

# Memo

To: Charles Soules, Director of Public Works  
 From: Tammy Bennett, Senior Management Analyst  
 Date: June 13, 2005  
 Re: Comments received on No Left Turns, 23<sup>rd</sup> Street

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Public Works implemented a pilot project for no left turns on 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, generally east of Louisiana and west of Haskell. The department solicited comments and feedback for over five months. The web site included a form for comment submittal that was featured on both the main Public Works page and the main City page. The Lawrence Journal World also included several references to the web site comment form and provided the general phone number for the department for citizens to call in their comments. This report summarizes and includes the feedback received.

As of today, we have received 128 comments regarding the No Left Turn pilot project on 23<sup>rd</sup> Street. Of the 128 comments received, 108 were in favor of the no left turn project, 11 were against, and 9 respondents were recorded as neutral (neither for or against, but submitting some other comment). Several other themes were recurrent in the comments submitted, as summarized below.

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128	Total number of comments received <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In favor of no-lefts = 108</li> <li>• Against no-lefts = 11</li> <li>• Neutral = 9</li> </ul>
<b>Recurrent Themes</b>	
42	Wanted longer or more extensive No-Left-Turn hours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General expansion of hours (2)</li> <li>• Longer evening hours (7)</li> <li>• Include morning rush / peak hours (19)</li> <li>• 24 hour no-left turns (10)</li> <li>• Morning to evening, such as 7 to 7 prohibition (4)</li> </ul>
13	Wanted other roadway improvements, either in addition to no left turns or in lieu of no left turns. The most common improvements mentioned was a center turn lane or physical barriers to prevent turning movements.
9	Noted a need for better / more / different law enforcement of the no-left turn intersections
8	Want a no-left turn project on Iowa, from Harvard to Bob Billings Parkway
4	Questioned the sufficiency of signage on this project
3	Want to include no-left turns on to 23 <sup>rd</sup> Street in addition

The comment form has been removed from the web site. The comments received are attached at the end of this memo.

Date Submitted	Real Name	Feedback
01/18/05	Dr. Bud Jacobs	I live on Vermont Street (2232) and hope that you will reconsider the "No Left Turn" restrictions off 23rd Street. There is so much traffic congestion on 23rd as it is, I can't imagine how these restrictions can ease the problem, in any way. I am hopeful that after a few weeks/months of these restrictions, the Traffic Safety Commission, or Public Works, will see the error of their ways, and eliminate the No Left Turn restrictions. Thank you for your consideration of this suggestion.
01/19/05	Scott Nissen	Glad to hear about the no left turn signs going in fro 23rd. W need to find ways to deal with the traffic problem and a single car making a left turn on 23rd in that area can cause a major problem. Glad you are giving this a try and am sure it will prove to be helpful for the vast majority of people concerned.
01/21/05	Jason Gordon	Hello. This is my neighborhood. I sue the intersection of Vermont and 23rd on a daily basis, to get to and from work. Furthermore, I work as a road rep for my employer and go through this area on a daily basis to reach my locations in and around the Oread neighborhood. Left turns generally suck for traffic, yes, I agree, but are you really going to cut off access to our neighborhood from the main street we use to get to and from work?! Turning left is a reality we all have to deal with in driving situations, people. Also, have you considered what this will do to traffic at the intersections of Mass and Haskell (not to mention even more back-up at intersections like 19th and Louisiana)?I would think that this will cause extremely backed-up traffic at all major intersections in this area. In the end it will actually slow down traffic on 23rd by clogging the major intersections and it will cause more traffic through this entire residential area. What's your solution over the long haul? I'm just curious: how many people who voted on this decision live in my neighborhood?
01/21/05	Anonymous	My husband and I have thought for a long time that the affected section of 23rd street should limit left turns. I think the new signs make the road safer and the traffic flow much more efficient. Lawrence is so crowded, and is difficult to drive through. I think this is a great step toward better traffic conditions.
01/21/05	Anonymous	This does not seem to be helpful. The congestion of people waiting to turn left at Massachusetts (because no one could turn earlier) is TERRIBLE. Most left turns (at Tennessee, Vermont, etc.) are made when the Mass. Light has traffic stopped coming from the other direction. If cars have to wait too long, the do go ahead and turn elsewhere. It makes more sense to continue to have those options.
01/23/05	John Lewis	I think the no left turn idea is long overdue do needs to be made permanent. I am not sure just the signs will do though, as most people probably will not even see them and if they do will ignore them. Some type of barrier would be more effective.
01/23/05	Paul Verhage	I like the restrictions from 4:00pm - 6:00 pm of No Left Turn but I would like to see it go from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm because the Kansas City workers are just getting into Lawrence at 6:00 pm. On the streets of Ohio, Tennessee, Vermont, new Hampshire, Rhode Island and Learner Avenue. I travel this quite frequently and at 6:00 pm it ties up traffic when people are trying to turn left on those streets.
01/23/05	Ron Kanterman	I think it is time to consider that the quality of life in Lawrence is more important than the traffic on 23rd street. Perhaps you should consider limiting the traffic on 23rd rather than diminishing the quality of life of those of us that live in the affected area. How would you like to back up every morning into 23rd street traffic to get out of your driveway. 23rd Street traffic is a problem. The volume of traffic needs to be managed. Expecting residents on Vermont to shoulder additional burden so that those who use 23rd will have a more efficient traffic flow is not reasonable. Those of us who live in the area have already borne more than our share of the burden. Ron and Jeff Kanterman

