#### **AGENDA: TSC 3/7/16**

ITFM NO. 3:

Consider request for TRAFFIC CALMING on Kanza Drive between Harvard Road & Wagstaff Drive.

#### Staff Report:

- 1. Kanza Drive is classified as a "local" street in a residential area with a speed limit of 30 mph, as provided by state law.
- 2. The City's Traffic Calming Policy permits traffic calming devices to be placed on local streets if the 85th percentile speed of traffic is 5mph or greater over the speed limit; or, if the 24-hour 2-way volume of traffic is greater than 1000.
- 3. Traffic data obtained during September 2015 found that the criteria for consideration of traffic calming was not met.
- 4. At the October 2015 Traffic Safety Commission meeting, the Commission requested that traffic data be collected again.
- 5. Traffic data obtained over a 72-hour period November 13-16, found the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed of traffic to be approximately 39.7 mph and the daily volume of traffic to be approximately 350.
- 6. Therefore, this location meets the minimum criteria for consideration of TRAFFIC CALMING.

MINUTES: TSC 3/7/16

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Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

#### **Public Comments:**

Richard Helt, 1118 Kanza Drive: We were here last fall and asked that additional data be collected; I think you see the difference with the speed over a weekend, as compared to a weekday; we are concerned for the safety of the children in the area.

#### Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Harrod advised that he is personally in favor of the request; I think it clearly needs to be done; but, I am concerned about possibly moving the traffic to Sawhill Drive. Helt noted that Sawhill Drive is only one block long and doesn't extend through the neighborhood.

Commissioner Hoskinson advised that he lived in the area and didn't think that motorists would move to Sawhill Drive.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARROD, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER STORM, TO RECOMMEND TRAFFIC CALMING ON KANZA DRIVE BETWEEN HARVARD ROAD AND WAGSTAFF DRIVE; THE MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

### **David Woosley**

From: Thad and Whitney Rawls [mailto:whithad@hotmail.com]

Sent: Monday, August 24, 2015 7:56 PM

To: David Woosley; David Woosley; <a href="mailto:trafficengineer@lawrenceks.org">trafficengineer@lawrenceks.org</a>

Subject: Speed Hump/Traffic Study Request for Kanza Dr.

Good Morning,

My name is Whitney Rawls and I live at 1126 Kanza Dr., in Lawrence, KS 66049. We would like to request a traffic study be done along our street in order for a speed hump to be installed. Kanza Drive is now a feeder street for Wagstaff Drive, Warren Ct., and Bowersock Drive which has drastically increased traffic flow, and eventually once the Kanza Drive extension is complete traffic flow will increase even more. Currently cars traveling down Kanza Dr. on a regular basis exceed the 30 mph speed limit at all hours of the day. There are numerous school age children that live and play along Kanza Dr. and we feel it is imperative for the safety of our children that a speed hump be installed as soon as possible. Please feel free to contact me with any additional information that you may need from me or steps that I need to take to further initiate this speed hump request process with the City/Traffic Department. Thank you so much for your time and consideration in this matter, we really appreciate

it. If you need to reach me by phone my number is 785-218-8077\_\_\_\_\_.

Thanks again,

Whitney Rawls



# 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 85<sup>th</sup> 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 85<sup>th</sup> 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.

