

AGENDA: TC 12/4/17

ITEM NO. 4:

Monterey Way - 6th Street to Bob Billings Parkway (Traffic Calming)

Recommend approval of traffic calming on Monterey Way from 6th Street to Bob Billings Parkway

MINUTES: TC 12/4/17

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Staff Presentation:

Amanda Sahin presented a request for traffic calming on Monterey Way from 6th Street to Bob Billings Parkway. Staff recommends approval of the request.

Moved by Commissioner Hamby, seconded by Commissioner Severin, to deny traffic calming on Monterey Way from 6th St to Bob Billings Parkway. The Commission would like the City staff to evaluate pedestrian and bicycle facilities (i.e. bike lanes, pedestrians islands, crosswalks, etc).

The motion passed, 9-0.

Memorandum

City of Lawrence

Public Works Department

TO: David Cronin, City Engineer
FROM: Amanda Sahin, Transportation Engineer
DATE: November 10, 2017
RE: Agenda Item for Transportation Commission 12/4/2017:
Traffic Calming Request – Monterey Way, 6th Street to Bob Billings Parkway

Background

In October 2017, the Transportation Commission received a request for traffic calming on Monterey Way from 6th Street to Bob Billings Parkway. The requestor cited in increase in traffic, speeding and reckless driving as reasons for the requests.

Details

Monterey Way, 6 th Street to Bob Billings Parkway						
Street Classification	Posted Speed Limit	Safe Route to School	Bus / Transit Route	Part of Douglas County Bikeway Plan	Sidewalk along Street	Street Cross Section/Pavement Data
Collector	35 mph	No	No	Yes	Both Sides	Curb and Gutter, 31-foot width, residential area

Traffic counts and 85th percentile speed were obtained for Monterey Way in this region during October of 2017. The average 85th percentile speed of traffic on Monterey Way was 44 mph and the 24-hour two-way traffic averaged 7,404 vehicles.

The City of Lawrence Traffic Calming Policy is listed below:

Traffic-Calming Devices may be permitted on “collector” streets as designated by the City's Major Thoroughfares Map, and under any one of the following conditions:

- The 85th percentile speed of traffic is 5 mph or greater over the speed limit, or
- The 24-hour two-way traffic volume is greater than 3000, or
- Cut-through traffic comprises more than 50% of the traffic during the peak hour of the day, or
- More than 50% of the frontage of the roadway consists of residential lots with the houses facing the roadway in question, or

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- 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% or more of the stated values.

The 85th percentile speed and 24-hour traffic volumes do meet the criteria for installing traffic-calming devices on both segments analyzed.