01/23/05	Tracy Russell	I recently drove through the 23rd Street corridor prohibiting left turn lanes between 4 & 6. I do not believe the signage is adequate to warn motorists about the recent changes. I understand the signs are flagged, however, the posted times are too small for the traveling motorists to see before slowing to make their turn thus placing us back into the same situation we are trying to avoid-motorists slowing or stopping to turn. Also, I would like to see the signs posted before the intersection and not at the intersection to properly give the warnings in advance instead of when the motorist arrive at the intersection. In this scenario, the motorist can plan their route of travel more efficiently. They make a sign that says "No Left Turns at Intersection" according to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Devices. Has the City reviewed the possibility of placing the warning signs overhead the inside lane of traffic on a guide wire. This is in place along Dodge Street in Omaha, Nebraska as is very effective in providing adequate warnings to the motorists. Thank you for seeking the public's input. I am very happy this ordinance is now in effect.
01/25/05	Caroljean Brune	I think it is a marvelous idea long overdue. The congestion on 23rd should be alleviated and the safety of that road greatly improved by the no left turns.
01/25/05	Gayle Sigurdson	The time period should be extended to include 7-9 a.m. as well. The intersection at 23rd and Louisiana gets backed up and people take unsafe chances.
01/25/05	George Grieb	Bravo, Bravo!! Great Idea. I think we should do the same thing for a right hand turn (east) when traveling south on Iowa between Harvard and Bob Billings Parkway
01/25/05	Kenora R. Crowfeather	I think its a good idea, however I would have included morning traffic hours as well. P.S. There is a big pothole on the corner of 23rd and Mass where all eastbound cars in the right hand lane must go over, including all those who attend Haskell.
01/25/05	Matt Travis	I commend the effort to install the no left turns, however, the problem exists as well during the morning commute hours. I drive the 23rd street corridor daily to and from work and one of the biggest problems that I see both in the morning and in the afternoon is that people are trying to turn left from the side streets onto 23rd. This causes major problems because if a car in the right hand lane lets out side street traffic to cross, the person crossing cannot see traffic in the left hand lane, thus they get half way out and stop all traffic. I would suggest that the small streets with no traffic signals be forced to turn right only at all of the day, and not to allow any traffic from 23rd to turn onto those streets. This could be set up much like it is at 6th and Swartz without a signal. This problem will continue to increase as there is no immediate solution for the SLT. Thank you.
01/25/05	Suzanne	People are still turning left.
01/25/05	Wilma and Don Vaughn	Wilma and I are grateful for the new signs. I travel on 23rd after 5:00 pm often and the traffic is moving smoother now.
01/25/05	Anonymous	: Outstanding (and long overdue). Please don't wait to do it on Iowa Street!
01/25/05	Anonymous	I think it's a great idea.
01/25/05	Anonymous	Thank you SO MUCH for putting up the no left turn signs! I've been commuting between Olathe and Lawrence for five years, and everyday I can't believe the idiots who hold up traffic trying to turn left at that time of day. Please make them permanent!
01/25/05	Anonymous	This move was a great idea. The safety on East 23rd ST. is greatly improved with this change. I vote that you continue with this restriction especially since there are left turn signals at Louisiana, Massachusetts and Barker Streets. There should little inconvenience to anyone. Thanks for making this enforcement.
01/25/05	Anonymous	This plan is already alleviating traffic problems and is a huge step forward! I hope this will be made permanent!
01/26/05	James R. Moore	It is high time something was done about this problem -- But please extend the hours to the a.m. like 7:00 to 9:00. Or, even better, extend it to a 24 hour basis.
01/26/05	Meredith Mansfield	I would like to see this project expanded to prevent left turns onto 23rd street from Tennessee Street as well. The traffic gets backed up for the entire block while people wait their turn to turn left onto 23rd. As a homeowner on the 2200 block of Tennessee, I often am unable to get into and out of my own driveway due to the traffic backup from 23rd and Tenn.

