



**TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**  
**Monday, Oct 1, 2018 6:00 PM**  
**City Commission Room, City Hall, 6 E. 6th Street**

**MEETING AGENDA**

**1. Approve Regular Meeting minutes for August 6, 2018 and Study Session Minutes for August 15, 2018 and September 18, 2018**

**2. General Public Comment**

*The public is allowed to speak to any items or issues that are not scheduled on the regular agenda. Each person or organization will be limited to three (3) minutes. As a general practice, the Commission will not discuss/debate these items, nor will the Commission make decisions on items presented at this time. Individuals are asked to come to the microphone, sign in, and state their name and address. Speakers should address all comments to the Commission.*

**3. 6<sup>th</sup> and Tennessee Right Turn Lane Field Check Plans**

**Action:** Provide feedback on Field Check Plans for right turn lane on 6<sup>th</sup> Street at Tennessee

**4. Staff Items**

- Staff memo on Hands Free Policy

**5. Commission Items**

- Update from Commissioner Evans on Complete Streets Subcommittee
- Update from Commissioner Hurt on PTAC
- Update from Commissioner Schartz on the MPO Bike Plan Update

**6. Calendar**

- Next Study Session – Oct 17, 3:30PM

**7. Adjournment**



# 6<sup>th</sup> Street Ohio to Tennessee

City of Lawrence: PW1807

KDOT: 23 KA-4767-01

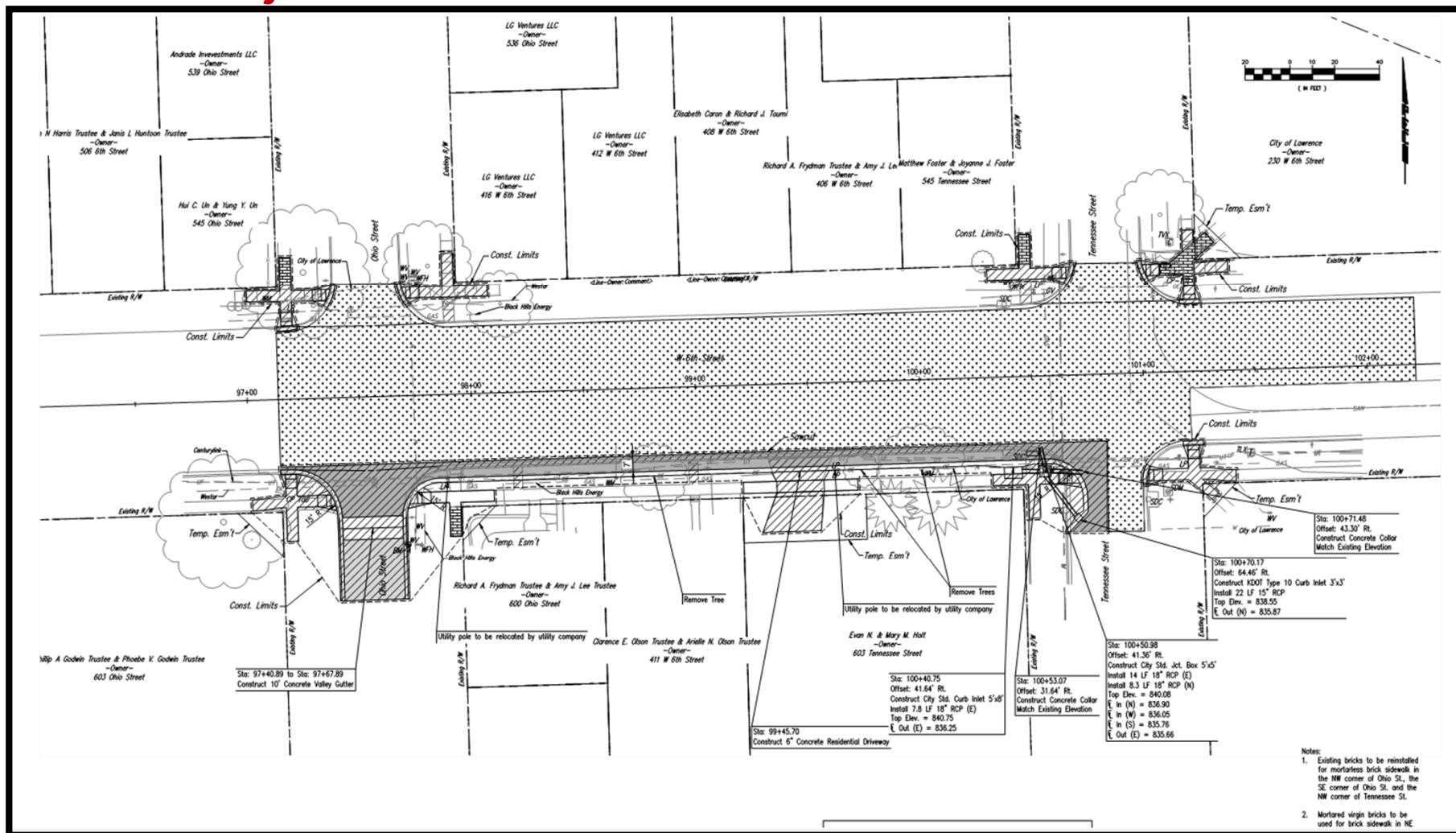
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## Project Limits



