

AGENDA: TC 12/4/17

ITEM NO. 5:

Kingston Drive (Traffic Calming)

Recommend denial of traffic calming on Kingston Drive from Princeton Boulevard to Iowa Street

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Staff Presentation:

Amanda Sahin presented a request for traffic calming on Kingston Drive. Staff recommends denial of the request.

Moved by Commissioner Ziegelmeyer, seconded by Commissioner Hurt, to approve traffic calming on Kingston Drive.

The motion carried, 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 – Kingston Drive, Iowa Street to Princeton Boulevard

Background

In October 2017, the Transportation Commission received a request for traffic calming on Kingston Drive from Iowa Street to Princeton Boulevard. The requestor cited cut-through traffic and speeds as a concern.

Details

Kingston Drive, Iowa Street to Princeton Boulevard						
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
Local	30 mph	No	No	No	South Side	Curb and Gutter, 27-foot width, residential area

Traffic counts and 85th percentile speed were obtained for Kingston Drive in this region during November of 2017. The 85th percentile speed of traffic was 34 mph and the 24-hour two-way traffic averaged 339 vehicles. The cut-through traffic percentage was approximately 26%.

The City of Lawrence Traffic Calming Policy is listed below:

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 85th 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

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- D. Where no single condition is satisfied, but where any two of A, B, or C above are satisfied to the extent of 80% or more of the stated values.

The 85th percentile speed, 24-hour traffic volumes, and cut-through traffic do not meet the criteria for installing traffic-calming devices.

Action Request

It is staff recommendation that the Transportation Commission deny the request for installation of traffic calming devices on Kingston Drive from Iowa Street to Princeton Boulevard.

Attachments:

Traffic Data/Map
Request Email
Notification Letter
Resident Responses

Kingston Dr Traffic Counts/Speed Data



Taken: 0700 11/2/17 to 0700 11/3/17

Amanda Sahin

From: Amanda Sahin
Sent: Friday, October 20, 2017 3:33 PM
To: 'asdenning@gmail.com'
Cc: David Cronin
Subject: RE: traffic concern

Mr. Denning,

Based on your concern for speeds I would recommend staff do a study to determine if Kingston Drive 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

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

From: David Cronin
Sent: Friday, October 20, 2017 2:31 PM
To: Amanda Sahin <asahin@lawrenceks.org>
Subject: FW: traffic concern

David P. Cronin, P.E., City Engineer
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-----Original Message-----

From: Andrew Denning [mailto:asdenning@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, October 20, 2017 8:21 AM
To: David Cronin <dcronin@lawrenceks.org>
Cc: Whitney Denning <wmdenning@ku.edu>
Subject: traffic concern

Dear Commissioners,

At the recommendation of the Public Works staff, I am writing to make a request that the Transportation Commission examine traffic flow in my neighborhood. I live on Kingston Drive in the Deerfield neighborhood of Lawrence. Ours is a short street that cuts between Iowa Street and Princeton Blvd. These are two major arteries, and to save time, many cars use Kingston to cut through. When they do so, in a residential neighborhood with many young children, many people drive at high speeds; Iowa is 45 mph and Princeton is 35 mph, and many cars go through our neighborhood at similar speeds.

I and my neighbors would like to request that the city consider installing a few traffic calming features along our short street to slow down the traffic cutting through our neighborhood. I would be glad to speak to the commission or provide further information if necessary.

Kind regards,

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November 10, 2017

Re: Kingston Drive, Iowa Street to Princeton Boulevard, Traffic Calming Request

Dear Property Owner and/or Resident:

The City of Lawrence has received correspondence from an area resident requesting traffic calming on Kingston Drive between Iowa Street and Princeton Boulevard. 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 December 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.

This meeting purpose is to receive a recommendation from the Transportation Commission to pass on to the City Commission for approval/denial. Official approval or denial of these requests will occur at a future City Commission meeting.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at your convenience at (785) 832-3034 or asahin@lawrenceks.org.