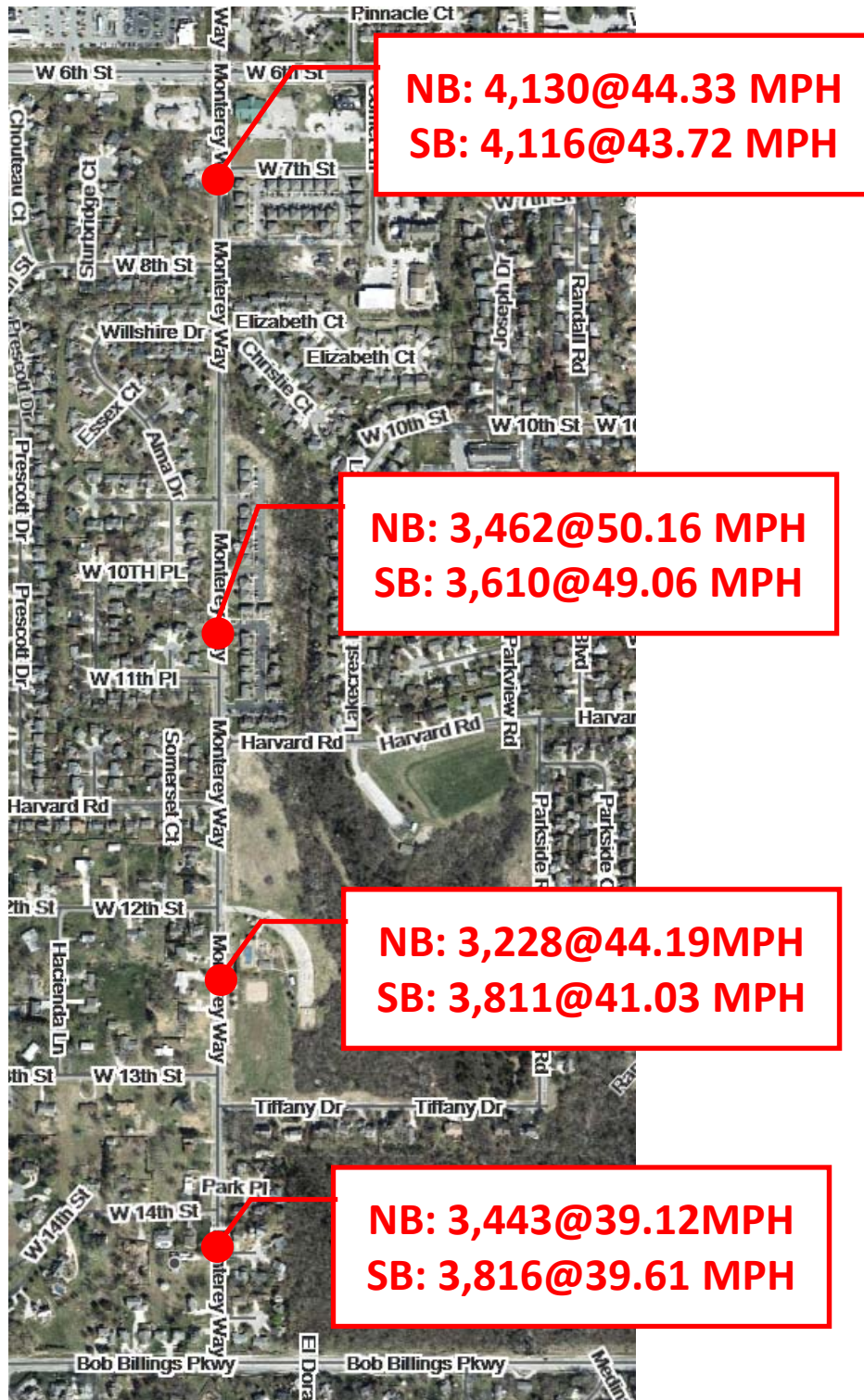
Action Request

It is staff recommendation the Transportation Commission approve the request for installation of traffic calming devices on Monterey Way from 6th Street to Bob Billings Parkway.

Attachments:

Traffic Data/Map
Request Email
Notification Postcard
Resident Responses

Monterey Way Traffic Counts/Speed Data



Taken: 1400 10/30/17 to 1400 10/31/17

Amanda Sahin

From: Haufler, Christopher H. <vulgare@ku.edu>
Sent: Saturday, October 21, 2017 2:51 PM
To: Amanda Sahin
Cc: David Cronin; Lisa Larsen; Matthew Herbert; Stuart Boley; Mike Amyx; Leslie Soden
Subject: Re: Taming the Monterey Way racetrack

Ms. Sahin,

Many thanks for your kind response to my inquiry about speeding traffic on Monterey Way between 6th and 15th Streets. At a recent neighborhood meeting, we discussed the situation and based on the Traffic Calming Policy that you referenced, we may meet the expectations included there. It would indeed be interesting to know what percentage of the traffic is exceeding the speed limit and how many vehicles are using Monterey Way for their travel, especially during high commuter traffic times.

As you know, there is already one traffic circle along that stretch of Monterey Way, but it is our observation that many drivers use it as an opportunity to test the cornering ability of their vehicles, and to determine how fast they can accelerate after the roundabout to regain their excessive speed. Harvard Road is often identified as a good example of a street where “traffic calming” has been deployed effectively. As we walk along that road, it is disturbing to see how many drivers prioritize speed over their car’s suspension and still rocket down that road as well.

Others have pointed out to us that simply enforcing the speed limit is apparently not a workable solution, and those at our recent neighborhood meeting wondered what ever happened to speed traps. Have we really given up on the option of enforcing the stated speed, and decided that humps and traffic circles are the best solution?

My neighbors and I look forward to learning what you discover, and we will be glad to work with you to discover the best solution to what has become a true problem on our street.

Thanks again for looking into this situation and helping us improve our neighborhood.
—Chris Haufler

On Oct 20, 2017, at 2:36 PM, Amanda Sahin <asahin@lawrenceks.org> wrote:

Mr. Haufler,

Based on your concern for speeds I would recommend staff do a study to determine if this section of Monterey Way meets the city's Traffic Calming Policy https://assets.lawrenceks.org/assets/public-works/traffic/traffic_calming_policy.pdf. Staff will review and suggest recommendations to the Transportation Commission and we will notify you when placed on a future agenda. Let me know of any additional concerns.

