

AGENDA: TSC 5/4/15

ITEM NO. 2: Consider request for TRAFFIC CALMING on 26th Street and on Atchison Avenue.

Staff Report:

1. Traffic data obtained during April found traffic volumes below 1000 vehicles per day; however, 85th percentile speeds ranged from 37.1-40mph on 26th Street and from 28.6-45mph on Atchison Avenue; therefore, both streets meet the minimum criteria for consideration of traffic calming.

MINUTES: TSC 5/4/15

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Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report and noted additional correspondence received on this item.

Public Comments:

Pamela Baughman, 2432 Atchison Avenue, asked what type of devices were being considered. Woosley advised that that is determined by consultation with the adjacent property owners once funding is available.

Kermit Cottrell, 3104 W. 26th Street: 26th Street is a very quiet street, it doesn't go anywhere, there is very little traffic; traffic calming is unnecessary.

Kevin Doyle, 2431 Atchison Avenue: My concern is the speed of traffic on Atchison; we've had three (3) street trees replaced from out of control vehicles; the speeds are inappropriate for a residential neighborhood; I fully endorse traffic calming, but, I discourage the removal of parking.

Mary Roach, 3101 W. 26th Street: I have, on occasion, seen a car go fast on 26th; I wonder about the expense of calming devices; I'm not opposed, but, I don't see that they're needed on 26th Street.

Susan Ralston, 3005 W. 26th Street: I don't see a big need for traffic calming on 26th Street.

Jason Wiegert, 2309 Atchison Avenue: The volume and speed of traffic is quite alarming; I would suggest some type of calming; I would support parking removal.

Nancy Huckeba, 3004 Flint Drive: I don't think anyone wants to see parking on only one side of 26th; Atchison is where something needs to be done because it is a bike route; something needs to be done on Atchison.

Stan McMechan, 2511 Atchison Avenue: I have an issue with parking on only one side or the other.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Koprince: I would be inclined to support Atchison, but not 26th.

Commissioner Storm: I've lived in the area for over 15 years; I would agree.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KOPRINCE, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HARROD, TO RECOMMEND APPROVING TRAFFIC CALMING FOR ATCHISON AVENUE AND DENYING TRAFFIC CALMING FOR 26TH STREET; THE MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.

David Woosley

From: nancy huckeba <narehu@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2015 9:08 AM
To: David Woosley
Subject: Lawrence Avenue, 26th St. Atchison Ave.

Dear Mr. Woosley:

I realize you are quite busy so thought perhaps this would be a better way for us to communicate than by phone.

In our neighborhood of Prairie Meadows what we are most concerned with now is the "cut through" traffic. My neighbors and I hope that no tragic accident will occur. We have a diverse close knit community. This is what we want you to know, we talk about this problem often. We are out walking and biking and doing yard work. This is an older established neighborhood near Holcomb Park, there are young families with small children, and older & disabled people in a nearby group home. There are strollers, bicycles, walkers, and wheel chairs in use. Many neighbors walk for exercise.

Atchison Avenue to 26th Street, and Lawrence Avenue is a "cut through" route. My kitchen window faces the corner of 26th & Flint Dr. I can hear and see vehicles accelerating as they turn the corners to use the a fore mentioned route. This is not a rare occurrence. I recently heard a vehicle before I saw it speed by, the driver was on his cell phone, I estimate the speed was over 50 mph. I was almost hit head-on by a speeding driver on Atchison Ave, weaving in and out between vehicles that were parked along Atchison on both sides. Her head was bent over a cellular devise until I honked. She flipped me off as she sped by!

We ask for your consideration of this request:

- 1-2 speed humps along 26th & Atchison each
- marked pedestrian crossings at the 3 way stop(Lawrence Ave. & 27th)
- marked crossing & crossing sign with arrows, sidewalk to sidewalk across Lawrence Ave to Holcomb where the handicapped accessible curbs are
- parking only on one side of Atchison & 26th

Thank you for giving this matter your attention Mr. Woosley.
We are willing to put together a petition, if that is what you advise.
I look forward to your response to share with our neighbors.

