

City of Lawrence
Traffic Safety Commission Agenda
May 6, 2013-7:00 PM
City Commission Room, City Hall

MEMBERS: Dan Harden, Chair; Edwin Rothrock, Vice-Chair; Stuart Boley; Ryan Devlin; Cody Howard; Tracy Russell; Chris Storm; and John Ziegelmeier Jr.

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UPDATE 30 APRIL 2013: REMOVE ITEM NO. 3

ITEM NO. 1: Review and approve the minutes of the Traffic Safety Commission meeting, April 1, 2013.

ITEM NO. 2: Consider request to establish a 40MPH SPEED LIMIT on Peterson Road between Kasold Drive & Monterey Way.

Staff Report:

1. Peterson Road is classified as a "minor arterial" and is paved three (3) lanes wide (including a two-way-left-turn-lane) with a sidewalk along the south side of the street and a shared pathway along the north side of the street.
2. There is one (1) existing intersection and one (1) future intersection between Kasold & Monterey and two (2) residential driveways.
3. The current speed limit on Peterson Road between Kasold Drive & Monterey Way is 35mph.
4. Traffic data collected April 24-25, 2013, found approximately 5515 vehicles in a 24-hour period at an 85th percentile speed of approximately 45 mph.
5. Therefore, it is recommended that a 40 mph speed limit be established.

ITEM NO. 3: **DEFERRED TO JUNE 3, 2013.** ~~Consider request to establish a CROSSWALK and PEDESTRIAN HYBRID BEACON on Bob Billings Parkway at DeVictor Park.~~

~~Staff Report:~~

- ~~1. Bob Billings Parkway is classified as an "arterial" street, paved four (4) lanes wide with bike lanes (approximately 59 feet) and a posted speed limit of 40mph.~~
- ~~2. Traffic data collected April 24-25, 2013, found approximately 5225 vehicles in a 24-hour period with an 85th percentile speed of approximately 53 mph.~~
- ~~3. Based upon this data, a pedestrian crossing the street would have to see a vehicle approaching from 1555 feet in order to completely cross the street without conflicting with traffic.~~
- ~~4. A comprehensive study of approximately 2000 crosswalks nationwide found that under existing traffic conditions, if a crosswalk was marked at this location, where no pedestrian refuge area is available in the center of the street, there is a 32% reduction in the crash rate for a marked crosswalk compared to an unmarked crosswalk; however, when the traffic volume on Bob Billings Parkway increases to greater than 12,000, the crash rate for a marked crosswalk is four (4) times higher than for an unmarked crosswalk.~~
- ~~5. Therefore, if a pedestrian crossing is provided, it is recommended that a pedestrian hybrid beacon also be provided.~~

ITEM NO. 4: Public comment.

ITEM NO. 5: Commission Items.

ITEM NO. 6: Miscellaneous.

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May 6, 2013 Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Harden, Chair; Edwin Rothrock, Vice-Chair; Stuart Boley; Ryan Devlin; Tracy Russell; Chris Storm and John Ziegelmeier, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cody Howard

STAFF PRESENT: David Woosley, Public Works Department

PUBLIC PRESENT: Rob Neff, Betty Alderson

Chair Dan Harden called the meeting to order 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 1, 2013.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ROTHROCK, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER STORM, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING, APRIL 1, 2013; THE MOTION CARRIED, 6-0-1.

ITEM NO. 2:

Consider request to establish a 40MPH SPEED LIMIT on Peterson Road between Kasold Drive & Monterey Way.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Public Comment:

Rob Neff, 221 Providence Road: I am appearing here as a citizen, not as a police officer; I drive this route every day; I think it is unusual for this stretch of Peterson Road to be 35mph and the stretch just to the east to be 40mph; so, for consistency, I think it should be 40mph for the entire route; I did some research and found that there had only been one accident in this area during the past

three (3) years, and it involved a vehicle exiting Hutton Farms and failing to 'yield'; so, I recommend that the speed limit be 40mph all the way from Iowa Street to Monterey Way.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Boley asked about Peterson Road west of Monterey Way; Neff recommended that it not be changed since the roadway changes to a 2-lane county road type section.

Commissioner Rothrock asked where the planned future intersection was; Woosley pointed it out on the diagram and indicated that the adjacent private driveway on Peterson Road would probably be removed at the time of construction.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ZIEGELMEYER, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROTHROCK, TO RECOMMEND ESTABLISHING A 40MPH SPEED LIMIT ON PETERSON ROAD BETWEEN KASOLD DRIVE & MONTEREY WAY; THE MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

ITEM NO. 3:

Consider request to establish a CROSSWALK and PEDESTRIAN HYBRID BEACON on Bob Billings Parkway at DeVactor Park.

Deferred for one (1) month.

ITEM NO. 4:

Public Comment:

None.

ITEM NO. 5:

Commission Items:

None.

ITEM NO. 6:

Miscellaneous:

None.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission is Monday, June 3, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Woosley

David E. Woosley, P.E.
Transportation/Traffic Engineer

From: Jerry Magnuson [mailto:jmagnuson3@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2013 4:36 PM
To: David Woosley
Subject: Re: May 6 Traffic Safety Commission Agenda

Hi David,

We have a little problem with our scheduling. Jerry Harper, our representative for this request is tied up on May 6. Any chance we could move our agenda item to the following month?

Thanks.

Jerry