01/26/05	Susan Mangan	I really like the new no left turn signs. I have been complaining for years that there should be no left turns at those intersections during rush hour and I am so glad something is finally being done. There needs to be a police presence in that area, during those times, however, to enforce and/or educate the public depending on whether tickets will be given or just reminders. I drove past a very, very long line of cars waiting behind one that obviously couldn't read (or didn't care) at 5:30 pm today (Tuesday). Traffic was backed up from almost Massachusetts St. to Louisiana because of one inconsiderate driver ignoring the signs. Without some concerted effort to enforce the new signs I think many people will probably choose to just ignore them and continue to wreak havoc on rush hour traffic on 23rd St.
01/26/05	Anonymous	: The text size on the signs indicating the time frame for the prohibited turns is too small to read at 35-45 mph.
01/26/05	Anonymous	Great for 23rd, overdue. Do not do it on Iowa. Go back and get the funding for a left turn again for Iowa - 15th is a bottleneck and Harvard is overloaded.
01/26/05	Anonymous	I love the no-left-turn status along various points of 23rd street. The city should make it that way all of the time. 24/7, yes sir! There are ample opportunities to turn left at intersections controlled by traffic lights to get where you want to go.
01/26/05	Anonymous	I think this will help cut down on the accidents and the clogging that goes on through those intersections especially at KU home games. We will just have to see if it becomes a nuisance or a blessing
01/26/05	Anonymous	I think you should make the no left run all day long. Of course something else that would help would be to finish the Lawrence by-pass.
01/26/05	Anonymous	I went through there this morning and wondered why there is not a morning time prohibition too. I saw a car turning left and tied up traffic.
01/26/05	Anonymous	Thanks for putting the signs in - they really help with traffic flow!
01/26/05	Anonymous	The project seems like a good idea, but it only deals with half of the problem. Left turns in this area should also be restricted during the morning rush hour as well, 7-9am.
01/26/05	Anonymous	This has been needed for a long time! Make it permanent! Also consider this. Coordinate the signals as Mass and Barker.
01/27/05	Georgia Graviton	I think it's working splendidly! The traffic on 23rd street between 4-6pm is still heavy, but the roads/lights can now handle it. I hope it becomes permanent, and I appreciate that you all are looking into this! I do have one question related at Kentucky street - it appears that left (south) turns are allowed, as there is no signage. Is this correct? thanks very much!
01/27/05	Justin King	Quite possibly the most logical decision I have ever seen the city make. This will surely cut down on accidents and drive time alike for all traveling west-east through our beautiful city as I for one have been involved in many close calls involving rear-end collisions through that stretch of infamous rush hour road. You have my complete approval.
01/27/05	Anonymous	23rd street gets so congested during "rush hour" I think the no left turn policy is wonderful, I think making some of the main streets along the corridor, such as Tennessee, the same as 6th & Lawrence. With no left turn at all, only entrance onto 6th. Seems to work there!
01/27/05	Anonymous	I think it is a good idea not to allow left hand turns off of 23rd street, primarily, because it stops the flow of traffic. 23rd street is already so congested and not adequate enough for the traffic. I am for banning left hand turns due to safety and congestion on already badly congested roadway.
01/31/05	Ann Templin	A good idea, could even be expanded as far as hours. Now if there were some way to keep people from blocking the intersection while waiting for a light to change so it would be easier to make a right turn onto 23rd, I don't even attempt a left turn where there isn't a signal.

