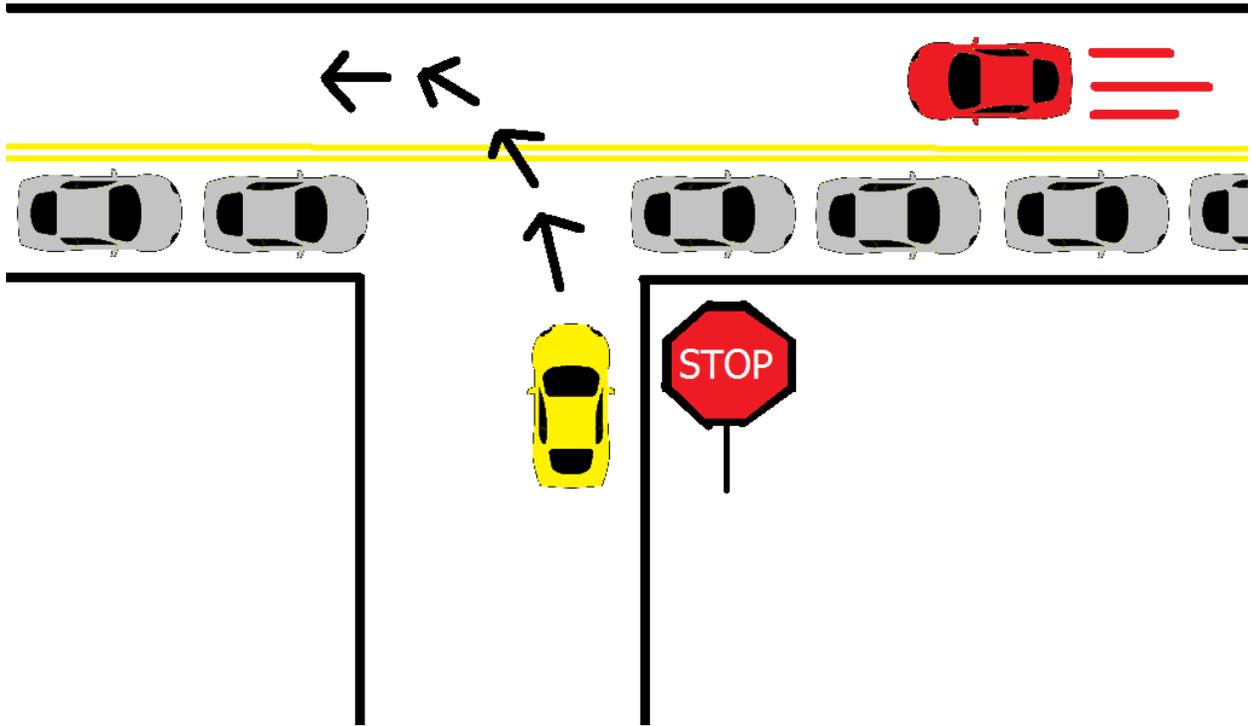
Also, I have been the 19th street eastbound driver and needed to slam on my brakes, coming within three feet of hitting a driver that has pulled out in front of me.

This e-mail could easily be deleted, ignored, and forgotten. This sign will make KU a safer place to commute. Please consider this idea.

Thank you for your time.

~Ryan Voegerl
Geology Graduate Student

DANGER: NO BLIND LEFT TURNS





W 18th St

Naismith Dr

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Arkansas St

Missouri St

Maine St

W 19th St

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