

AGENDA: TSC 5/2/16

ITEM NO. 6: Consider request for TRAFFIC CALMING on Arkansas Street between 8th Street & 9th Street.

Staff Report:

1. Arkansas Street is classified as a "local street" in a residential area with a speed limit of 20mph, as established by city ordinance.
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; or, if the 24-hour 2-way volume of traffic is greater than 1000.
3. Traffic data collected during March 2016 found the 85th percentile speed of traffic to be approximately 32.9 mph and the volume of traffic to be approximately 395.
4. Therefore, this location meets the minimum criteria for consideration of traffic calming.

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Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report and noted receipt of three (3) emails in support of the request.

Public Comments:

None.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Jones asked if parking was permitted on either side of the street; Commissioner Devlin noted that parking was permitted on both sides of the street based on the aerial picture.

Commissioner Koprince: It seems to me that it meets the criteria and several residents have indicated support for the request; so, I would be inclined to grant the request.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KOPRINCE, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER STORM, TO RECOMMEND TRAFFIC CALMING ON ARKANSAS STREET BETWEEN 8TH STREET & 9TH STREET; THE MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.

David Woosley

From: Michael Arp <meakans@sunflower.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2016 1:41 PM
To: David Woosley
Subject: Traffic calming inquiry - Arkansas St

Hello Mr. Woosley:

I'm interested in exploring the possibility of a traffic calming device on my street, the 800 block of Arkansas. I've lived there for 15 years, and it seems to me the large majority of the traffic greatly exceeds the posted 20 MPH speed limit. I think the students and apartment dwellers use Arkansas to cut from the campus and 9th Street area to McDonalds on 6th.

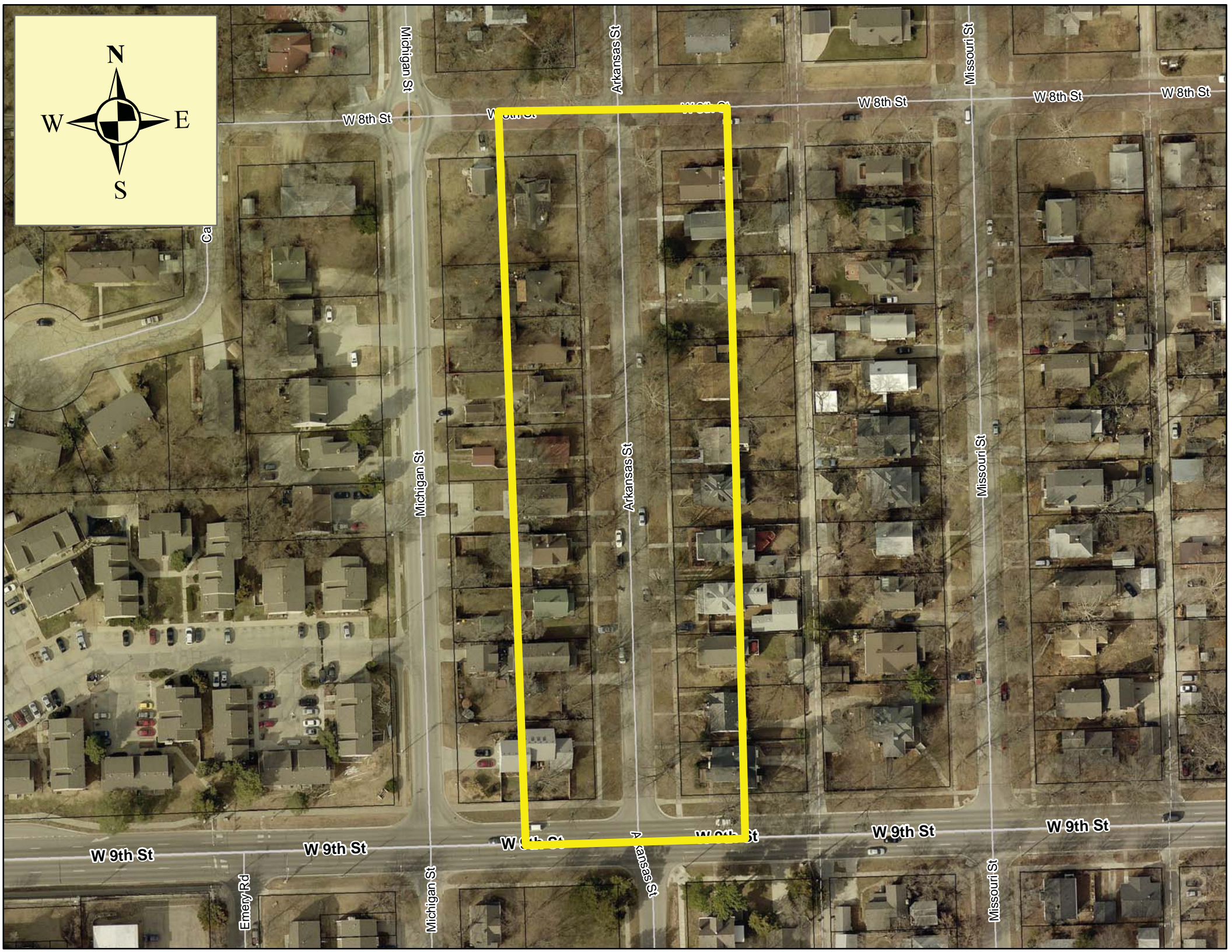
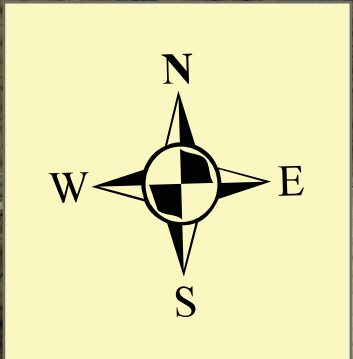
I contacted the city last year to request increased speed enforcement, but I haven't noticed in reduction in speeding.

