

Bobbie Walthall

To: David Cronin
Subject: RE: Bob Billings Parkway traffic

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From: "Harper, Nancy Price" <nharper@ku.edu>
Date: November 10, 2015 at 3:49:42 PM CST
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Cc: "llarsen@lawrenceks.org" <llarsen@lawrenceks.org>
Subject: Bob Billings Parkway traffic

Dear friends,

I urge you to support TRAFFIC SIGNALS at Bobwhite and Bob Billings Parkway as the most promising option to make our intersection slightly less dangerous. This is not the best option, but merely the best of two probable recommendations to lessen the danger on Bob Billings Parkway west of Wakarusa.

I will be happy to supply a chair and a cup of coffee if you would sit at the corner between 7:30 and 9:00 am, and between 3:00 and 4:30 weekdays to see how difficult it is to turn onto Bob Billings Parkway, especially when trying to turn west. While you are there, you can imagine the danger of

crossing the street to the DeVictor Park, especially during the busy weekday hours, and before and after mass on Saturday and Sunday.

While you are there, be sure to note the number of vehicles driving faster than 40 mph. And, finally, I believe that you will be able to imagine TWICE AS MUCH TRAFFIC when the interchange opens in December.

Thank you for your work, whether as an administrator or as a commissioner. Thank you for considering my request -- even if you decide against the chair and coffee.

Sincerely,

Nan Harper

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To: David Cronin
Subject: RE: K10 Bob Billings

From: Dianne Schwartz [<mailto:dianneschwartz@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2015 9:50 AM
To: David Cronin
Subject: K10 Bob Billings

Mr. Cronin,

Early in the year I attended a meeting at Langston Hughes Elementary to discuss citizen concerns about the Bob Billings K10 Exit. We were asked to represent our concerns on large posters, placing a push pin at a site on Bob Billings that expressed our concerns for safety and access. My home is on the south side of Bob Billings and I use Bob White to exit the neighborhood both by car and on foot. I pushed my pin along with many others to note to those who are planning and don't live in our neighborhood our wisdom about what is needed to make a bad situation (exploding traffic) better.

I took a walk today. The K10 Exit is not open. I had difficulty at 9 AM (after school and business traffic) crossing Bob Billings to walk into DeVactor Park. I am extremely concerned about the traffic as it gains speed going east after the George Williams light. By the time it rounds the curve, cars are exceeding 40 mph. At Bob White there is a grade that allows the traffic to speed up more. By the time the traffic is at the bottom of the hill going east I believe that most traffic is going 50 to 60 miles an hour. I anticipate that turning left into my neighborhood at peak traffic hours will become hazardous at the Bob White intersection. I expect to be hearing crashes and ambulances at that intersection when the Exit is opened.

I believe in progress. But I do not believe in progress that impedes the safety of citizens. I ask that you reconsider your safety planning for the Bob Billings K10 access, placing a traffic light at Bob White.

Dianne Schwartz

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To: David Cronin
Subject: RE: Online Comment Form [#17]

From: Wufoo [<mailto:no-reply@wufoo.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 8:44 AM
To: David Cronin
Subject: Online Comment Form [#17]

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Please provide your comments here: *

Thank you.

It is astonishing to me that no mention is made of the intersections of Foxfire Drive and Bob Billings Parkway, and of Research Park Drive and Bob Billings Parkway in the discussion of the segment from K-10 to Wakarusa. Sight distance and the difficulty for northbound traffic to make a left turn from Foxfire onto BBP are problems that neighbors in the area have presented to staff on numerous occasions. Increased traffic from the opening of the K-10 interchange will only exacerbate this situation and others problems along this segment of BBP.

It is inexplicable that the average speed on this segment (55 mph) is not mentioned in the report because controlling that speed was the top priority at all the neighborhood meetings with staff. Yet nothing is recommended to reduce it. Why is this? At least one roundabout or signal should interrupt drivers along this segment in order to control the speeding, to provide traffic gaps to facilitate turns and to offer pedestrians an opportunity to cross this busy traffic artery with safety. It is extremely disappointing that the city traffic engineers are willing to ignore warrant standards along other segments of BBP in order to provide for a safer street, but seemingly have no concern about worse situations along the segment from Wakarusa to K-10. I hope the city commission will not allow these staff recommendations to go unchallenged. Unfortunately, I will be out of town on Nov. 17 or I would appear in person at the commission meeting to object to the staff proposals.

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To: David Cronin
Subject: RE: Intersection at Bob Billings Parkway & Bob White Drive

From: Russell Hilton [<mailto:rdhilton@sunflower.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2015 11:45 AM
To: Charles Soules
Cc: David Cronin; jharper900@gmail.com
Subject: Intersection at Bob Billings Parkway & Bob White Drive

My wife and I own a building lot in The Reserve at Lake Alvarado on which we have plans to build a new home, but now are reconsidering.

We are quite concerned about the ever increasing traffic on Bob Billings Parkway and the intersection at Bob White Drive. As we now understand, a roundabout is not a consideration due to the slope of Bob Billings and possibly not even a traffic light or turn lanes are being considered.

With future development between George Williams Way and K-10, there will be additional traffic on Bob Billings. Additionally, there will be the new traffic coming off the soon to open K-10 interchange. Without at least a traffic light at Bob Billings and Bob White, most likely we will see an unnecessary number of side impact wrecks with severe injuries because of the speed of eastbound Bob Billings traffic coming down the hill past Bob White.

We are currently in our early seventies and realize that as we age and residents in both The Reserve and The Villas do, a traffic signal is extremely important to our safety and to others traveling through this intersection.

We ask that you thoroughly consider the safety of all this area, including the residents living in The Villas and The Reserve.

Yours truly,

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Bobbie Walthall

To: Diane Stoddard
Subject: RE: Bob Billings Parkway Safety Issues

From: Shawn Keshmiri [<mailto:shahriark2001@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2015 1:21 PM
To: Mike Amyx; City Hall email; David Cronin; Leslie Soden; Stuart Boley; Matthew Herbert; jharper900@gmail.com
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Subject: Bob Billings Parkway Safety Issues

Dear City Commissioners,

My name is Shawn Keshmiri and I have lived in Lawrence since 2004. My wife and I live in 5604 Villa Dr., Lawrence, KS, 66047 and Bob Billings Parkway is our main road for connecting to the city.

Considering the fact that Bob Billings Interchange will be completed in December, we are very concern with the safety of roads, crossing to the DeVictor Park, bike riding, and even walking in the sidewalks.

We had hoped that the City would improve the safety of traffic in the Bob Billings Parkway when contractors where working on the the roads over the summer though nothing has changed for us who live in the Bob White area.

We ask the City to consider installation of a traffic light at the Bob White/Bob Billings Parkway intersection to assure safe crossing of pedestrians and also cars that make left turn to the Bob White.

Currently crossing Bob Billings is very dangerous and with the Interchange completed in December it would become extremely unsafe for pedestrians, bikes, and cars. The addition of more grades at Corpus Christi has increased traffic substantially at the times school starts and ends. In addition, the housing and commercial development northwest of the corner of BBP and Geo. Williams Way will increase traffic. These changes make access more difficult for us who live in the Bob White even more.

We would like to raise our concerns and ask you to kindly take a second look at the safety issues in the Bob Billings Parkway and define a comprehensive public safety plan for our neighborhood.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Best regards,

Shawn Keshmiri & Bitah Zadeh

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