

**Charles Soules**

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**From:** Diane Trybom  
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**To:** Charles Soules  
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April 20, 1999

George Williams, Public Works Director, presented the staff report on the options for re-striping 6<sup>th</sup> Street from Tennessee to Maine as a four-lane street with a center turn lane or constructing a median in this area. It could be re-striped as a five (5) lane facility with an additional cost estimated at \$20,000.00. KDOT would participate at a 50/50 share with the City. A median could be constructed instead of marking a fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) lane, but the cost to construct the median would be completely paid by the City and it was estimated to cost approximately \$300,000.00.

Rundle said this issue was intensely discussed by people in the neighborhoods. One thing considered by the neighborhood was a center median which would be added in the Old West Lawrence area to set the neighborhood apart from the traffic. He suggested the City Commission take more public involvement in the discussions before making a decision.

Bill Pugh, 909 West 6<sup>th</sup>, said in 1991 the neighborhood won a two (2) year battle in eliminating a fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) lane in the area. Conditions have changed little in the area since that time except for additional traffic, increased speed, more noise and brighter lights that infringe into the neighborhood. His property would be left land lock if parking was removed from the street. With implementation of the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) lane, traffic would be encroaching into the historic residential neighborhood. He requested the paving left as is or the decision delayed until Old West Lawrence and other neighbors could express their concerns.

Joel Orton, Lawrence Preservation Alliance, requested the City Commission get additional public comment from the neighborhoods. He did not think there was adequate discussion to make a good decision.

Mike Wildgen, City Manager, suggested the City Commission direct staff to request the KLINK funds to be used on Iowa Street this year instead of 6<sup>th</sup> Street. That would give the City time to get input on the 6<sup>th</sup> Street project and possibly fund the project next year.

George Williams, Public Works Director requested the City Commission direct staff to see if

using KLINK funds would be acceptable to KDOT before proceeding. He thought he could have a decision by next week.

**Moved by Kennedy, seconded by Dunfield,** to direct staff to discuss with KDOT the changing of KLINK funds from the 6<sup>th</sup> Street overlay project to an overlay project on Iowa and to bring the report of that discussion back to the City Commission next week. Motion carried unanimously.  
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