Thank you,
Amanda Sahin, P.E., Transportation Engineer
Public Works Department - City of Lawrence, KS
PO Box 708, Lawrence, KS 66044
office: (785) 832-3034

From: David Cronin
Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 6:24 PM
To: Charles Soules <csoules@lawrenceks.org>
Cc: Amanda Sahin <asahin@lawrenceks.org>
Subject: Re: Taming the Monterey Way racetrack

Sent from my iPhone

David P. Cronin, P.E., *City Engineer*
Public Works Department - [City of Lawrence, KS](#)
[PO Box 708, Lawrence, KS 66044](#)
office: [\(785\) 832-3130](tel:(785)832-3130) | fax: [\(785\) 832-3398](tel:(785)832-3398)

On Oct 17, 2017, at 6:04 PM, Charles Soules <csoules@lawrenceks.org> wrote:

From: Tom Markus
Sent: Sunday, October 1, 2017 10:15 PM
To: Brandon McGuire <bmcguire@lawrenceks.org>; Charles Soules <csoules@lawrenceks.org>
Cc: City Commissioners Email <commissioners@lawrenceks.org>; Anthony Brixius <brixius@lkpd.org>
Subject: Fwd: Taming the Monterey Way racetrack

Please review and take appropriate action.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Lisa Larsen <llarsen@lawrenceks.org>
Date: October 1, 2017 at 4:56:55 PM CDT
To: Tom Markus <tmarkus@lawrenceks.org>
Subject: Fwd: Taming the Monterey Way racetrack

Please look into this. Thanks Lisa

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Haufler, Christopher H."
<vulgare@ku.edu>
Date: October 1, 2017 at 2:16:38 PM CDT
To: "<cityhall@lawrenceks.org>",
<cityhall@lawrenceks.org>,"
<llarsen@lawrenceks.org>,"
<llarsen@lawrenceks.org>,"
<sboley@lawrenceks.org>"

<sboley@lawrenceks.org>,
"mamyx@lawrenceks.org"
<mamyx@lawrenceks.org>,
"matthewjherbert@gmail.com"
<matthewjherbert@gmail.com>,
"lsoden@lawrenceks.org"
<lsoden@lawrenceks.org>

Subject: Taming the Monterey Way racetrack

Greetings Commissioners:

I have been a Lawrence resident since 1979 when I was hired by the University of Kansas as an assistant professor. I currently serve as the chair of one of the two biology departments at KU. Since coming to Lawrence, I have had many opportunities to extoll the virtues of our wonderful city, and have had few reasons to be concerned about the quality of life in Lawrence.

I reside at 3801 Park Place, a short cul-de-sac along Monterey Way where I built a home in 1993. My wife and I have two dogs that we walk twice daily along the streets in our neighborhood. We greatly appreciate and enjoy our excellent neighbors and the comfortable environs.

With the expansion of the city to the west, Monterey Way has seen more and more traffic, and unfortunately that traffic does not respect our neighborhood. **Monterey Way has become a racetrack for inconsiderate travelers**, the majority of whom regularly exceed the speed limit of 35 MPH. Further, 35 MPH is faster than it should be for a two-lane road lined with houses, and a busy city park (Dad Perry Park) that hosts young children playing soccer and families having picnics.

Something is out of whack here: Each day as we walk our dogs along Monterey way, I observe most drivers traveling at speeds well in excess of the already too high 35 MPH, and I have personally witnessed individuals passing each other at speeds that must reach ~60 MPH.

Can you please help to alleviate this very dangerous situation by reducing the Monterey Way speed limit to 30 MPH, and then enforcing the speed of cars on the road?

My neighbors and I are in agreement that Monterey Way has become a dangerous road for us, our children, and our fellow Lawrence citizens.

We seek your help in returning our environment to its former status as a wonderful place to call home.

Thank you for considering this request.

—Chris Haufler
3801 Park Place
Lawrence

**MONTEREY WAY, 6TH STREET TO BOB BILLINGS PARKWAY,
TRAFFIC CALMING REQUEST**

The City of Lawrence has received correspondence from an area resident requesting traffic calming on Monterey Way from 6th Street to Bob Billings Parkway. Since you own and/or reside at property in the area, we would like to receive your input before a recommendation is made to the City Commission on this request.

This item will be included in the November Transportation Commission meeting scheduled for **December 4, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.** in the City Hall Commission Room. Public is welcome to attend and provide input. Additional information on this item will be available prior to the meeting at:

<https://lawrenceks.org/boards/transportation-commission/> under the Agendas and Minutes tab. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please email me at the address below with comments and your comments will be posted and passed on to the Transportation Commission before the meeting.

Amanda Sahin, P.E.
Transportation Engineer
asahin@lawrenceks.org
(785) 832-3034



Amanda Sahin

From: Melissa Manning <lissamanning4@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 18, 2017 6:48 PM
To: Amanda Sahin
Subject: Another expensive roundabout!