I read the traffic calming policy on the city's website, and found it informative. I didn't read how to initiate the process to begin a traffic study. I'm thinking a speed hump like was recently installed on Mississippi St. Would probably alleviate the situation.

Any guidance you can provide would be gratify appreciated! Thanks.

Michael Arp
828 Arkansas St.

Sent from my iPad





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: Michael Arp <meakans@sunflower.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 9:36 AM
To: David Woosley; rhd851@gmail.com; dcraw4d@hotmail.com; skoprince@petefishlaw.com; jjzieg@sunflower.com; Jason.hoskinson@bgcons.com; tbharrod@gmail.com; chrisstorm@sunflower.com
Cc: Michael Doudoroff; Boone Bradley
Subject: 800 block Arkansas calming (item 6)

I'm writing in support of Agenda Item 6, a traffic calming plan for the 800 block of Arkansas Street. I'm writing instead of appearing personally due to business travel that requires me to be out of town [on Monday, May 2](#).

I've lived at [828 Arkansas Street](#) for over 15 years. I've noticed a steady increase in traffic speeding down the street, apparently heedless of the 20 mph speed limit posted at both ends of the block. I contacted the police department about six months ago to ask what might be done to better enforce the current speed limit. They pledged to increase patrols and ticketing in the area.

I've seen no decrease in traffic speeding up and down the street. It appears from my observation that the majority of cars passing my house are speeding, sometimes fairly dramatically.

I contacted Mr. Woolsey on March 15 and he agreed to initiate a process to collect traffic data. I see from the results that my anecdotal observation of speeding traffic is borne out by the data.

It's my hope that the Traffic Safety Commission will forward a recommendation to the City Commission to pursue a traffic calming device for the 800 block of Arkansas.

Two of my neighbors, Michael Doudoroff (832 Arkansas) and Boone Bradley (833 Arkansas) asked to sign on to this request. I've copied them on this email.

I appreciate the Traffic Safety Commission and the Public Works Department's help in exploring remedies to this problem in our neighborhood.

Please let me know if I can provide any additional information.

Michael Arp

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[785-766-7961](#)
[meakans@sunflower.com](#)

David Woosley

From: Chad Foster [<mailto:chad.c.foster@gmail.com>]

Sent: Sunday, May 01, 2016 7:17 PM

To: David Woosley

Subject: Letter of support

Please include my name in the list of supporters of this initiative. My experiences are similar to Mike's; vehicle speed is very frequently extremely excessive.

Chad Foster
804 Arkansas

From: Michael Arp <meakans@sunflower.com>

Date: April 27, 2016 at 9:35:58 AM CDT

To: DWoosley@lawrenceks.org, rhd851@gmail.com, dcraw4d@hotmail.com, skoprince@petefishlaw.com, jjzieg@sunflower.com, Jason.hoskinson@bgcons.com, tbharrod@gmail.com, chrisstorm@sunflower.com

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David Woosley

From: Ann Carlin Ozegovic <acozegovic@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2016 5:32 PM
To: David Woosley
Subject: Traffic calming

I would like to put in a very last minute email of support for a speed bump in the 800 block of Arkansas.

Thank you.

Ann Carlin Ozegovic
815 Arkansas Street

842-7542