

City of Lawrence

Transportation Commission

March 29, 2018 Minutes

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mark Hurt

STAFF PRESENT: David Cronin, Public Works Department
Amanda Sahin, Public Works Department
Jessica Mortinger, MPO
Jeff Crick, Planning Department
James King, Fire Department
Bob Nugent, Transit
Adam Hefley, Police Department
Derek Rogers, Parks and Recreation
Stephen Mason, Parks and Recreation

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 Steve Evans at 6:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room, City Hall, 6 E. 6th Street.

ITEM NO. 1:

East 19th St, Harper to O'Connell Project Scope Discussion

David Cronin, Jeff Crick, Jessica Mortinger, James King, and Bob Nugent presented the staff report.

Public Comment

Several residents provided comments

Commission Discussion

Commissioners would like to see a few design options (road widths, bike facilities, etc) before the Field Check Plans. Consider mid-block crossings, traffic calming, etc.

Meeting was adjourned 9:32 p.m.

Steve Evans Comments

East 19th St, Harper to O'Connell

Thursday, March 29, 2018 6:00 PM

1. It seems we focus more on how vehicles reach destinations in Lawrence than bikes and pedestrians.
2. Although I think we are doing a good job of addressing bikes and pedestrians on projects like this, the current proposal focuses on moving cars to Venture Park and costs reflect that.
3. That's my preamble...and having said that I'd offer:
4. The City has made a considerable investment in Venture Park and will need the ability to market businesses moving into the area.
5. It would be difficult to market the west lots near O'Connell without 19th Street being opened but it may depend on the types of businesses that may be interested.
6. The current condition of 19th east of Harper needs to be improved.
 - a. The 47 ft. wide street seems excessive, more like the business park and less like the mostly residential area from Harper to O'Connell.
 - b. 6.5 ft. bike lanes are fantastic.
 - c. From a sustainability perspective, curb and gutter and storm water infrastructure would not be desirable.
7. The control point/transponder suggestion seems reasonable but not without problems and I would defer to the fire and police making that call. I would also note:
 - a. The Fire Station is much closer to 23rd Street than 19th so in some cases 23rd would be the fastest route to VP.
 - b. I walked the area today with some residents who pointed out there is land directly east of the fire station that lines up with Venture Park Drive; I don't know if this is feasible in terms of land use and ownership.
8. I would not open the connection until VP experiences more build-out and that could be several years, hopefully not.
9. The 3.5 million could be used now for more urgent projects. There are several locations around LHS and Cordley on 19th that could be made safer for pedestrians right now.
10. I would market VP with the intent to open the connection if the business use and work-force population merited that happening.
11. I would like to hear more from the School District about this in general.

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Mark Hurt PTAC representative	
Michele Dillon Pedestrian Representative	MD
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Erin Paden Bicyclist Representative	EP
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