I live a block from Monterey Way between 6th and Bob Billings Parkway at 3916 Willshire Drive. I use Monterey Way every day. The last thing we need in the world is another roundabout! There is already one we didn't need at Harvard and Monterey Way. We do not need anymore expensive "traffic calmers" on this stretch of road. Honestly please use our money for needed but less glam road maintenance.

Melissa Manning
3916 Willshire Drive
Lawrence Ks 66049
785 550 9093

Amanda Sahin

From: George Roberts <intrepid@sunflower.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 18, 2017 11:02 AM
To: Amanda Sahin
Subject: Monterey Way traffic

I think it would be insane to add "calming" traffic structures to Monterey Way between 6th and Billings. We have a nice circle already in place halfway between those two streets that slows down traffic. Any additional strategies would be money ill spent and in my opinion not needed. I have lived on Elizabeth Court since 1994 and I never thought of Monterey Way as a street that people routinely exceed the speed limit on. We are do not need more circles or speed bumps.

G.A.Roberts

3735 Elizabeth Court

(785)841-6048

Amanda Sahin

From: Amanda Sahin
Sent: Monday, November 20, 2017 10:15 AM
To: 'Kami Bible'
Subject: RE: Traffic Calming Request

We are not at the point yet to identify locations or how many speed cushions. If approved this would go on the list and would be scored based on the approved scoring criteria. Depending how it scores it may be funded next year or could take several years. Once funding is available we would lay out the locations and at that point residents would actually vote yes or no. 70% within 300 ft of any device have to approve to move forward. The step we are at now is the preliminary phase of just trying to see if it should be added to the list of potential projects. All of the emails from residents along with the traffic speeds/volumes we collected will be presented to Transportation Commission for a recommendation.

Thank you

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office: (785) 832-3034

-----Original Message-----

From: Kami Bible [mailto:kami.bible@mac.com]
Sent: Monday, November 20, 2017 10:11 AM
To: Amanda Sahin <asahin@lawrenceks.org>
Subject: Re: Traffic Calming Request

Thank you for your response. Do you know where the proposed location for these cushions along Monterey?

My family and I have lived along Monterey for 5 years. I do not feel these are necessary. I do feel traffic has become heavier. I thought this may be due to the construction on Wakarusa.

Kami Bible

> On Nov 20, 2017, at 9:59 AM, Amanda Sahin <asahin@lawrenceks.org> wrote:

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> Kami,

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> We would be adding speed cushions. They are similar to speed humps but they have cut outs for emergency vehicles. These are the City standard for streets that are classified as collector streets like Monterey Way is. There are some located on Harvard west of Monterey Way. I have attached a picture.

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> Thank you

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> City of Lawrence, KS PO Box 708, Lawrence, KS 66044

> office: (785) 832-3034

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Kami Bible [mailto:kami.bible@mac.com]

> Sent: Friday, November 17, 2017 4:51 PM
> To: Amanda Sahin <asahin@lawrenceks.org>
> Subject: Traffic Calming Request
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> Hello,
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> I am a resident along Monterey Way, between 6th & Bob Billings. I am curious to know what traffic calming means and how this would be carried out. Can you elaborate on this?
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> Thank you,
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> Kami Bible
> <speed cushion example.png>

Amanda Sahin

From: Kristin Howick <kemhowick@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, November 20, 2017 2:23 PM
To: Amanda Sahin
Subject: Re: Lack of Info

I would be so opposed to speed cushions I would put my house up for sale. Kristin Howick

On Monday, November 20, 2017 10:06 AM, Amanda Sahin <asahin@lawrenceks.org> wrote:

Ms Howick

Monterey Way is classified as a Collector street. The approved traffic calming for that designation is speed cushions. They are similar to speed humps but have cut outs for emergency vehicles. The installation of these would likely have the effect of diverting some of the traffic to Kasold. Even though we use them as a way to slow down traffic there is also studies that show that they decrease traffic volumes. We do not use stop signs or traffic signals as traffic calming measures. Those are only installed if the traffic volumes meet certain warrants (or if there are site distance issues). The request that came into our office was specifically for traffic calming and so we are routing this through the traffic calming process as requested.