01/31/05	Janet Horner	I drive from Lawrence Ave & Clinton Pkwy to East Hills Industrial Park everyday. The no left-turn policy in the afternoons is good and has helped my commute home. HOWEVER, there needs to be the same policy in effect in the mornings. Too many times I am backed up for several blocks waiting from someone to make a left-hand turn to Tennessee, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, or Learnard. There should also be some sort of patrolling of the restricted turn areas to ensure they are enforced. The first week or so there were MULTIPLE people still attempting left turns at restricted intersections.
01/31/05	Larry F. McGlinn	Great idea. It should include left turns on to 23rd off non-signalized side streets and time set back to 3:00 pm.
01/31/05	Mark Jakubauskas	I love it. Great idea. I live at 22nd and New Hampshire, and am constantly traveling this section of 23rd between Louisiana and Barker. One driver trying to make a left turn north can bottleneck the whole street for ages. I think the No Left Turn project should become permanent!
01/31/05	Mary Wakeman	I would be in favor of having no left turns along 23rd for the morning commute as well.
01/31/05	Patti Butcher	So glad you finally did this! Can it be expanded to include the morning rush hour (7-9am)? I always thought this would also be a good solution for 6th St. between Maine and Mass. AND on Iowa between Harvard and 15th!! Please help the drivers of Lawrence.
01/31/05	Robin Smart	I think it should be from 7am - 7pm on weekdays. The traffic in this town is outrageous through out the whole day and I do not believe that only two hours a day during the evening rush hour only, will make a big difference.
01/31/05	Ronald Tippie	I understand the need to not have traffic stopping and literally turning the street into a two land road. This is a band aid solution. I am amazed that we do not do the obvious and simply make our streets with center turn lanes. Why was Wakarusa built without one? Why do we always have to hire a consultant to add them section by section? All major roads need them. 23rd and 6th Street need them the length of the city. It gets the stopped traffic out of the flow of traffic that needs to move. While we are at it, we should have right turn lanes on major streets as well, for ALL intersections. Accidents are caused not nearly so much by speed as by abrupt changes in the speed of traffic. We seem to have a city dedicated to slowing traffic down as opposed to increasing the orderly flow of it. That is a mistake, especially for the long term.
01/31/05	Tracy Russell	The prohibited hours should be from 0700 - 1900 hours Monday thru Friday. The posting of the signs has to be addressed. There are no pre-warning signs notifying the motorists of the upcoming prohibited left turns, thus, drivers can not plan their route of travel prior to reaching the intersection which causes confusion. When permanent signs are posted, I would like to see the signs posted above the inside lane of traffic so the signs are clearly visible to everyone. This is depicted along Dodge Street in Omaha, NE where similar ordinances are in effect.
01/31/05	William Smith	I think you should have both morning and evening rush hour times for the no left turns.
01/31/05	Anonymous	An excellent plan. However, left turn lanes/lights should be provided at reasonable distances.
01/31/05	Anonymous	I believe this is an excellent idea. As a matter of fact, for safety and traffic flow, I believe the left turns onto these street should be permanent 24 hours per day. Too many accidents happen when someone turns left and the chain reaction behind this action
01/31/05	Anonymous	I have been very happy with the signs. For the past 5 years I've been traveling east on 23rd during rush hour traffic. People who could have been turning at the stop light at 23rd & Louisiana weren't and was backing up traffic, especially at Ohio St. And they didn't care. This is one of the few times a new ordinance has made sense for the current commission.
01/31/05	Anonymous	I think is great and long overdue. The no left turn regulation also needs to be in effect during 7:00 am to 9:00 am also, because there is just as much traffic going east and west in the morning as the night.
01/31/05	Anonymous	I think it is a good idea but what would be even better is to make a center turn lane. Use the money that is scheduled to be wasted on the 19th and Louisiana roundabout.
01/31/05	Anonymous	I think it is such a good idea. There is alternative access to those streets. The traffic slow is much better now.