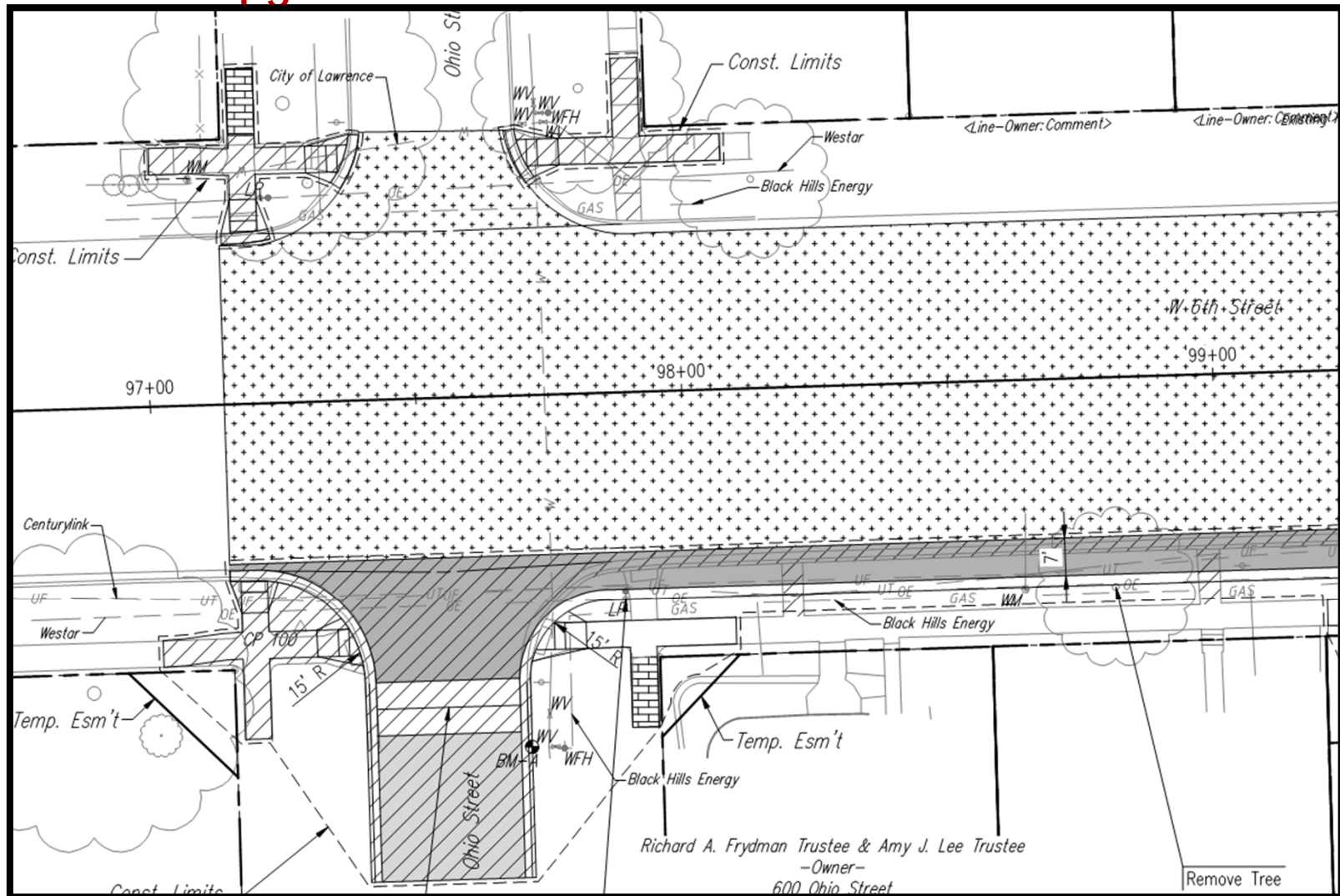




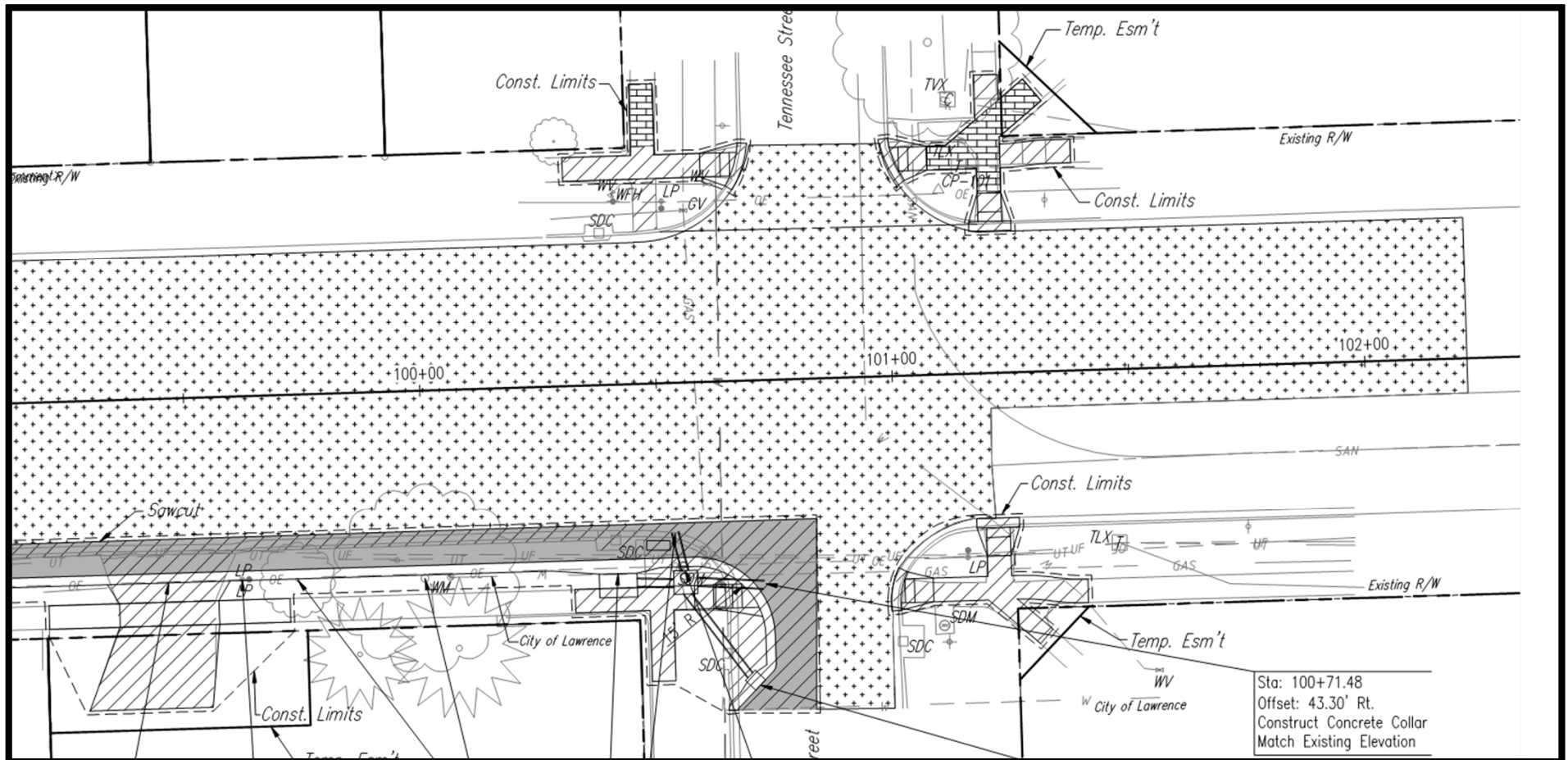




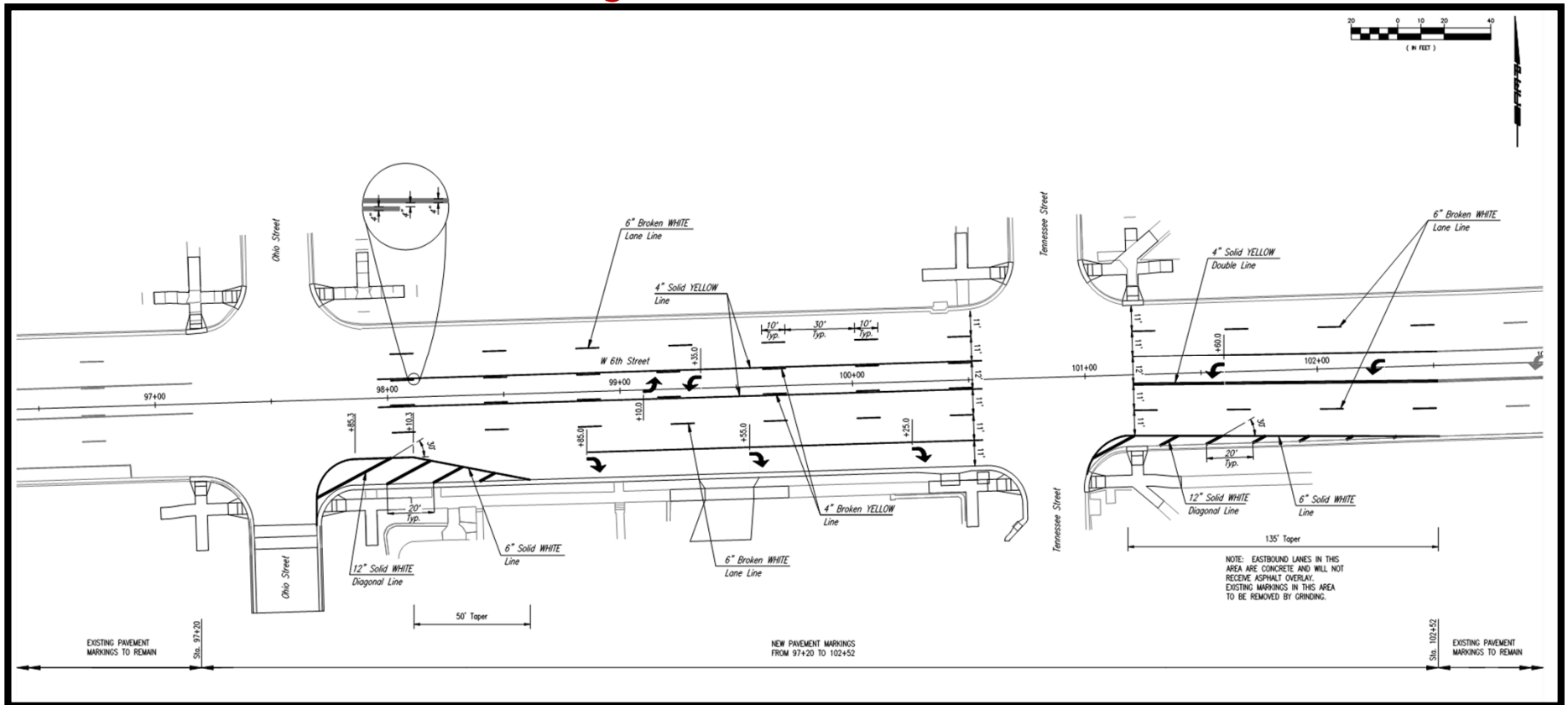
## ADA Upgrades – Ohio Street



## ADA Upgrades - Tennessee Street



# Pavement Marking Plan







# Questions?

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# 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.