Thank you

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From: Kristin Howick [mailto:kemhowick@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Friday, November 17, 2017 10:09 PM
To: Amanda Sahin <asahin@lawrenceks.org>
Subject: Lack of Info

Ms. Sahin, I have checked the transportation commission webpage but could not find any posted information regarding proposed traffic calming on Monterey Way. I am unable to attend the meeting in December. As one of the few homeowners whose property directly faces Monterey Way, I can offer a perspective that others may not. Monterey Way has been designated as a feeder street in the past. As such a large portion of the current traffic does not come from area residents but are those looking for FAST access to other areas especially the high volume of large truck traffic. Is traffic calming even possible with this designation? If so, could extraneous traffic be encouraged to use another route(a 4-lane divided route like Kasold) and discouraged from using Monterey Way? Maybe lowering the speed limit to 30 mph or actually enforcing the current speed of 35 mph might be effective measures. Could trucks over a certain empty weight be prohibited from using Monterey Way? The current roundabout @ Harvard Rd. is poorly constructed. The central greenery obstructs the view of on-coming traffic(pedestrian, bicycle, and auto) from all directions. The north and eastern portions of the circle do not drain well and during cold weather the road often has a treacherous icy build-up that road crews are unable to remove because the circle is too narrow. As it was not designed to calm traffic in the first place, merely encourage smooth flow of traffic, why not fix the problems by replacing it with a traffic signal at a T intersection? The placement of streets that intersect with Monterey Way are off set allowing only a few opportunities for additional stop sign placement but may be more cost effective overall combined with a reduction in speed limit. Sites @ 8th? 12th? maybe an on demand pedestrian crossing? or some combination? I would be absolutely opposed to measures such as speed bumps or additional traffic circles. Kristin Howick

Amanda Sahin

From: Dave Stoffer <davidstoffer@sunflower.com>
Sent: Monday, November 20, 2017 6:52 AM
To: Amanda Sahin
Subject: Traffic Calming Request

You have two no vote/opinions from David & Cheryl Stoffer
Owners of 3910 W 13th St
Lawrence, Ks 66049

Amanda Sahin

From: Gerry and Kim <gkcollie@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 20, 2017 12:52 PM
To: Amanda Sahin
Subject: traffic calming on Monterey Way

To whom it may concern;

We feel that having traffic calming on Monterey Way, is not the way to go. We feel that the city should reduce the speed back down to 30 miles per hour (like it was years ago) and have the police take radar on it. My wife and I travel Monterey Way at least 3-5 times a day and have not seen any reasons to install traffic calming devices.

Wouldn't be cheaper to lower the speed limit and take radar every so often, then installing traffic calming devices?

Thank you for considering this email.

Sincerely,
Gerald Collie

Amanda Sahin

From: Amanda Sahin
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 8:18 AM
To: 'Doug Blair'
Subject: RE: Traffic calming on Monterey Way

Mr Blair

We do not believe lowering the speed limit will help in this matter. People are already greatly exceeding the speed limit in this area. Changing the posted speed limit is shown to not have an impact on drivers because people will generally drive as fast as they feel comfortable. The best way from an engineering perspective to lower speeds is to change the experience of driving on the road. That can be achieved many ways but speed humps (or speed cushions) in this case or the most economical on an existing road. As far as enforcement goes I am sure that it would help in the short term but without continued enforcement people will begin to speed up again. Our Police Department does not have a designated unit to enforce traffic therefore any continued enforcement would take officers out of service and not allow them to respond to more critical calls for service.

Thank you

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From: Doug Blair [mailto:dougblair51@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 7:03 AM
To: Amanda Sahin <asahin@lawrenceks.org>
Subject: Traffic calming on Monterey Way

Amanda,

In response to the post card we received regarding discussion on 12/4 about installation of a "traffic calming on Monterey Way", where the posted speed limit is 35 mph, I have this comment. Why not reduce the speed limit to 30 or even 25mph first. Maybe even ask the LPD to occasionally run a speed check/radar unit to enforce the posted limit. We already have a traffic circle at Harvard and Monterey Way to manage and slow traffic. I feel that that physical barrier, coupled with a lower speed limit, should be enough to reduce the need for further "traffic calming" devices.

Doug Blair
3801 West 14th Terrace

Amanda Sahin

From: Amanda Sahin
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 5:01 PM
To: 'Graham, Sharon D.'
Subject: RE: Traffic Calming?

Hello Sharon

The agenda will be posted early next week but I can give you the basic info now. We are still at the beginning stages of this process so no design is being considered yet. The traffic calming was requested by a resident last month and we have taken traffic data. The data did meet the thresholds for traffic calming per the City policy. If approved at this meeting (and at a subsequent City Commission meeting) it would be added to the list and scored against the current projects on the list. This does not guarantee funding. Once funding is available the design will be looked at and the neighbors within 300' of any device will be given an opportunity to vote on moving forward on the project or not. A 70% approval is required to install any devices.

Currently we are just giving nearby residents an opportunity to come to the meeting or send an email that will be included in the agenda packet to voice support or to speak against the idea of traffic calming in this sector.

