

Bobbie Walthall

From: Renee Wiesner <roxie858@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 10:28 AM
To: Bobbie Walthall
Subject: West 24th Street Traffic Calming

Dear Lawrence City Commission,

My name is Roxie Renee Wiesner. I have owned my home at 3705 W 24th Street for 28 years. Our neighborhood was approved for traffic calming in 2016. We were then advised in February of 2018 that we needed 70% of the neighborhood to vote in the affirmative for the traffic calming. I visited each and every home in our neighborhood and received 63% yes votes from the neighborhood. The home owners that answered their door and that I was able to speak with voted yes. I received only ONE negative comment and this person refused to vote.

The renters in the area also wanted to vote yes but cannot vote. Large Property managers that own homes in the neighborhood voted yes also.

West 24th street has become increasingly dangerous for the past 7 years. The street is used as a 'short-cut' from Crossgate drive to Kasold Drive. Those that use this as a 'short-cut' do not follow the speed limit and drive through the area at 50 or even 60mph. There are no sidewalks.

Children walk along this street, adults and children ride their bicycles here, parents push baby carriages here. I have had to deal with many speeding cars when riding a bicycle to get to my driveway, after coming from the bike trail. Someone is going to get severely injured as speeding cars continue to use West 24th street. It's not a matter of if, but when. Also, backing out of the driveway is very treacherous.

Please consider our request for the three speed-humps **necessary**. This would slow down traffic and make our neighborhood safer.

thank you

Roxie Renee Wiesner

Bobbie Walthall

From: c f <wpcorner@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 10:21 AM
To: Bobbie Walthall
Subject: ordinance 9483

Dear Commissioners,

Hello, my name is Chris Flowers. I am one of the crazy crackpots the often attends the city commission meetings. At the last meeting, the subject of designating Missouri, Arkansas, Lincoln, E. 13th, and W.

24th as major trafficways was brought up during the consent agenda. I had not originally intended to speak about this but, from my years as a delivery driver, had thought it was strange that the city had decided that some of these streets should be major or main roadways.

Under ordinance no. 9483, in 17-501 it states that the primary function of streets designated as a major or main roadway shall be the movement of through traffic between areas of concentrated activity within the city. However, at the meeting it definitely seemed these streets were being designated as major or main roadways not for this purpose, but rather simply as a way to get funding for traffic calming devices. After all, if streets were being designated for the primary purpose as they should be, why would both Arkansas and Missouri be considered major roadways and not Alabama? On the south side of town, Alabama goes all the way through 23rd to 29th terrace, with a stoplight at 23rd, and four way stops at 25th and 27th. Meanwhile, neither Arkansas nor Missouri even connect to 23rd, and both their stops at 25th and 27th are two way stops, with traffic on both the states streets coming to a stop while the number streets have right of way. Under the proposed change, it is my understanding that all 5 streets will be designated as major roadways in their entirety, yet a lot of the other roads that have already been designated are not. For example, Mississippi is from 6th to 11th, and Michigan is north of 9th.

Maybe I am just looking too much into it? Maybe it's no big deal, just a matter of wording? But my question to the commission is if it's just a matter of wording, why would Kansas define what a major trafficway is to begin with? Why would K.S.A. 12-685 define what the primary function of a major trafficway is if it doesn't matter if the street primarily functions that way or not? Why bother setting up guidelines if they aren't going to be followed?

I do not live on any of the streets being proposed as major trafficways. I know there is some criticism from those that live on those streets as to why should the city listen to someone who doesn't live there. To that I would say the residents on those streets have a vested interest. My vested interest is the city and government as a whole, not taking advantage of the system for something important to me. In my eyes, that's exactly what the purpose of designating these streets as major trafficways is unless they are indeed fulfilling the primary role of what a major trafficway is supposed to. Would other taxpayers who do not have a vested interest approve of the city designating a street as something that it is not for the purpose of collecting funds? This is similar to calling a pet an emotional support animal to avoid paying pet fees on an airplane. These streets are the pets, but we are referring to them as major roadways for financial gain. Maybe some of the roads do indeed serve the primary function of a major roadways. As a whole though, when compared to what has and has not been designated a major roadway, I would say no.