01/31/05	Anonymous	Make it from 7-10 am and 4-7pm; the morning is almost as bad as the evening, and the 6pm end is too soon. At 6:30 on most evenings that strip is just slowing down in traffic numbers.
01/31/05	Anonymous	Tennessee (southbound where it enters onto 23rd St. also needs one of those signs.
01/31/05	Anonymous	This is a great idea. It was way past time to implement something like this. You should open up Schwarz Rd at 6th Street and block off these cross streets of 23rd in a permanent fashion.
02/01/05	Kent Pennybaker	It needs to be effective from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm M-F. It does little good for only 2 hours in the afternoon. I think a lot less accidents would occur if was all day long
02/01/05	Leslie Soden	I think that there is enough traffic on 23rd street at all times during the day to block left turn lanes during all hours, not just 4 to 6pm. I would even be in favor of a concrete median or even just an orange cone barrier down the middle of the street. 23rd & Louisiana is particularly bad during lunch time.
02/01/05	Myron Shipley	I was pleased to see that our city saw fit to restrict left turns along 23d street. My only comment is that left turns should have been completely eliminated 24 hrs par day 7 days a week. I think it will create confusion and possibly wrecks by restricting left turns only a couple of hours a day 5 days a week. There are enough intersections providing turn lanes to accommodate left turns where they are necessary. It may be an inconvenience but so is tying up traffic at anytime of the day. No response is necessary.
02/01/05	Norma Dwyer	Should do it.
02/01/05	Ryan H.Devlin	Hello. I have some thoughts for you to ponder about the 23rd St. "so-called" improvement plan. First of all, prohibiting people from turning onto those affected streets from 4pm-6pm (Mon-Fri. I believe) is as low as it goes. Now, there are alternatives & which ever one you decide, the better. We widen 23rd St & include in these affected areas left turn lanes, lanes that do NOT impede traffic flow (nor do they require traffic lights) though, from Sue Hack's perspective in her e-mail to me, even as good of an idea as this is, it's not a viable option due to houses & businesses), or we close those streets off from 23rd st traffic entirely. Either way, the traffic on 23rd st functions PROPERLY, without a bottleneck. I travel 23rd St everyday to work & the way it works right now, it is horrendous. The other option is that from 7am to 7 pm Mon-Fri, NOBODY is allowed to turn onto those affected streets from 23rd st. These are painful options & I am afraid that either way people are going to be upset, but tough. Regulations that are not properly enforced, need to be thrown out of the city's ordinances & we need to make Lawrence better & not more bitter for the residents or the visitors. Thank you.
02/02/05	Anonymous	Good idea. Twenty-third street is a mess between 4:00 and 6:00. The Learnard turn is particularly dangerous. If this works to increase traffic flow I am for it. Right now I avoid 23rd in the late afternoon as much as possible.
02/03/05	Terry Melton	I think it's an improvement. Now make it even better for me and include 7AM to 9AM to help my drive to work. Thank you.
02/03/05	Tina Addington	I don't live in Lawrence anymore, but I commute from Overland Park. I was thrilled to see the no left turn signs. They make that strip of 23rd street so much safer. I think it's wonderful!
02/04/05	Carol Jacobson	Thank you for this safety measure! I've seen cars backed up across Louisiana St. because someone is trying to turn left on Tenn, or Vermont. I live on Vermont St. Many cars headed E on 23rd, turn left on Vermont and race down Vermont thinking they can avoid what people in this town think of as a "traffic jam", sometimes no more than two cars in the left turn lane on Mass. The speeding down Vermont is unbelievable. One afternoon I was sitting on my porch reading. Across the st. from me, a little old boy who had just celebrated his 2nd bday, dropped a large iridescent purple ball which rolled into the st.(He had just learned to open his backyard gate.)He was wearing a little bright red suit. As he came near the curb to get his ball, though he was very visible, a car sped past, not slowing a bit. I ran to the st. as another car was coming. I waved to the driver and pointed to the little boy. The driver did not slow down, though I was now in the middle of the st. waving at her. Had she hit the little boy, she would have pleaded for mercy-for herself, though she showed none for the little boy, who was clearly visible in his bright red suit, as was that iridescent purple ball in the gutter. It seems in Lawrence, cars have the right-of-way. The disregard shown for human life is shocking. This project is hopefully the beginning of some common sense changes. Thank You!