Thank you

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PO Box 708, Lawrence, KS 66044
office: (785) 832-3034

From: Graham, Sharon D. [mailto:sgraham@ku.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 1:03 PM
To: Amanda Sahin <asahin@lawrenceks.org>
Subject: Traffic Calming?

Amanda,

I received a post card in the mail regarding proposed traffic calming on Monterey from 6th to Bob Billings. There is no agenda yet on the website. Can you provide details as to what is being considered? I personally don't see that there is a problem.

Thank you.

Sharon D. Graham
3905 Harvard Rd

Amanda Sahin

From: Haufler, Christopher H. <vulgare@ku.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 9:05 AM
To: Amanda Sahin
Subject: Calming Monterey Way

Dear Ms. Sahin,

I write this message in support of a plan to calm traffic along Monterey Way between 6th Street and Bob Billings Parkway. I have lived along this busy road since 1993 and have watched as building flourished in west Lawrence, and the traffic on Monterey Way increased dramatically. Along with having more traffic on this road, the speed of the traffic also increased, and the courtesy of drivers has decreased. As I walk my dog along the sidewalk on Monterey Way, I have been distressed to see impatient commuters actually pass those who were traveling at the posted speed limit!

One of the nicest features of this stretch of Monterey Way is Dad Perry Park. Since 1993, I have been pleased to see more and more use of this park by area residents, and especially young children being coached in soccer practice. I cringe to imagine the young soccer player in hot pursuit of a rolling soccer ball encountering the Monterey Way driver traveling above the posted speed limit and texting.

Monterey Way is a two-lane road that is not a major thoroughfare and yet it provides commuters with a straight shot from 6th Street to Bob Billings Parkway. Too many drivers consider it to be a better route than 4-lane Wakarusa Drive or Kasold Drive and have flooded it with too much traffic traveling at unsafe speeds. Steps must be taken to reduce the number and speed of vehicles along Monterey Way before an unfortunate incident occurs and tragedy results.

I appreciate the study that has been conducted documenting the high volume and high speed of traffic along Monterey Way, and I encourage the city to pursue improvements to our street as quickly as possible. Monterey Way should protect its status as a residential street rather than a commuter conduit.

Thank you for this opportunity to share our input and recommendations.

—Chris Haufler
3801 Park Place
Lawrence

Amanda Sahin

From: Kathy Saving <kmsaving@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 7:25 PM
To: Amanda Sahin
Subject: Traffic calming request

I do not believe that we need traffic calming on Monterey Way. I drive this street every day and have never noticed cars speeding and am not aware of many accidents. Unlike Harvard with many driveways and cars backing into the street, Monterey Way has few houses facing the street. Traffic is already slowed by the roundabout so I do not see a need to slow down traffic any more. Traffic calming speed bumps slow traffic down well below the speed limit and are just not necessary on this street.

Kathy Saving
928 Alma Drive
Lawrence, KS 66049

Amanda Sahin

From: dilleymgmt@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2017 11:30 AM
To: Amanda Sahin
Subject: Traffic calming Monterey Way

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input to this individual citizen request. As a retired traffic engineer I can state that traffic calming is a useful tool, most appropriately on residential streets that are being used as a cut through to avoid congested arterials.

This however is not the case with Monterey Way between 6th and Bob Billings.

Monterey way through this reach functions at a minimum as a local collector if not as a minor arterial. This definitely is not a residential street and North of Perry Park, no houses even front on Monterey Way. The existing roundabout seems to function well to control traffic speed on this type of roadway.

Traffic calming would only function to unnecessarily impede the flow of traffic. As an owner of an apartment complex I just cannot support the application of any traffic calming techniques on Monterey Way.

Michael Dooley

Amanda Sahin

From: Sandy Malik <send2sandym@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 24, 2017 9:15 AM
To: Amanda Sahin
Subject: Monterey Way

Dear Ms. Sahin,

Thank you for your interest and action re: the traffic on Monterey Way. I live on the corner of Monterey Way and Park Place (and have lived here for 13 years), and am very concerned about the speed of traffic going by my house. I am very much in agreement with any traffic calming measures to help alleviate the situation.

Thanks again for your help,

Sandy Malik
3809 Park Place
Lawrence, KS 66049

Amanda Sahin

From: Justin Begaye <chocothunder@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2017 2:50 PM
To: Amanda Sahin
Subject: No changes please

I am a loyal taxpayer of Lawrence KS and live on 6th and Monterey Way. Please do not install speedbumps (traffic calming) as it is unnecessary.

Thank you.