My final thought is this. Do these streets, within the corporate limits of the city, serve the primary function of the movement of through traffic between areas of concentrated activity within the city? If the answer is no, then in the name of an honest and fair government, that should be the answer to ordinance no. 9483

Thank you for your time,
Chris Flowers

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From: Tyra Crouch <littlebluestem.crouch@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 9, 2018 3:08 PM
To: Bobbie Walthall
Cc: Amanda Sahin; Diane Stoddard; Tom Markus; Jennifer Ananda; Stuart Boley; llarson@lawrenceks.org; Matthew Herbert
Subject: Traffic Calming on Lincoln Street Corridor

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Tyra Kalman Crouch and I am the homeowner at 408 Lincoln. There has been a growing concern among those of us living on and around Lincoln St. that the posted 25 mph speed limit is being consistently violated between 3rd and 7th streets. In the summer of 2017, after contacting the Lawrence Police Department regarding excessive speed, it was recommended, by the police department and based on their findings that supported our observations, that we contact the city and request traffic calming, which we did.

That summer, the City of Lawrence sent engineers to install speed monitors in several spots along Lincoln. They concluded that the average speed was 10 miles over the posted speed limit with a significant volume of traffic passing between 3rd and 7th streets throughout the day. Due to the excessive speed, number of vehicles, lack of consistent sidewalks and Lincoln's designation as a safe passage to school, and the low posted speed limit, the engineers recommended to the City Transportation Commission that speed humps be installed.

Last August, we and our neighbors (along with our young children) attended the Transportation Commission meeting and heard the recommendations from the engineers and the concerns of the commissioners. It was concluded, that there is a need for additional traffic calming beyond the current stop signs and 25 mph speed limit that was put in place several years ago. The commissioners determined that Lincoln street is a cut-through street and that the volume of traffic has grown due to many drivers trying to avoid the train track crossing. They also determined that the consistent rate of drivers who abuse the posted speed limit, combined with the high concentration of children under the age of 9 (there are over 12 children between 3rd and 4th street alone, over 20 children along the corridor) does in fact pose an immediate and legitimate threat to the safety of North Lawrence pedestrians and to all residents of Lincoln St.

The Transportation Commission approved the engineers recommendation for speed humps and allocated funds. The next step was to attain approval of the traffic calming humps from 70% of residents living along Lincoln street through ballot collection. The 70% approval was achieved over two weekends of canvassing the neighborhood with close to 90% in approval of four speed humps.

As of last month, we, the residents of Lincoln street were of the understanding that our speed humps had been approved and would be constructed sometime in August of 2018. However, it has been brought to our attention that in order to move forward with the debt allocation funding, Lincoln street must be referred to legally and for accounting purposes, a main trafficway. We believe that the city engineers, city manager and commissioners are not attempting something nefarious or damaging to our neighborhood by referring to the corridor as a main trafficway. We are concerned however, that we are not being accurately represented by the NLIA and we would ask that our original request for traffic calming be honored and respected as citizens who actually live on the street in question. It is our hope that the city would move forward with this designation of main trafficway in order to fund our speed humps.

We hope that you will vote in favor of Ordinance 9483 which includes Lincoln street.

Thank you for your time and your consideration.

In earnest,

Tyra Kalman Crouch and Michael Crouch
408 Lincoln

Bobbie Walthall

From: kylie grater <kylieearlenegrater@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 9, 2018 11:49 AM
To: Bobbie Walthall
Cc: Tyra Crouch
Subject: Ordinance No. 9483, Lincoln St resident
Attachments: LincolnChildren.pdf

Dear Lawrence City Commissioners and Staff,

Hello, my name is Kylie Grater and I live at 329 Lincoln St. I have rented at this address for over 3 years with my family which includes a toddler. As a renter, I realize I do not have a vote in this matter but I would like to voice my opinion as a citizen of Lawrence who lives on this street. My main concern is for the children of my neighborhoods safety and is the reason why I am writing. There are multiple families on our street that get together regularly which includes 12 children (infant - 10 yrs), we do not have adequate sidewalks traveling to and fro to each other's homes, plus vehicles that exceed the posted speed limit cause us, parents, a constant fear that a child could get hit by a car. I am in favor of speed humps and the street being determined a trafficway. Please take the children's safety into consideration when making your decision on Ordinance No. 9483, for us renters and owners alike.

The group of families on Lincoln St. that are actively pursuing speed humps followed all of the cities defined steps to get them approved to be built and acted independently of the North Lawrence Improvement Association to achieve this goal. They successfully collected votes from almost every single property owner between 3rd and 7th streets. 90% of Lincoln St. landowners are in favor of installing speed humps and voted in favor. That is an obvious vote for traffic calming measures by our neighborhood!