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TRAFFIC CALMING POLICY

Resolution No. 6602, August 23, 2005

1. TRAFFIC-CALMING DEVICES may include but are not limited to Traffic-Calming Circles, Speed Humps and Speed Cushions, Speed Tables, Partial Diverters, Full Diverters, Center Island Narrowing, Chokers, and Road Closures; however, roundabouts are traffic management devices and are not subject to this policy.
2. TRAFFIC-CALMING DEVICES may be permitted on "local" streets as designated by the City's Major Thoroughfares Map, and under any one of the following conditions:
 - A. The 85th percentile speed of traffic is 5 mph or greater over the speed limit, or
 - B. The 24-hour two-way traffic volume is greater than 1000, or
 - C. Cut-through traffic comprises more than 50% of the traffic during the peak hour of the day, or
 - D. Where no single condition is satisfied, but where any two of A, B or C above are satisfied to the extent of 80 percent or more of the stated values.
3. TRAFFIC-CALMING DEVICES (except SPEED HUMPS) may be permitted on "collector" streets as designated by the City's Major Thoroughfares Map, under any one of the following conditions:
 - A. The 85th percentile speed of traffic is 5 mph or greater over the speed limit, or
 - B. The 24-hour two-way traffic volume is greater than 3000, or
 - C. Cut-through traffic comprises more than 50% of the traffic during the peak hour of the day, or
 - D. More than 50% of the frontage of the roadway consists of residential lots with the houses facing the roadway in question, or
 - E. Where no single condition is satisfied, but where any two of A, B, C or D above are satisfied to the extent of 80 percent or more of the stated values.
4. Traffic data will be collected with city personnel using city equipment only. In the event that a requested location does not meet the minimum requirements as stated in 2 or 3 above, subsequent requests will not be considered for a minimum of one year.
5. The Lawrence-Douglas County Fire & Medical Department, the Police Department, the Public Works Department and the Traffic Safety Commission must review all requests for TRAFFIC-CALMING DEVICES before being presented to the City Commission.
6. If a project is approved by the City Commission, the City Commission will determine financing of the construction. The City Commission may require 0-100% of the costs to be paid by the group or neighborhood making the request.
7. After a project is approved and funded by the City Commission, TRAFFIC-CALMING DEVICES will only be constructed at a location if 70% or more of the property owners within 300 feet measured along the centerline of the street in each direction approve of the installation or if directed by the City Commission. The individual, group or neighborhood making the request shall be responsible for obtaining the property owners' and residents' approval in writing and submitting it to the city.
8. Once installed, TRAFFIC-CALMING DEVICES may only be removed at a location if more than 70% of the property owners and residents within 300 feet measured along the centerline of the street in each direction approve of the removal or if directed by the City Commission. The individual, group or neighborhood making the request shall be responsible for obtaining the property owners' and residents' approval in writing and submitting it to the city.
9. TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES may initially be landscaped (if appropriate) by the city, provided that the group or neighborhood making the request agrees in writing to maintain the landscaping or pursuant to the payment of a landscape maintenance fee. No privately installed landscaping is permitted unless approved by the city in writing.

David Woosley

From: Kermit Cottrell <kermitc@live.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 02, 2015 10:31 AM
To: David Woosley
Subject: May 4 Traffic Safety Commission

I got your letter regarding the requests for 26th street and Atchison Ave.

I would be interested in knowing the source of these requests.

I live on 26th street and do not see the need for 'Traffic Calming or NO Parking on one side of 26th street. I also tried to go to your website and was not able to get it to pull up.

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David Woosley

From: Robert Simmermon <rgsimmermon@sunflower.com>
Sent: Monday, May 04, 2015 1:52 PM
To: David Woosley
Subject: Tonight's traffic safety meeting

Since I will be unable to attend tonight's meeting, I would like to comment on Item's 2 and 5.