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

Amanda Sahin

From: David Starr <dstarr1976@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2017 2:47 PM
To: Amanda Sahin
Subject: Monterey Way Traffic calming

Amanda,

My name is David Starr and I received a mailer regarding the Monterey Way 6th street to Bob Billings Parkway Traffic calming request.

I will be unable to attend the meeting on December 4th, but I am opposed to any modifications to Monterey Way. Thank you for providing the opportunity to address this.

Sincerely,

David Starr

Phone Call Log:

Melynn McGrew – Feels that the traffic issues will go away once Wakarusa construction is complete.
Does not support traffic calming.

Amanda Sahin

From: Steve Albright <steve@askmcgrew.com>
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2017 2:51 PM
To: Amanda Sahin
Subject: Monterey Way calming device

Dear Amanda Sahin,

I live at 3911 Willshire Dr. and travel the 6th St to Bob Billings Pkwy stretch of Monterey Dr. several times each workday and on weekends as well. I have never sensed a need for a traffic calming device along this route. I think the roundabout at Monterey Dr. and Harvard Rd. is sufficient to control traffic speeds along the section of Monterey Way in question.

Regards,

Stephen Albright



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We would like to offer our thoughts on calming traffic on Monterey Way from our vantage point of being in our home since 1993. When we had our home built in 1992, Monterey Way was a quiet suburban road, narrow asphalt with drainage ditches on both sides of the road. Of course in the interim to the present time our city has grown tremendously and we are experiencing many problems on our once quiet road.

Thank you for focusing on the number of vehicles and the speed at which they travel. We were not surprised, really at the average of 44mph, nor the actual volume of traffic. We feel there are several aspects to consider, as well as several options for solutions.

CONCERNS

Dad Perry Park – There is a toddlers playground, a tennis court, a volleyball court, a shelter facility, a soccer practice field where not only soccer players gather, but also Lacrosse teams, ultimate Frisbee teams etc. All of these are within about 200 yards of Monterey Way. Many times, balls will come into the road, although the tennis is better now that the trees have grown.

Gradation going south from the traffic circle to 12th Street/park entrance is uphill and thus a blind entrance to the Park/12 St. intersection at the top of the hill. Coming from the south to the park entrance, that intersection is also a blind area. That is where people cross, many times, and also where children and their balls can become targets.

Semi Trailers 18 Wheelers have found our street a perfect cut-through coming from the north or south. Damage to the Harvard traffic circle will be coming.

Heavy Dump Trucks When there is work at Alvamar and the new buildings and apartments put up on the former golf course and seemingly any road work, in that area, there is an increase in heavy trucks (gravel, dirt, etc) using Monterey Way, also damage to the Harvard traffic circle.

Passing Cars going the speed limit are routinely passed by speeding cars.

OUR THOUGHTS

Stop Sign A relatively inexpensive and easily obtained solution to begin with would be stop signs with a marked pedestrian marking. Either at 12th and Monterey Way and/or 13th and Monterey Way. This would greatly reduce the span of “speeding pavement”, and to our mind be the **simplest and cheapest solution.** Many of you may not have been here when a young boy was killed crossing Kasold at 8th St. and a stop sign was finally installed AFTER the tragedy.

Pedestrian Crossing A crossing similar to the one on Lawrence, Avenue by Holcomb Park would be great.

Traffic Circle For those who know how to use these devices, they are excellent, however many people do not seem to know how to proceed and do not use their turn signals. A traffic circle at the off-set intersection of Tiffany Drive/Monterey Way/13th Street would be a good solution, but know the cost of this would probably be prohibitive.

Speed bumps/humps We feel that these would probably not work unless you had 4-5 of them, say ever 100-200 feet and people tend to go 40-45mph between speed bumps. It is a longer space than say, from 9th on Louisiana south to Harvard, plus cars can park on that street so it slows drivers anyway. Also, they are hated by almost everyone with a car, as even going slow is a menace to a car's undercarriage.

Patrol Presence A police presence in the area would be appreciated. That would be very. very helpful.

Amanda Sahin

From: michaelblackphd@sunflower.com
Sent: Friday, December 01, 2017 12:39 PM
To: Amanda Sahin
Subject: Monterey Way 6th to Bob Billings

Dear Ms. Sahin,

I received notification about the traffic calming request along Monterey Way from 6th to Bob Billings. Although I won't be able to attend the meeting on December 4th, I wanted to weigh in with my opinion.

I think the first step should be to simply increase awareness of the speed limit by posting a few more signs and maybe even setting up a radar speed sign. I am NOT in favor of any sort of speed bumps or an additional traffic circle, like the one at Monterey Way and Harvard.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to voice my opinion.

Sincerely,
Michael Black, Ph.D.