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Kylie Grater
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Bobbie Walthall

To: Diane Stoddard
Subject: RE: Missouri St. speed bump

From: Anna Jackson <ASJackso@usd497.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 10:33 AM
To: Mandy Enfield <mandy@van-go.org>; Diane Stoddard <dstoddard@lawrenceks.org>; Tom Markus <tmarkus@lawrenceks.org>; Leslie Soden <lsoden@lawrenceks.org>; Jennifer Ananda <jananda@lawrenceks.org>
Cc: Stuart Boley <sboley@lawrenceks.org>; Lisa Larsen <llarsen@lawrenceks.org>; Matthew Herbert <matthewjherbert@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Missouri St. speed bump

Good morning,

My name is Anna Jackson. My family has lived at 808 Missouri street for almost 35 years. Growing up as a child, the traffic on this street was NEVER as bad as it is now. Now that I am raising my children in this house, I am very concerned about the speed at which people race down our street. The speeding seems to have increased even more since the street was repaved a few years ago and the dip on 8th street was repaired. The bumpy street and the dip seemed to slow some people but now that those are gone, cars have no reason to slow down. They are also often looking at devices and they hardly stop at the stop sign at 8th. I sit on my porch regularly with my neighbors and observe this driving! There have been too many near misses to count as my kids exit my car and try to cross the street or chase a ball and a car shows up out of nowhere! 44 miles an hour as an average speed is absolutely unacceptable! Something must be done-NOW!

The people on this block have gone to great lengths to get a traffic calming device installed on our street. We have waited our turn and petitioned the other neighbors. We all call the city on a regular basis to ask that the process speed up before a child is hit by a car. There are at least 10 children on this block under the ages of 12 who cross back and forth as well as ride their bikes. Several of those children are under the age of 5! During peak hours, the neighbors put out cones in an attempt to slow the traffic. Cars swerve around those sometimes coming very close to hitting the parked cars on the street. Sometimes cars race at a speed of 40 miles per hour or more! This is simply unacceptable! When this was happening on the 800 block of Main before they got speed bumps, police regularly stationed themselves there and gave tickets! Why are we waiting until tragedy strikes to make a move?

I understand that red tape takes time and that language must match for the process to go through. I am disappointed that a few old townies without children managed to hijack that process in the name of language. I am disappointed that the commission allowed this to happen. It is time to move forward with this project. There is no time to waste!

The first few weeks in August, when the students are back and the children have become accustomed to less traffic are the most dangerous! I urge you to push this through and get the ball rolling before then! Missouri street is an accident waiting to happen!

Thank you,
Anna Jackson

From: Mandy Enfield <mandy@van-go.org>
Date: Tuesday, July 3, 2018 at 3:25 PM
To: Diane Stoddard <dstoddard@lawrenceks.org>, Tom Markus <tmarkus@lawrenceks.org>, Leslie Soden <lsoden@lawrenceks.org>, "jananda@lawrenceks.org" <jananda@lawrenceks.org>
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Subject: Missouri St. speed bump

Dear City Staff & Commissioners,

Public Works emailed the organizer from the 800 block of Missouri to let us know that our speed bump funding approval was pulled from the consent agenda at the June 19th meeting because some residents- who do not live on Missouri street- were concerned over the "main trafficway" designation. I have watched the meeting on youtube to hear their concerns and your responses. I understand that the "trafficway" designation is only a formality to secure the bond funds for the project. I implore you to make sure this item is back on the agenda for the July 10th meeting. If the funding mechanism is an issue for the Brook Creek, East Lawrence, and North Lawrence residents, please pull their blocks from the request and proceed with Missouri St. We are prepared to speak to our needs at the next meeting and will fully support the "trafficway" designation.

The 800 block of Missouri street has 10 children under the age of 12. It also has a high enough traffic volume and # of speeders to deem it #1 on the Public Works priority list for a speed bump. Despite having a stop sign at both ends of our block, a traffic study found that the average speed was 44mph!!! We are in great need of this speed bump and the city agrees. The residents of the 800 block of MO started the process in 2016. We received recommendation from the traffic safety commission and got approval from the required number of residents on the block. Through NO FAULT OF OUR OWN our project was postponed for a year because of a clerical error at public works. Our speed limit was mistakenly entered as 30mph into the system causing us to rank as 27th on the priority matrix, as a consequence, we lost an entire year. Our children are in danger and this project has been delayed for too long. It should've happened last summer. Instead, the parents of Missouri street continue to place cones in the street and yell at speeders to slow down while our kids play together in our front yards.

As it stands now, the earliest Public Works would be able to award the project to a contractor is August... that's only if the funding is approved on July 10th! We can't risk losing anymore time and have it postponed for another year.

Please please please get us on the agenda for the next meeting. We will be there to back you up.

Thank you,
Mandy

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From: Mandy Enfield <mandy@van-go.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 9:54 AM
To: Diane Stoddard <dstoddard@lawrenceks.org>
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Updated with correct average mph...

Thank you so much for including this :)

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