

TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING  
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE  
WEDNESDAY, November 10, 2021

On March 20, 2020, City Manager Gregory Rose declared a State of Emergency for the City of University City due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Due to the current order restricting gatherings of people and the ongoing efforts to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the November 10, 2021, meeting will be conducted via videoconference.

1. Call to Order At 6:30 P.M. by Chairman Stewart

2. Roll Call

Bart Stewart	Commissioner & Chair - Present
Dennis Fuller	Commissioner - Present
Craig Hughes	Commissioner - Present
Cirri Moran	Commissioner - Present
Jane Schaefer	Commissioner - Present
Jerold Tiers	Commissioner – Present
Larry Zelenovich	Commissioner – Present
Errol Tate	Staff Liaison - Present
Sinan Alpaslan	PWP Director - Present
Tim Cusick	Council liaison - Present
Lt. Shawn Whitley	Police Liaison - Present
John Mulligan	City Attorney - Present

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Tiers to approve the agenda and motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Schaefer. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote of the Commission.

4. Approval of Minutes of: September 8, 2021, and October 13, 2021

Corrections: September 8, 2021; Pg 2, Section B-3, change “acceptation” to “acceptance.”  
Pg. 2 Section 3-G change “Mullins” to “Mulligan.”

Motion by Commissioner Tiers to approve the minutes of 9-8-2021 with corrections and 10-13-2021. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Schaefer. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote of the Commission.

5. Agenda items

A. Delmar Roundabout – Traffic Calming

(1.) Requestor: Amanda Summers

(2.) Request: To install pedestrian signs with flashing lights at the Delmar circle.

(3.) Dept. Public Works Conclusion/Recommendation:

Since the installation of the Round-a-Bout there

has been several incidents with pedestrian safety at the crossings and the city has tried different approaches to bring awareness to drivers such as signage, pavement marking, and staged police

officers for enforcement. These measures have helped, but we still have a lot of drivers that are not aware or do not know that pedestrians are attempting to cross. With the Traffic Commission's approval we will advocate for lighted pedestrian signs in our next budget round. Following the first meeting of the request the City's traffic engineer has provided two options for pedestrian safety at the Delmar RAB. - The first option displays the RAB modifications with narrowed approach lanes, widened truck aprons, increased entry angles, and raised cross walks. [www.ucitymo.org](http://www.ucitymo.org) 2 - The second option includes everything in the first option in addition to a rapid flashing beacon. City staff agrees with both options and it is recommended that Traffic Commission review the proposal for approval to be considered for implementation into the capital budget plan.

(4.) Study by Lochmueller Group, prepared by Kelly Schaefer, PE, PTOE and Kevin Neil, AICP, (Provided to Traffic Commission). Lochmueller Group prepared a summary of recommended intersection modifications designed to enhance pedestrian safety, reduce motor vehicle speeds, and increase motor vehicle compliance at pedestrian crossing locations. The Lochmueller group suggested the following modifications: narrowed approach lanes, added / widen truck aprons, increased entry angles, raised crosswalk, and rectangular rapid flashing beacons. Lochmueller design and cost improvements to roundabout with flashing beacons estimated total, \$186,000. Kelly Schaefer present during meeting for discussion and questions.

(5.) Discussion:

- a. Mr. Alpaslan, "This was presented some time ago and now comes back from the Traffic engineer. City does not have funding for recommendations not but will be proposed for future budget".
- b. Commissioner Tiers asked Ms. Schaefer how many of these new traffic lights or "Traffic Hawks" are in the city, and how do they actually work. Schaefer replied there are only eight in the county right now and there's only one additional one in the city. The light is activated by the pedestrian it then goes to flashing yellow to a solid yellow and then to a red "wag".
- c. Commissioner Schaefer questioned how the truck apron works. Ms. Schaefer responded that it is simply a raised crossing to get driver attention. Commissioner Stewart added that it helps with educate the driver the first few times they drive through.
- d. Lieutenant Whitley recommends the flashing beacons, the raised crosswalk and adding an additional sign at the raised median. Ms. Schaefer responded that both vertical and horizontal signage used together to slow traffic are helpful.
- e. Commissioner Moran added that all three recommendations proposed would be helpful at this intersection.
- f. Commissioner Zelenovich questioned whether the two lanes of Delmar could be narrowed to one lane sooner going east from Big Bend. He also added that as much lighting as possible should be at the raised walks. Commissioner Moran agreed. Commissioner Tiers questioned whether the lights at the three crosswalks could be in synchrony. Miss Schaefer stated they would not but would be in synchrony on each side of the individual crosswalk.
- g. Commissioner Fuller agrees with narrowing Delmar as soon as possible from Big Bend going east and questioned if "rumble strips" or pavement grooving could be added to the lane to get drivers' attention to slow down.
- h. Commissioner Stewart asked if Commission could support these proposed recommendations. General discussion continued about including added features such as lane narrowing, pavement grooving, and added raised crosswalks could be added after the initial proposals are recommended and initiated. With Commissioners in agreement, Commission Chair Stewart called for a motion. One motion was presented to address study recommendations, and a second motion to add additional Commission suggestions.

