

## **AGENDA: TSC 10/3/16**

ITEM NO. 2: Consider request to establish NO PARKING along the west side of Tennessee Street, north of 18<sup>th</sup> Street.

### **Staff Report:**

1. At the time of this request, pedestrians walking east on 18<sup>th</sup> Street had no place to wait to cross the street, except in the roadway; this would require a substantial amount of restricted parking north of the intersection.
2. This past summer, a new sidewalk and ramp were constructed to provide pedestrians a place to walk and cross the street that reduces the amount of restricted parking needed north of the intersection.
3. Parking is currently restricted at other intersections along Tennessee Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Street to 17<sup>th</sup> Street, from 90 feet to 190 feet, with 125 feet being the most common.
4. Restricting parking for a distance of 85 feet north of the intersection would place the sign at the property line between the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> property at a point approximately 130 north of the pedestrian crossing point.

## **MINUTES: TSC 10/3/16**

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Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

### **Public Comments:**

Sharon Ashworth, 1714 Mississippi Street: We really appreciate that new sidewalk spur and the new crossing area, it lessens the crossing length across the street and we no longer have to wait right aside the traffic; I'm here to support the No Parking just north of the intersection, just because it gives a little more sight distance; we have short people crossing that road a lot of times and we often have to lean-out into traffic to see the traffic coming down Tennessee; having No Parking there would be really appreciated.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Devlin asked if there had been a study of how often vehicles are parked in the area; Woosley advised that there had not been any studies.

Commissioner Hoskinson: I think it is a reasonable request; traffic should be parked away from an intersection for safety purposes.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HOSKINSON, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JONES, TO RECOMMEND ESTABLISHING NO PARKING ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF TENNESSEE STREET FOR A DISTANCE OF 85 FEET NORTH OF 18<sup>TH</sup> STREET; THE MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.**

## David Woosley

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From: **Sharon Ashworth** <[sharonashworth97@gmail.com](mailto:sharonashworth97@gmail.com)>

Date: Mon, Mar 7, 2016 at 4:37 PM

Subject: 18th and tennessee, try again

To: [dcronin@lawrenceks.org](mailto:dcronin@lawrenceks.org)

Dear David Cronin,

I spoke with you briefly after the bike-ped task force public meeting at City Hall. We discussed my reporting of an unsafe crossing at 18th and Tennessee. The pictures are on the west side of the street, walking from west to east.

This crossing is used by Cordley Elementary school students, Central Middle School students and KU student. 18th is a very crowded 2-way street with lots of pedestrians and no sidewalks. Kids must lean out into the street to see oncoming traffic while also keeping an eye on cars turning onto Tennessee from 18th (often drivers are not looking to the right to see the pedestrian stepping off the curb).

My thoughts for a relatively simple, inexpensive temporary fix would be to disallow parking close to the intersection with a sign and some yellow paint. Ideally we would love sidewalks, but I know that is a much more involved project.

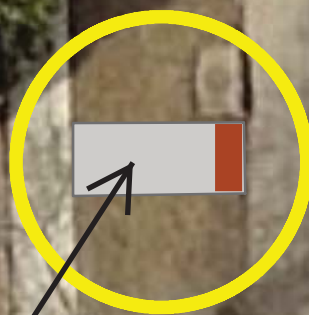
Thank you for your attention to the is matter,

Sharon

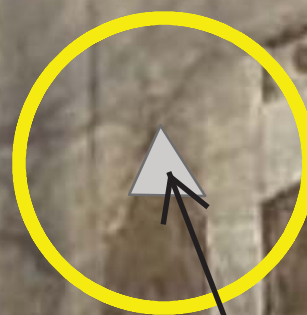


Tennessee St

W 18th St



New sidewalk  
and ramp  
constructed



Existing ramp  
widened



Dole Center Dr

Sunnyside Ave

The University of Kansas

Illinois St

Sunflower Rd

Pearson Pl

Sunnyside Ave

Court St

Edgehill Rd

W 16th St

W 16th St



W 17th St

Indiana St

Louisiana St

W 17th St



W 18th St

Tennessee St

Kentucky St

Vermont St

W 18th St



Veterans Park

W 19th St

Louisiana St

Tennessee St

Kentucky St

Alabama St

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**From:** Emily Mulligan <emulligan10@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 03, 2016 6:32 PM  
**To:** David Woosley  
**Subject:** 18th and Tennessee

Hello, Mr. Woosley.

I am unable to attend the Traffic Safety Commission meeting tonight. I would have been there in support of the parking changes proposed for 18th and Tenn. streets. I wanted to also mention and suggest that there be a crosswalk painted on the street, with an accompanying "Children Crossing" sign. The curb cuts and ramp were installed, and at the moment they look like a walkway to nowhere, because there is no other indication to traffic that people would be crossing the street there. We have many elementary and middle school students who cross there, as well as KU students and staff. In an ideal world, there would be a crosswalk like the one at 18th and Kentucky, but that is probably a larger budget discussion than would be covered tonight. But, is that a possibility at some point?

Again, thank you for at least addressing the parking at the intersection. I hope you and the commission will consider the other additions at some point, as well.

Best,  
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