02/04/05	Gerald Whiteside	Thank you! You've helped made the commute home for my family & me safer. Now, how 'bout Iowa? Thanks for your consideration.
02/04/05	Anonymous	I think this is an excellent idea and seems to be working well. This is a common practice in larger towns, and let's face it, Lawrence is not a mall town anymore. I travel from West Lawrence to the East Hills Business Park in the morning and vice versa in the evening. My evening drive home on 23rd Street is easier with the no left turns. However, I'd like to see you increase the time to include the morning rush hour also (7 am to am). Thanks!
02/07/05	Anonymous	This is working wonders! It is keeping traffic moving and really making the whole area much safer! This is a lot better way to spend money than on roundabouts and useless "traffic islands." I am glad to see time, energy and money going towards something that benefits a lot of people instead of a few.
02/08/05	Anonymous	I think that a center turn lane would be a much better option. Hopefully, it is in the works, or is it only the West side of town that gets all the traffic improvements? No one is going to pay too much attention to those signs, unless you're planning to put a lot of police man hours in to keep those patrolled.
02/10/05	Anonymous	I have been waiting a long time for something like this. I think it's a great idea because it keeps traffic flowing and hopefully it will become a permanent thing.
02/11/05	Anonymous	Good idea.
02/12/05	Anonymous	no left turns should be in effect 24/7.
02/13/05	Clinton Turner	Definitely needed. I would actually recommend expanding the current hours. I live near the area and need to turn down those streets frequently, but the inconvenience is more than worth the safety gains. I have personally felt unsafe passing through there on several occasions due to motorists trying to change lanes quickly to avoid someone trying to turn left.
02/13/05		This is the best thing since sliced bread. Thank you so much for doing this.
02/15/05	Matt Douglas	huge improvement!! Considering the traffic flow that continues past 6:00 it should be extended to at least 6:30 but probably 7:00 until a turn lane could possibly be constructed or no left turn at all unless controlled by a traffic light.
02/15/05	Anonymous	The no left turn policy seems to be effective for all streets besides Tennessee. People who know their way around town know that Tennessee is one of the fastest ways to get to northern parts of town. I think we need a turning lane for Tenn
02/16/05	Adam Shupe	I think it increases the flow of traffic quite a bit in the mornings. Anything to help improve the flow is greatly appreciated. More improvement is attainable though. I drive through the city every day (North Kasold to East 23rd). I am very opinionated about traffic systems, so any questions for me are welcome. I would love to help.
02/16/05	Bruce Liddel	I like it - it is long overdue. However, limiting the effective hours to the afternoon does little to help me - a morning traveler - often caught in the bottleneck behind a left turner. I wish it was also effective 7-9AM
02/18/05	Anonymous	YESSS!!!! Can we get the same thing on Iowa between Harvard and 15th - from 7-9AM AND 4-6PM?
02/22/05	Cory Urban	This project only makes driving on 23rd street worse. I turn left on Vermont street all the time to avoid that horrendous left turn lane for Massachusetts street. With the no left turn signs in effect, the left lane backs up behind Vermont, and is nearly to Tennessee at times. We should not penalize all citizens that are able to find and take other routes to please a few homeowners on a select few streets who argue with an increase in traffic. I think that the city should scrap this proposal, and take the money that would be spent on the permanent signs to fill in some more of our plentiful potholes. 27th street westbound from Iowa near Sears is nearly unable to be driven on.
02/23/05	Francois Henriquez	As a daily commuter along this corridor, I appreciate this project and want you to know that it is working very well. It should be extended to exclude ALL left turns at non-signalized intersections between Haskell and Louisiana, during both the morning and evening rush hours. This should be a permanent change. Thank you.
02/25/05	Bruce	Make it 24-7 on 23rd street where no center turn lane is available

02/27/05	Allen Brandes	This should have been done years ago! Also needed on South bound Iowa between 9th and 15th Streets!
03/02/05	Ian Dixon	I love the signs and would like to see the hours that they effect increased. Ideally I believe that there should never be left turns allowed on that stretch of 23rd street. I would go as far as building a narrow median on that road to prevent people from making left hand turns, but at the very least extending the hours to something like 6am-7pm M-F.
03/02/05	Anonymous	I would favor no left turns on all of the major thoroughfares. Put double yellow line center stripes on all of 6th, 9th, 23rd, and Iowa.
03/03/05	Anonymous	This project should have discouraged people from turning left ONTO 23rd instead of OFF of 23rd. We need more police monitoring of 23rd traffic. Many people speed, and traffic moves so fast; this is not an expressway. I live south of 23rd and Mass. Sts.; 23rd is so busy it is a barrier to pedestrians and bicyclists, in spite of crosswalks at Mass. and Louisiana. It doesn't feel safe to cross either intersection on foot or bike. A sidewalk running on the north side of the street all the way from 23rd and Louisiana west to Barker would help. Last night walking home, I had to walk in the grass/mulch on the north side of 23rd btwn. Vermont and Mass. just to cross the street at the light so I could double-back to Vermont to go home. In the short-term, it will help to encourage use of City bus system more, as well as car-pooling to work. In the long-term a commuter train/light rail to Topeka and KC would be EXTREMELY useful, safer, and more environmentally friendly and economically feasible. Thanks for consideration of my comments.
03/09/05	Anonymous	I think it is great. I noticed the signs right away and was happy to see them. This is a terribly busy street and it is dangerous and creates congestion for cars to turn left at the non-signalized intersections.
03/11/05	Shusten Turnquist	I have noticed that the left lane of 23rd street towards K-10 hwy is considerably less backed up since the signs have been added. Traffic is still pretty tough during rush hour but I think it is a step in the right direction.
03/11/05	Tod Anderson	This is a great step in the right direction! I like it! When can you start including on 6th? Also, the expensive study several yrs ago stated there were too many access points on 23rd street for proper traffic flow. Why can't we apply that knowledge to these new developing area's like West 6th?
03/15/05	Anonymous	No left turns on 23rd Street should be 24-7.
03/15/05	Anonymous	No left turns on 23rd Street is a great idea!!
03/18/05	Anonymous	I am a huge fan of the no left turn policy...the only way to improve it would be to make it from 6:30 AM to 8:00PM!! I would also be interested in if this could be used along Iowa between 15th and Harvard. I think that this is the best use of city funds for road planning recently!
03/21/05	Anonymous	This is a much needed policy that will save time, reduce congestion, and reduce accidents
03/23/05	Ryan Gordon	The no left turn on 23rd St. is something I have been waiting on for some time. Living so close to this project, I did notice that many basketball games were at 7 and there was always one car trying to turn left (north) with all the OP traffic coming into town. I think the hours should be extended to at least 3-7, but 24hrs would be fine with me. Also, I have seen police officers blatantly ignore these signs. I do not mean they aren't enforcing the signs, I mean they aren't following the rules! They are turning down those streets. I have seen this happen more than once. No lights or sirens. They just decide they are above the law and turn. I have never understood why I always see police in this town break traffic ordinances without reason. Living on Mass., I see a lot of police and their behavior is often questionable. Thanks for reading my comments!
03/23/05	Anonymous	I don't like the no left turns. I understand the concept and what is wanting to be achieved, but it is an inconvenience. Does that also mean those heading west on 23rd should not turn left into Checkers. I drive this every day and have yet to see the no left turns enforced, and a lot of people ignoring the signs.
03/23/05	Anonymous	The signs with flags really stuck out for me as I use the left turn on 23rd daily, 7 days a week.