**MOTION 1.** by Commissioner Tiers:

Accept the Lochmueller Group study recommendations and add a raised cross walk with flashing beacon lights on the east side of the roundabout.

The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Zelenovich. Motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote of the Commission.

**Motion 2** by Commissioner Tiers:

Add the additional suggestions of narrowing Delmar east of Big Bend sooner and add grooved pavement or “rumble strips” in this area. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schaefer. Motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote of the Commission.

**B. Wilson and Shaftesbury Reconfiguration**

(1.) Requester: Resident Sumner (unable to be present) through Errol Tate

(2.) Request: Improvement of Intersection of Wilson Avenue and Shaftesbury for Safety and vehicular movement improvement at the intersection.

(3.) Dept. of Public works Conclusion/Recommendation: Following the initial meeting of the request the city engaged its traffic engineer to propose a scope and fee for the re-design of the intersection. The proposal includes a conceptual design, final design, and construction administration cost for a reconfiguration to the intersection to reduce conflict points, improve control of right-of-way to reduce confusion, and increase safety for all users. The final improvement will be a “T” intersection. The proposal does not include an actual construction estimate, which will follow with the acceptance of the scope and fee. It is recommended that Traffic Commission review the scope and fee for approval to be considered for implementation into the capital budget plan.

(4.) Traffic Commission provided a Proposal for Transportation Engineering of Shaftesbury Avenue at Wilson Avenue Intersection Modifications, prepared by Lorne Jackson, Lochmueller Group. Proposed cost estimates presented: Conceptual Design \$7,500 Final Design \$30,500, Construction Administration \$30,000 (Estimated). Kelly Schaefer was online and discussed proposal.

(5.) Discussion:

a. Commissioner Tiers questioned whether the current traffic flow justifies the cost of changing this intersection. Tiers suggested the intersection could be changed to impede traffic flow by moving the Shaftesbury stop sign westbound up to the point of the island and limiting the Wilson left turn onto Shaftesbury with a traffic block and making Wilson a one way going north.

b. Mr. Tate stated the original request was a resident that complained about excessive traffic flow. The petitioning resident was not available for this evening's discussion. Lieutenant Whitley was questioned whether there have been complaints about accidents or excessive flow at this corner. Lieutenant Whitley indicated there were minimal complaints about either at this corner.

c. Mr. Tate was questioned whether the resident had presented other complaints. Commissioner Tiers suggested getting more input before proceeding with this project

**Motion** by Commissioner Tiers: Table this discussion and get more input before proceeding. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zelenovich. Motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote of the Commission. taking possession of their

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6. Council Liaison Report: Council Member Cusick announced the following:

A. The Markets at Olive and Costco projects are well underway. Costco will take possession of their property in February or March 2021, with a possible slated opening as early as September 2022.

B. Novaris Development has been taken over by Bob Clark and Larry Chapman, Clayco / CRG.

C. Council is putting together a third ward task force to implement projects for the earmarked money from the Markets at Olive / Costco project.

D. As of next month City Council will be meeting in chambers. Council is still in need of volunteers to serve on a variety of boards and commissions.

E. All were reminded that MSD we'll be sending out a storm water letter that will include a survey. All were encouraged to fill out the form and return it and remind your neighbors to do the same.

7. Miscellaneous Business:

A. Commissioner Tiers questioned that since Novaris Development is no longer the developer, will the original development agreement for ward three be honored by the new developers?

B. City attorney Mullins responded that this project is being conducted under University City Development LLC and Clark and Chapman have purchased Bob Brown's interest. This change will constitute no change in the original plan for Ward 3.

8. Adjournment. No further business appearing, Commissioner Schaefer made a motion to Adjourn, Motion was 2nd by Commissioner Moran, Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 PM by Commission Chairman Stewart.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dennis Fuller, Commissioner