

City of Lawrence

Traffic Safety Commission

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May 5, 2014 Agenda

7:00 PM - City Commission Room, City Hall

MEMBERS: Edwin Rothrock, Chair; John Ziegelmeyer Jr., Vice-Chair; Stuart Boley; Ryan Devlin; Steven Koprince; Tracy Russell; and Chris Storm

Anyone who wishes to be notified when an item will be heard by the City Commission must provide their name and a telephone number or an e-mail address.

ITEM NO. 1: Review and approve the minutes of the Traffic Safety Commission meeting, April 7, 2014.

ITEM NO. 2: Consider request for TRAFFIC CALMING on Trail Road between Eldridge Street and Folks Road.

Staff Report:

1. Trail Road is classified as a "collector" street in a residential area and is paved approximately 26 feet wide with a sidewalk along the north side of the street.
2. Parking is permitted along both sides of Trail Road.
3. The posted speed limit on Trail Road is 30mph.
4. The City's Policy permits TRAFFIC CALMING on a "collector" street if the 85th percentile speed of traffic is 5mph or greater over the speed limit or if the 24-hour 2-way traffic volume is greater than 3000.

5. Traffic data collected March 31-April 1, 2014, found approximately 1675 vehicles in a 24-hour period and an 85th percentile speed of approximately 38.25mph; therefore, this portion of Trail Road meets the minimum criteria for consideration of TRAFFIC CALMING.

ITEM NO. 3: Consider request to construct a ROUNDABOUT at the intersection of Folks Road and Overland Drive.

Staff Report:

1. Traffic data was obtained at this intersection March 31 – April 1.
2. Warrants for roundabouts have not been established; however, they can be a substitute for a multi-way stop or traffic signal, which do have established warrants.
3. Based on the traffic data that was collected, a multi-way stop or traffic signal are not currently warranted.

ITEM NO. 4: Consider request to construct a ROUNDABOUT at the intersection of Folks Road and Trail Road.

Staff Report:

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2. Warrants for roundabouts have not been established; however, they can be a substitute for a multi-way stop or traffic signal, which do have established warrants.
3. Based on the traffic data that was collected, a multi-way stop or traffic signal are not currently warranted.

ITEM NO. 5: Public Comment.

ITEM NO. 6: Commission Items.

ITEM NO. 7: Staff Items.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Edwin Rothrock, Chair; John Ziegelmeyer, Jr., Vice-Chair;
Stuart Boley; Ryan Devlin; and Chris Storm

MEMBERS ABSENT: Steven Koprince and Tracy Russell

STAFF PRESENT: David Woosley, Public Works Department

PUBLIC PRESENT: Betty Alderson, Amy Berth, Laura Bogart, Mark Engleman and
Glynn Sheridan

The meeting was called to order by Chair Edwin Rothrock at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room, City Hall, 6 E. 6th Street.

ITEM NO. 1:

Review and approve the minutes of the Traffic Safety Commission meeting, April 7, 2014.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BOLEY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DEVLIN,
TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING,
APRIL 7, 2014; THE MOTION CARRIED, 4-0-1.**

ITEM NO. 2:

Consider request for TRAFFIC CALMING on Trail Road between Eldridge Street and Folks Road.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Public Comment:

Amy Berth, 400 Terri Court: The police department has been in our neighborhood several times trying to help curb the traffic problems we have; since Free State High School opened, we've seen a tremendous amount of traffic on Trail; the problems we have noticed is mainly the speed, is outrageous; most of the traffic that goes down Trail, I believe, are young adults, they haven't been a parent, they're not a grandparent, they're just trying to get to school as fast as they can without being late; I don't know what else can be done, aside from speed bumps like Harvard and on Folks across 6th Street, perhaps that would slow them down; when the police department is there, they slow down a little bit, but, 24 hours later they forget; the speeding down Trail, we see more when school is on and more with events; I appreciate anything you can do to help us out.

Mark Engleman, 4200 Trail Road: We have definitely a speed issue; needs to be probably speed bumps that would slow it down dramatically; the speeding during the summer is still sporadic, but they still blast down the street.

Glynn Sheridan, 4116 Trail Road: I can repeat everything that has been shared with you; I think we've all seen it; the speed's become out of hand; the terrain even contributes to the speed; I'm certainly of the mindset that some sort of traffic calming like on Harvard would be appreciated.

Laura Bogart, 4120 Trail Road: We spend a lot of time outside and it gets very dangerous trying to cross the street; the whole strip of Trail from Monterey Way, all the way down, people do go real fast; we would really appreciate some slowing down; we think some type of speed bumps along Trail Road would help with that.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DEVLIN, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER STORM, TO RECOMMEND TRAFFIC CALMING ON TRAIL ROAD BETWEEN ELDRIDGE STREET AND FOLKS ROAD; THE MOTION CARRIED, 5-0.

ITEM NO. 3:

Consider request to construct a ROUNDABOUT at the intersection of Folks Road and Overland Drive.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Public Comment:

None.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BOLEY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROTHROCK, TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF THE REQUEST TO CONSTRUCT A ROUNDABOUT AT THE INTERSECTION OF FOLKS ROAD AND OVERLAND DRIVE; THE MOTION CARRIED, 5-0.

ITEM NO. 4:

Consider request to construct a ROUNDABOUT at the intersection of Folks Road and Trail Road.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Public Comment:

None.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER STORM, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DEVLIN, TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF THE REQUEST TO CONSTRUCT A ROUNDABOUT AT THE INTERSECTION OF FOLKS ROAD AND TRAIL ROAD; THE MOTION CARRIED, 5-0.

ITEM NO. 5:

Public Comment:

None.

ITEM NO. 6:

Commission Items:

None.

ITEM NO. 7:

Staff Items:

None.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission is Monday, June 2, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Woosley

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