Sincerely,

Amanda Sahin, P.E.
Transportation Engineer



Amanda Sahin

From: Jerod Lyles <jjlyles@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 20, 2017 3:51 PM
To: Amanda Sahin
Subject: Regarding letter about traffic calming request, Kingston Drive

Hello Amanda.

I received your letter today about the traffic calming request for Kingston Drive between Iowa Street and Princeton Boulevard. I will not be able to attend the meeting on the 4th so I'm sending you this response. I think traffic calming devices on Kingston would be a fantastic idea. People drive way too fast down my street all the time. I'm worried about letting my daughter cross the street to retrieve a lost soccer ball alone even after she has looked both ways because the cars can come around the corner so quickly. So I vote yes for traffic calming devices.

Thank you,

Jeana Lyles
jjlyles@hotmail.com
2210 Kingston Drive

Sent from my iPad

Amanda Sahin

From: Pam/Tom Slawson/Geyer <slawsongeyer@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2017 8:51 PM
To: Amanda Sahin
Subject: Comments regarding traffic calming request on Kingston Drive

Dear Ms. Sahin,

I am writing to provide input on the request before the City of Lawrence for traffic calming on Kingston Drive between Iowa Street and Princeton Boulevard. In my opinion, this is a quiet section of road with very little traffic, outside of the neighborhood residents. As one of the residents, I am opposed to traffic calming measures, such as speed bumps. I have not observed speeding or dangerous driving in the years that I have lived on the corner of Kingston Drive. There are no cross roads creating intersections along this stretch of road, and it seems that installing speed bumps would frustrate residents and be a waste of taxpayer money.

I appreciate the opportunity to make my voice heard on this matter.

Sincerely,

Pam Slawson
2303 Manchester Rd

Amanda Sahin

From: Tom Geyer <geyertom76@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2017 10:19 PM
To: Amanda Sahin
Subject: Kingston Speed Bumps

Dear Ms. Sahine,

I live at 2303 Manchester Rd. on the corner of Kingston and Manchester. I am writing in opposition to the speed bumps. The traffic on the street is, for the most part, fairly sparse, and it travels at a reasonable rate. If there is ever a problem it might be if shift workers are cutting through there to get to Hallmark or out to the industrial park. I don't really see much heavy or fast traffic at all.

The speed bumps would be an expensive strategy that really doesn't work all that well. Do a study of the traffic patterns, and put a cop there to write tickets during times when speeding would be most likely to occur. This would create some revenue if speeding was a problem. If speeding is not really a problem, then the bumps would be an annoying waste.

Please make sure that you do an adequate analysis of the problem to see if it is really a problem. I look forward to seeing the results of your study. Maybe then, you could convince me that the bumps are necessary.

Tom Geyer
2303 Manchester Road

Amanda Sahin

From: Dennis Harper <dharperlfk@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 01, 2017 2:22 PM
To: Amanda Sahin; Marilee Harper
Subject: Kingston Drive

My wife and I reside at 2314 Kingston Dr.having lived at this home since moving to Lawrence from Wichita we have found Lawrence to be a community that does the right thing even if sometime facts and studies point in another direction. This seems that the calming effect for the street is one of those situations.

We have several younger children and adults that walk and play near or on the street. Also the street is used by numerous people walking their dogs and traffic and the speed of the cars must be a concern Children use the street to learn how to ride their first bicycle which can be quite uneasying to them and to drivers on Kingston. On street parking can also be a problem especially on the South intersection with Princeton Blvd.

We both strongly support the request for "Calming" on Kingston Dr.

Thank you,

Dennis and Marilee Harper
2314 Kinston Dr.
Lawrence Ks 66049

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316-841-4344

Amanda Sahin

From: Alice Norris <anorris1505@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2017 7:46 AM
To: Amanda Sahin
Subject: traffic calming on Kingston

I am against placing traffic calming bumps on Kingston. I live on Manchester and travel that street a lot. I do not see problems with people driving to fast. I ask that you vote against it.

Alice Norris
2310 Manchester Rd
Lawrence