Amanda Sahin

From: Paul Laird <kuvillancico@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 01, 2017 8:21 PM
To: Amanda Sahin
Subject: Monterey Way and possible traffic calming devices

Dear Ms. Sahin:

My wife and I live off of Monterey Way three blocks south of its intersection with 6th Street. We are quite opposed to adding traffic calming devices on Monterey Way, especially between 6th Street and the circle at Harvard. Monterey Way along that stretch is more or less a through street. It is true that there are neighborhoods off of it, but no driveways for homes directly off of Monterey Way between 6th and the circle. This is not like Harvard between Monterey Way and Wakarusa, where needed traffic calming devices were added a number of years ago. That is neighborhood street; Monterey Way is not in the stretch that I have mentioned, and there are not that many driveways off of it between the Harvard circle and Bob Billings.

We drive this road several times per day, and we drive the speed limit. If people are speeding, let the police patrol Monterey Way more and pass out the necessary tickets to teach people a lesson. Please don't make us slow down to 10 or 15 mph several times as we drive to Bob Billings Drive so that we can drive over several monstrosities and avoid damaging our cars!

Sincerely,

Paul and Joy Laird
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Amanda Sahin

From: The Rews <kanga@sunflower.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 03, 2017 11:28 AM
To: Amanda Sahin
Cc: kanga@sunflower.com
Subject: Traffic calming request

My husband and I are not able to attend the meeting on Mon. Dec. 4. Here are our thoughts. To us the traffic calming devices really don't make any difference. I also travel on Harvard Rd and I am going to be honest, I don't slow down going through those. I just go in the middle. The same thing on Folks Rd. Either people go over them or they go around them. We are near 60 yrs of age and have lived in the neighborhood since 1984 two houses up from 12th and Monterey Way. The younger crowd do it a lot more that we do. We live right by the round-a-bout on Monterey Way and drivers zoom through that also. I think it would also be a little bit dangerous to put a traffic calming device on Monterey Way since we were told it was an arterial street. The constant slowing and speeding up is sure to cause an accident among inattentive drivers. The least expensive way to slow traffic down would be to lower the speed limit from 35 to 30 mph. Most people, I included, usually go up to 5 mph over the speed limit. So with that in mind the speeding rate would be reduced from 40 to 35 mph (with the new posted speed at 30 mph).

I am also not in favor of a stop sign at 12th or 13th Street. I live off of 12th street and when we have snow at any amount it is very difficult to get up 12th Street. I know it is a small grade but I always have to have a good running start to round the corner and get up the slight grade. If there was a stop sign there I would have to run it to get up the incline. The city does not plow 12th or 13th Street soon enough to avoid that scenario. Sometimes even Monterey Way is not cleared soon enough. There is already a stop sign on 12th and 13th coming out of our neighborhoods. Just because stop signs are installed along Monterey Way it won't stop the inattentive driver. Pedestrians still will need to pay attention crossing the street in a crosswalk. They can't depend on cars stopping for them. I feel a crosswalk on Monterey Way would convey a false sense of security. Most people assume drivers will stop and we have seen otherwise. Too many drivers are immersed in their stereos, phones, kids, navigational devices, etc... to fully pay attention to the road. The stop signs WILL get run and hopefully no one is in the crosswalk at that time. A good solution to keep traffic moving but address the safety of crossing Monterey Way would be to install a pedestrian activated stop light like the one on Peterson Rd, near Deerfield school.

If residents are concerned about balls from the park, how about a chain link fence. It would also protect the children in the park from crossing Monterey Way off the soccer field at any time, chasing a ball or not. However, I know that is an expense in both upkeep time and installation time but it might be cheaper than a calming device. If a ball goes into the street, no one is going to walk to the crosswalk and cross the street. They will go the shortest way which is directly across. This would be the most common reason to enter the street and no stop sign or pedestrian crosswalk will change that scenario. We have never seen a ball go across the street at the 12th street intersection for as long as we have lived here.

If you are concerned about construction vehicles, put up signs stating no heavy vehicles allowed on Monterey Way. Re-route them to go down Kasold or Wakarusa. Then no damage to Harvard round-a-bout or Monterey pavement would come from these heavier vehicles.

When you are heading south along Monterey Way and want to turn into Dad Perry Park, there is no blindspot on Monterey Way. 12th Street is directly across from that and I turn onto Monterey Way every day. Heading north there is also a clear path.

My solution to this situation would be a chain link fence and a pedestrian activated crosswalk light along with lowering the speed limit 5 mph. This would be the least intrusion into an arterial street.

If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to call 842-6289 evenings or stop by- we're friendly!

Dan and Teresa Rew