

AGENDA: TSC 5/5/14

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.

MINUTES: TSC 5/5/14

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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.

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Subject: Traffic troubles

To whom it may concern:

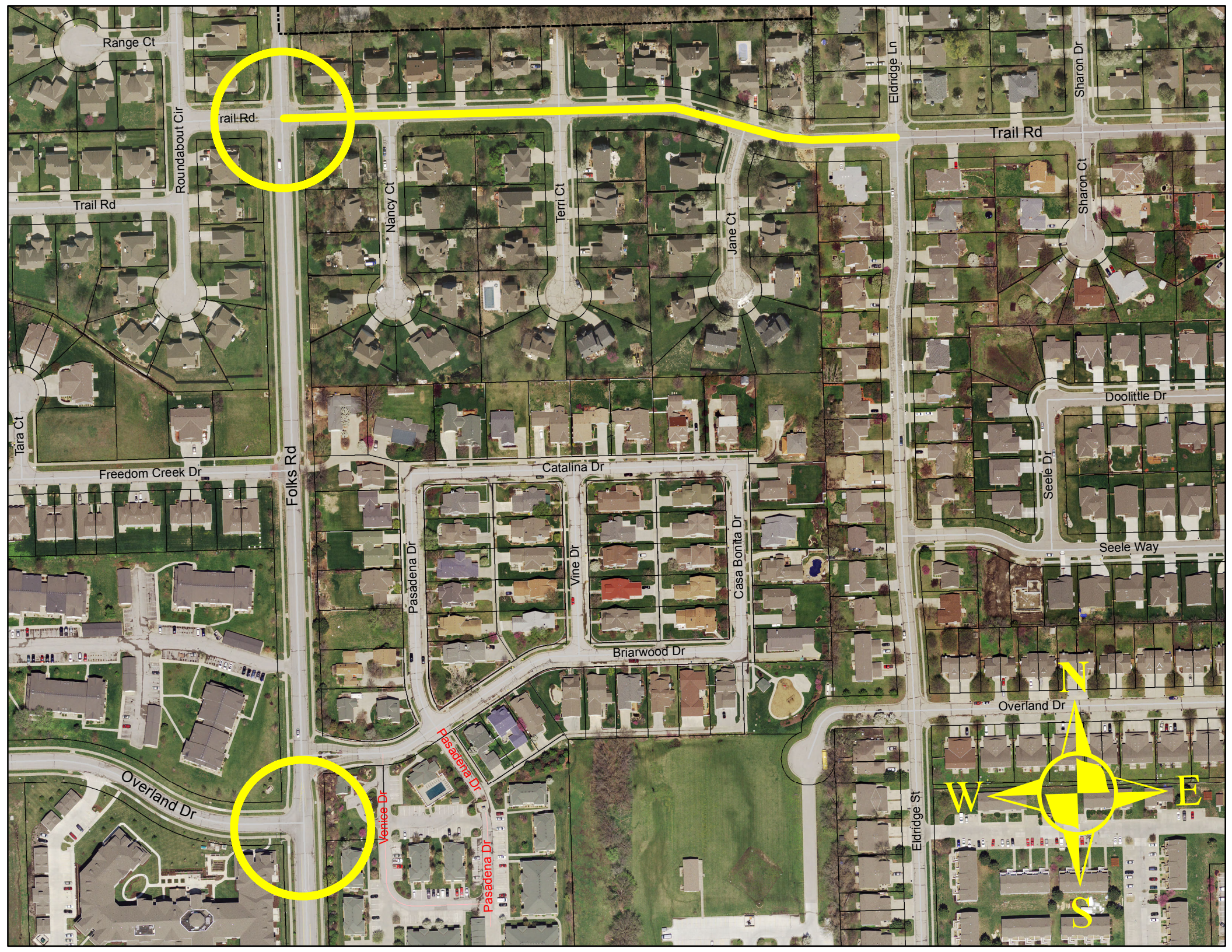
We have lived on the corner of Trail Rd and Terri Court since 1995. Since the opening of Freestate High School, Trail Rd. has been a source of many traffic challenges. On a daily basis we have multiple people using excessive speed. In fact there was a drag race happening just one week ago from Folks road to Eldridge at 3:00 in the afternoon. In the morning there is such congestion on Trail as people await to turn left on Folks road you would think we were 6th street without the benefit of stop lights.