03/24/05	Anonymous	Well i don't know what good it's going to do when i constantly see people turning left and i even saw a cop watch someone turn left between the hours of 4 and 6. In fact he turned right in front of the cop. So if everyone's still doing it and no one's enforcing it then what's the point?
03/26/05	Anonymous	I love it! It's fabulous! I live one block from 23rd st and work on 23rd st. The drive home used to be 30 mins for 5 miles. Now it's between 15-20 mins. Wish the no turn times were for mornings too. That would be even better. Thanks!
03/30/05	Michelle Kogl	I am very frustrated with this project. I chose the location of my home because of it's close proximity to K-10 because I commute to Kansas City for work. With this project in place it takes me another 10 minutes to get to my home that is located just a few blocks from the intersection of Vermont and K-10. If you want this project to continue than I would suggest that you open a street between Mass and Vermont on the South side of 23rd street. This way we could turn at Mass to get into our neighborhood without having to go down to Louisiana, wait through two stop lights and then down to Utah street. I'm sure you would agree that this is very inconvenient if you were in this situation. If you can not give us a road from Mass to Vermont than at least give us a turning lane at K-10 and Vermont so that we can turn south. Thank you for letting me have an opinion. I hope this project ends soon!
03/31/05	Anonymous	It's a great idea. However, I would like to see left turns prohibited from 10am to 2 pm and from 4 pm to 7 pm Monday through Friday. Also, I could like to see taxis and marked commercial vehicles exempt.
04/02/05	Andrew	grate idea but i think that the time should be from 4:00 until 7:00 because if its only till 6:00 then the traffic that is still arelivent at 6:01 till 7:00 have to deal with the delay
04/04/05	stephen floor	this rocks
04/06/05	Anonymous	Great improvement. should be made permanent. I have traveled that route for 20 years and it is nice not to have to stop behind every other vehicle and have cars behind you whipping out to try and pass each other. People living on those streets could use other streets to get home. There are still people that will sit and wait, trying to turn left, and totally ignoring the signs and flags. I see 3 to 4 a week.
04/07/05	Marlana Walters	I don't see the point. It just makes traffic worse at the major intersections.
04/09/05	Michael Lindeman	Good start, but your hours are not right yet for the traffic congestion. You should consider Monday thru Friday 3pm to 7 pm and Saturday 8am to 7pm.
04/12/05	Anonymous	I think that we should retain the new no left turn policy, or widen 23rd Street and put in some turning lanes. There is just too much traffic to allow a lane to be stopped by someone turning left. Maybe it would be a good idea to prohibit left turns from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. only. Thanks.
04/13/05	Anonymous	I believe that traffic congestion and accident-risk is reduced during high-traffic periods
04/13/05	Kyle McKee	Love the idea! I deliver pizzas and always dread 23rd street during rush hour.... this helps tremendously. Consider extending to 6:30 or 7 pm but it's still great as is. Keep up the good work!
04/15/05	R. A. Link	This project prioritizes executives and students going and coming from Kansas City at the expense of people living in and just past the neighborhoods affected. Those local people can no longer turn onto their own streets at the end of a long day, and instead have to work their way through the same congestion for several more blocks in many cases to make a second approach. The executives and students made the decision to commute and had the financial means to make those decisions. The locals in the areas affected by the project do not have those options of location."
04/15/05	Anonymous	Needs to be mad permanent. Block off the streets like was done at Schwarz RD if necessary.
04/24/05	Anonymous	I think the no left turn signs on 23rd street are a great idea. In the past it was a big hassle when people tried to turn left when they could have easily turned at a light before and taken an alternate route. They greatly improve traffic flow and should be implimented elsewhere in the city as well.

