

AGENDA: TSC 5/2/16

ITEM NO. 2: Consider request for TRAFFIC CALMING in the 2300 block of Vermont Street.

Staff Report:

1. Vermont Street is classified as a "local street" in a residential area with a speed limit of 30mph, as established by state law.
2. The City's Traffic Calming Policy permits traffic calming devices to be placed on local streets if the 85th percentile speed of traffic is 5mph or greater over the speed limit; if the 24-hour 2-way volume of traffic is greater than 1000; or, if cut-through traffic comprises more than 50% of the traffic during the peak hour of the day.
3. Traffic data obtained during September 2015 found that neither the speed of traffic nor volume of traffic met the criteria for consideration of traffic calming was met.
4. At the October 2015 Traffic Safety Commission meeting, the Commission requested that traffic data be collected again and that a cut-through study be conducted.
5. Traffic data collected during November 2015 found the 85th percentile speed of traffic to be approximately 33.4 mph and the volume of traffic to be approximately 415.
6. Traffic data collected during March 2016 found that cut-through traffic comprised approximately 33.3% of the traffic during the peak hour of the day.

Therefore, it does not appear that this location meets the minimum criteria for consideration of traffic calming.

MINUTES: TSC 5/2/16**ITEM NO. 2:**

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Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Public Comments:

None.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Storm asked who requested the recount; Woosley advised that some of the residents requested it; in addition, it was requested that a cut-through study be conducted.

Commissioner Koprince asked how long the neighborhood would have to wait to submit another request, if this request is denied; Woosley advised that the city policy states they would have to wait one (1) year.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ZIEGELMEYER, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD, TO RECOMMEND DENYING THE REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC CALMING IN THE 2300 BLOCK OF VERMONT STREET; THE MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.

David Woosley

From: Joan [<mailto:jkphelan@swbell.net>]
Sent: Sunday, August 02, 2015 10:36 AM
To: David Woosley
Subject: traffic calming device

Sirs:

I would like to submit a request for a traffic calming device in my neighborhood- specifically the 23 rd block of Vermont. Our neighborhood is often used as a short cut to avoid 23 rd and Louisiana . People tend to speed through our neighborhood - especially down Vermont -which contains a park where kids play . At the end of block next to the Haskell Health Center there is a bike path that connects between Vermont and Massachussets . I have seen several serious bike/ car accidents here. There is no signage on the street that marks this as a bike path and drivers are unaware that bikes may be entering the street and turning into this path. So this is a dangerous combination - cars speeding down the street and bikes coming and going on a path.

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2322 Vermont



Hill Parks

Haskell
Indian
Nations
University

West Perimeter Rd

Indian Ave

Pawnee Ave

Massachusetts St

Winona Ave

Nebraska St

Dakota St

Vermont St

Kentucky Ct

W 23rd St

E 23rd St

East Dr

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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.