

City of Lawrence
Transportation Commission
October 1, 2018 Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charlie Bryan, Steve Evans, Erin Paden, Donna Hultine, Ron May, John Ziegelmeier, Kathryn Schartz, Michele Dillon, Mark Hurt

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: David Cronin, MSO Department
Jon Marburger, MSO Department
Amanda Sahin, MSO Department

A complete video recording of the meeting is available on the City's website at <https://lawrenceks.org/boards/transportation-commission/>

[The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Paden at 6:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room, City Hall, 6 E. 6th Street.](#)

ITEM NO. 1:

[Approve August 6, 2018 Transportation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes](#)

Moved by Commissioner Hultine, seconded by Commissioner Schartz, to approve minutes. Motion passed 8-0.

[Approve August 15, 2018 Transportation Commission Study Session Meeting Minutes](#)

Moved by Commissioner Schartz, seconded by Commissioner Hurt, to approve minutes. Motion passed 5-0. Ron May, Michele Dillon, and Erin Paden abstained due to their absences.

[Approve September 18, 2018 Transportation Commission Study Session Meeting Minutes](#)

Moved by Commissioner Dillon, seconded by Commissioner Evans to approve minutes. Motion passed 5-0. Ron May, Mark Hurt, and Donna Hultine abstained due to their absences.

ITEM NO. 2:

General Public Comment

Public Discussion: N/A

ITEM NO. 3:

6th and Tennessee Right Turn Lane Field Check Plans

Action: Provide feedback on Field Check Plans for right turn lane on 6th Street at Tennessee

Jon Marburger and Consultants from PEC presented field check plans for the right turn lane. Two members of the public provided comments.

Public Comments: Dale Slusser and Daniel Poull

ITEM NO. 4:

Staff Items

- Traffic Safety website – Amanda Sahin
- Staff memo on Hands Free Policy – Amanda Sahin

ITEM NO. 5:

Commission Items

Commissioner Evans provided an update on the Complete Streets Subcommittee.

Commissioner Hurt provided an update on PTAC.

Commissioner Schartz provided an update on the MPO Bike Plan Update.

ITEM NO. 6:

Calendar

Next Study Session – October 17, 2018 @ 3:30 pm

ITEM NO. 7:

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:07 pm

Memorandum

City of Lawrence

Municipal Services & Operations

TO: Transportation Commission
FROM: Amanda Sahin and Captain Adam Heffley
DATE: September 19, 2018
RE: Hands Free Policy Update

In June 2017 Nicole Allensworth, a resident of Lawrence, spoke during public comment to both Transportation Commission and City Commission. She asked that the City consider enacting a "Hands Free" Ordinance similar to that in Manhattan, Kansas.

Current State Law (Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities Sec 126.2) prohibits "using a wireless communications device to write, send or read a written communication". The City has adopted the Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities by ordinance. Since the beginning of 2017 the Lawrence Police Department has issued 88 citations for this violation.

In July 2010 Manhattan, Kansas passed Ordinance No. 6853 as an amendment to the state law that expands the restriction to apply to any use of a wireless communication device unless configured to allow hands-free listening and talking. Between 2015 and 2017 Riley County issued 830 citations for either texting while driving (current state law) or the enhanced hands free ordinance. Approximately 60% of those citations were for texting while driving which is enforceable by state law. Riley County Police Department has had a steady reduction in crashes since 2011, with the largest reduction from 2012 to 2014, however, they are not able to correlate the reduction to the hands free ordinance.

The City of Lawrence Police Department and Municipal Services & Operations Department have discussed the value in adopting a similar ordinance. Staff is currently working on a comprehensive Traffic Safety Program to replace the Traffic Calming Program. One of the goals of the program is to provide a more proactive approach to traffic enforcement.

In summary, with all the other work priorities currently staff does not believe there would be a high return on creating an additional ordinance at this time. Staff recommends waiting until the new Traffic Safety Program is established before enacting any additional traffic ordinances.

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Name	Initials
Members	
Charlie Bryan Lawrence DGCO Health Dept. Representative	CWB
Donna Hultine University of Kansas	DH
Kathryn Schartz Multi-Modal Transportation / Planning Eng Rep	KSS
Mark Hurt PTAC representative	MH
Michele Dillon Pedestrian Representative	MD
Steve Evans Planning/Engineering Field Representative	SE
Erin Paden Bicyclist Representative	EP
John Ziegelmeyer Local Business Representative	JZ
Ron May USD-497	RM
City Staff	
David Cronin City Engineer	DC
Jessica Mortinger Senior Transportation Planner	
Ashley Myers Transportation Planner	
Amanda Sahin Transportation Engineer	AS
Zach Baker Project Engineer	
Jon Marburger Project Engineer	JM

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Public Sign In Sheet**

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