04/26/05	Anonymous	I think it is great, but an officer should be stationed in area to stop violators, since many people still turn. At this time I wouldn't give out a lot of tickets, since many drivers may just be unfamiliar, but even stopping cars would warn others. These signs are a godsend when trying to make it out of Lawrence at 5:00.
04/28/05	Greg	Seems like a good idea. Traffic gets slow around that time and a couple of people wanting to take a shortcut through the neighborhood make everyone's drive slower. Thanks for limiting the hours to the time when turns are a problem. It would be very nice if the left turn lanes from 23rd onto Louisiana allowed non-arrow turns while traffic is flowing on 23rd. Some of the left turns between Louisiana and Mass happen because of the limited chance to turn at Louisiana. People try to get around the red arrow by taking Ohio or Tennessee.
04/28/05	Dean Smart	I highly support this change.
05/02/05	Anonymous	I hope I have the correct number, as this was the number printed in the paper. I am calling to voice my concerns about the no left turns on 23rd between 4 and 6. I am a long term resident since 1969. I think this is unnecessary. I think it is a hindrance of traffic. I don't think there was a problem before. I don't appreciate not being allowed to turn on in the left hand lanes and get onto Vermont, the street I was born on. I think that it unnecessarily now forces traffic to go onto certain streets like Louisiana and Massachusetts only. It causes a bigger problem. I don't think there was a problem to begin with. I would hope the City takes down the signs. Thank you very much. I obviously don't have enough time speak everything I want to say and that is why I am speaking quickly and I was cut off before. Thank you.
05/02/05	Anonymous	This would help the traffic flow!
05/03/05	Anonymous	I think if you are going to allow left turns at circles and roundabouts than it was pointless to spend money on them in the first place. It is the left turns that cause most accidents at intersections. Of course it wouldn't hurt to require drivers to drive at renewal of lic. Some people just can't drive respectfully.
05/05/05	Anonymous	I love it! Traffic seems to be flowing more smoothly in the evenings now.
05/09/05	Anonymous	It works very well. Now please implement it along Iowa from Harvard to 15th St, which is in more dire need.
05/10/05	Anonymous	I think that if you're going to prohibit left turns on 23rd St. at all, it should be around the clock to avoid confusion. I know a wider street is in the works, but the city should safely barricade the center-line on the stretch of road indicated, until such time as the street can be widened.
05/11/05	Anonymous	this is a fabulous idea. Access must be controlled along this stretch of 23rd.
05/11/05	Anonymous	I definitely think these turn restrictions are helpful by keeping commercial and commuter traffic off of residential streets, and by improving the flow of traffic on 23rd St. This approach is a low-cost, yet very effective, means of traffic calming and traffic enhancement. Thank you!
05/13/05	Anonymous	Doesn't affect me one way or the other. I haven't noticed any changes.
05/18/05	John E. Bowen	It should be 24 Hours a day. Make Vermont St north across 23rd to right turn only.
05/19/05	Anonymous	I think it's a good idea, now if there was a way to get drivers to obey the signage...
05/20/05	Anonymous	IF roundabouts are the miracle cure, why not there?
05/20/05	Anonymous	Finally!!
06/06/05	Anonymous	the no left turns from 4-6 is working great. the city needs to get after the state to replace the bridge just east of leonard with something wider. the traffic stinks at 5pm going east and west from mass to harper. 23rd needs to go to three lanes each way from mass to o'connell youth ranch road.
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