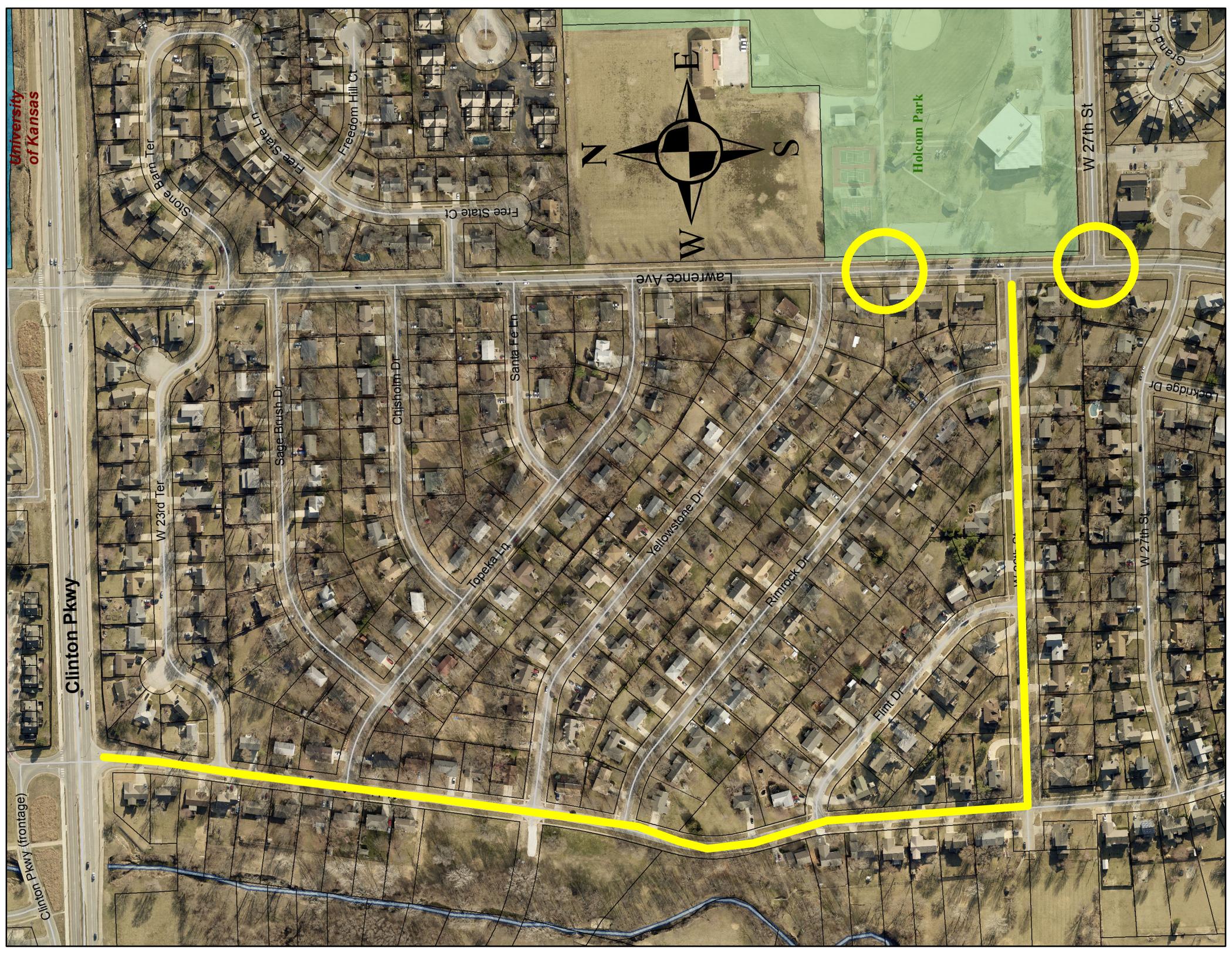
Item 2. I have lived on Atchison Avenue since October, 2003 and have NOT noticed any problem with traffic exceeding the normal speed limits. Consequently, I would be against any "traffic calming" measures being installed on this street.

Item 3. On the other hand, I would be in favor of establishing "no parking" along one of the sides of Atchison Avenue.

Thank you.

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University of Kansas



Holcom Park

Clinton Pkwy

Clinton Pkwy (frontage)

W 23rd Ter

Stone Barn Ter

Sage Brush Dr

Free State Ln

Chisholm Dr

Topeka Ln

Free State Ct

Santa Fe Ln

Yellowstone Dr

Lawrence Ave

Rimrock Dr

Flint Dr

W 27th St

W 27th St

Lockridge Dr

Grand Cir