Also there is terrible traffic jams with cars trying to turn left onto Overland from Folks road while parents and students are trying to get to school. I have been a witness to many people making very poor decisions and causing accidents or very dangerous situations

I invite the Safety Commission to come and study this area in depth to help alleviate the traffic congestion, speeding and overall safety for many! I believe that speed bumps down Trail and roundabouts at the intersections of Trail/Folks and Folks/Overland would be of great value!

Thank you,
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Sent from my iPad





TRAFFIC CALMING POLICY

Resolution No. 6602, August 23, 2005

1. TRAFFIC-CALMING DEVICES may include but are not limited to Traffic-Calming Circles, Speed Humps and Speed Cushions, Speed Tables, Partial Diverters, Full Diverters, Center Island Narrowing, Chokers, and Road Closures; however, roundabouts are traffic management devices and are not subject to this policy.
2. TRAFFIC-CALMING DEVICES may be permitted on "local" streets as designated by the City's Major Thoroughfares Map, and under any one of the following conditions:
 - A. The 85th percentile speed of traffic is 5 mph or greater over the speed limit, or
 - B. The 24-hour two-way traffic volume is greater than 1000, or
 - C. Cut-through traffic comprises more than 50% of the traffic during the peak hour of the day, or
 - D. Where no single condition is satisfied, but where any two of A, B or C above are satisfied to the extent of 80 percent or more of the stated values.
3. TRAFFIC-CALMING DEVICES (except SPEED HUMPS) may be permitted on "collector" streets as designated by the City's Major Thoroughfares Map, under any one of the following conditions:
 - A. The 85th percentile speed of traffic is 5 mph or greater over the speed limit, or
 - B. The 24-hour two-way traffic volume is greater than 3000, or
 - C. Cut-through traffic comprises more than 50% of the traffic during the peak hour of the day, or
 - D. More than 50% of the frontage of the roadway consists of residential lots with the houses facing the roadway in question, or
 - E. Where no single condition is satisfied, but where any two of A, B, C or D above are satisfied to the extent of 80 percent or more of the stated values.
4. Traffic data will be collected with city personnel using city equipment only. In the event that a requested location does not meet the minimum requirements as stated in 2 or 3 above, subsequent requests will not be considered for a minimum of one year.
5. The Lawrence-Douglas County Fire & Medical Department, the Police Department, the Public Works Department and the Traffic Safety Commission must review all requests for TRAFFIC-CALMING DEVICES before being presented to the City Commission.
6. If a project is approved by the City Commission, the City Commission will determine financing of the construction. The City Commission may require 0-100% of the costs to be paid by the group or neighborhood making the request.
7. After a project is approved and funded by the City Commission, TRAFFIC-CALMING DEVICES will only be constructed at a location if 70% or more of the property owners within 300 feet measured along the centerline of the street in each direction approve of the installation or if directed by the City Commission. The individual, group or neighborhood making the request shall be responsible for obtaining the property owners' and residents' approval in writing and submitting it to the city.
8. Once installed, TRAFFIC-CALMING DEVICES may only be removed at a location if more than 70% of the property owners and residents within 300 feet measured along the centerline of the street in each direction approve of the removal or if directed by the City Commission. The individual, group or neighborhood making the request shall be responsible for obtaining the property owners' and residents' approval in writing and submitting it to the city.
9. TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES may initially be landscaped (if appropriate) by the city, provided that the group or neighborhood making the request agrees in writing to maintain the landscaping or pursuant to the payment of a landscape maintenance fee. No privately installed landscaping is permitted unless approved by the city in writing.