



Traffic Commission

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TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2021 6:30PM

IMPOTANT NOTICE REGARDING PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING & PARTICIPATION

Traffic Commission will Meet Electronically on April 14, 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 more than 10 people and the ongoing efforts to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the April 14, 2021 meeting will be conducted via videoconference.

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A G E N D A

TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING

Heman Park Community Center
975 Pennsylvania Avenue, University City MO 63130

April 14, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.
Via Zoom

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes
 - A. December 9, 2021 meeting minutes
5. Agenda items
 - A. Parking Study 66/6800 Washington 500 Kingsland, Melville
 - B. Delmar Round-a-Bout Pedestrian Signal
 - C. Memo - Lindell Striping
6. Council Liaison Report
7. Miscellaneous Business
8. Adjournment.

Prior to the meeting, we recommend that you visit the site(s). Please call (314) 505-8571 or email etate@ucitymo.org to confirm your attendance.

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IMPROTANT NOTICE REGARDING PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING & PARTICIPATION Traffic Commission will Meet Electronically on December 9 , 2020 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 more than 10 people and the ongoing efforts to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the December 9, 2020 meeting will be conducted via videoconference.

Date:12/9/2020

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
Jeffrey Miskin Commissioner – Present
Cirri Moran Commissioner - Present
Jane Schaefer Commissioner - Present
Jerold Tiers Commissioner – Present (excused from meeting at 7:15PM)
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 Tiers to approve the agenda and motion 2nd
by Commissioner Hughes. Motion approved by a unanimous, voice vote
of the Commission.

4. Approval of 11/11/20 Minutes:

Corrections: Commissioner Schaefer provided commissioner Fuller a list of minor errors.
Commissioner Fuller will edit these notes and provide edited notes for 11/11/ 20.
Motion by Commissioner Tiers to approve the minutes of 11/11/202 as edited, and
motion 2nd by Commissioner Hughes. Motion approved by a unanimous, voice
vote of the Commission.

5. Agenda items

A. Old Bonhomme/ Forsyth No Truck Traffic Local Deliveries Only.

APPLICANT: Margaret Holly – 8108 Teasdale

Location: Old Bonhomme/ Forsyth Area

Request: Create No Truck Traffic Local Deliveries Only

1. The resident requests that this area of Old Bonhomme/Forsyth be designated as a “ No Truck Traffic- Local Deliveries Only”. The residents concern is for pedestrian safety due to the layout of the area with narrow roads and no sidewalks for the majority of the area.
2. Department of Public Works Conclusion Recommendations: The area that is being requested as “No Truck Traffic” is a shared road with the City of Clayton. Additionally, the road is classified as a Major Collector according to EastWest Gateway which is our federal funding authority for qualified projects. City Staff has requested information from EastWest Gateway that if the city does place a restriction on the road, does that affect future federal funding.

City staff will request monitoring of this area by the police department for safety concerns and request the comments of the Traffic Commission. City staff will follow with a recommendation after all avenues have been concluded in conjunction with the police department, EastWest Gateway, and the Traffic Commission’s input.

3. Discussion:

(a.) Mr. Tate of the Department of Public works indicated that this is a major thoroughfare, but resident is indicating heavy truck traffic is causing major safety concerns for the neighborhood. He suggested to get the police to help do a traffic study and collect data on number and type of heavy trucks using this thoroughfare. Mr. Tate noted that University City gets federal funds to help with the maintenance of this street and sidewalks. He has checked with the holder of the federal funds (Eastwest Gateway) and we can make changes to this thoroughfare without interrupting those funds. Mr. Tate introduced Resident Margaret Holly, Request Applicant.

(b.) Resident Margaret Holly, 8108 Teasdale provided the following points:

1. This neighborhood is considered University View and is designated as such on a 1924 plot map.
2. We have a number of families that have children several people walk the streets with no sidewalks on one side of Teasdale.
3. The neighborhood is close to synagogues and churches.
4. The neighborhood borders on Clayton to the south and Delmar on the north.
5. The neighborhood is within 1/2 mile of the Ladue Crossing Shopping Center.
6. There is cut through traffic from Delmar going south on Old Bonhomme Rd, cutting through Teasdale to Gay to Maryland and onto Ladue Rd. It should be noted there are no sidewalks on Teasdale or Gay. And the streets are narrow enough that property is frequently damaged as trucks turn the corners or bypass each other on Teasdale and Gay.
7. We are requesting “No Through Truck” signs from Delmar going South on Old Bonhomme Rd. and on Gay going north from the city limit.

(c.) Commissioner & Staff discussion:

1. Commissioner Schaefer: I see multiple trucks going up and down Old Bonhomme all the time. I question the effect that signs will have if they are not enforced. We must coordinate our efforts with Clayton.
2. Commissioner Miskin: can we put in sidewalks and resurface the street?
3. Commissioner Moran: can we put in signs, sidewalks, and resurface the street?
4. Mr. Alpaslan: we could put signs in first. This discussion really helps me understand that you want the signs coming off Old Bonhomme at the Gay and Teasdale locations.

5. Commissioner Stuart: can we put in a truck narrowing / calming structure or device or planters that would limit the semis?
6. Commissioner Tiers: I suggest we put up signs. You don't want to stop the delivery trucks, but you could stop a semi from cutting through.
7. Commissioner Moran: I would put up sign 1st and talk to Clayton about a cooperative effort and do a mutual enforcement.
8. Lt. Whitley: enforcement between districts is difficult.
9. City Attorney Mulligan: the city code has a schedule that prohibits trucks on these streets except for local delivery. Schedule 8 of the traffic code addresses this. You could just add these streets to the code.
10. Commissioner Miskin: A. Suggest we do a 3-mo. traffic study to differentiate local from through traffic; B. Then talk to Clayton, and C. Then put-up signs.
11. There was general agreement and discussion among staff and the remainder of the commissioners that the signs should be installed first.

(d) Additional resident comments:

1. Teresa Huether, 502 Mapleview; I support Ms. Holly's views and I like starting with the signs 1st.
2. Tim O'Connor: 536 Mapleview; my house backs up to Old Bonhomme. I concur with the previously stated amount of truck traffic and wanted noted that there has been property damage with trucks being unable to negotiate the turns. I support doing the signs now.

After close of discussion by both staff and commissioners, Commission chairman Stewart I asked for a motion:

MOTION by Commissioner Fuller: Add to Section 8 of the city code; no through truck traffic from Old Bonhomme Rd at Delmar, south to the Clayton city limit, and from Old Bonhomme Rd at Gay, south to Clayton city limit.

Motion 2nd by Commissioner Moran

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Commission.

6. Council Liaison Report: Tim Cusick, Council Liaison presented the following;

- A. Council meeting next week;
 - (1) Study session regarding feral cats.
 - (2) Annex recommendations.
- B, Task force on renaming streets will conclude by end of the year.

7. Miscellaneous Business:

- A. Sinan Alpaslan PWP Director reminded the commissioners that the scooter ordinance will be forwarded to City Council in January. Recommendations from the commissioners will be forwarded to City Council. Final draft to be sent to Commission.
- B. Chairman Stewart reminded all that this was Commissioner Miskin 's last meeting. He was thanked for his past years of service by the Commission.

8. Adjournment. Adjournment. No further business appearing, Commissioner Miskin made a motion to Adjourn. Motion was 2nd by Commissioner Hughes. Meeting Adjourned at 7:51 PM.

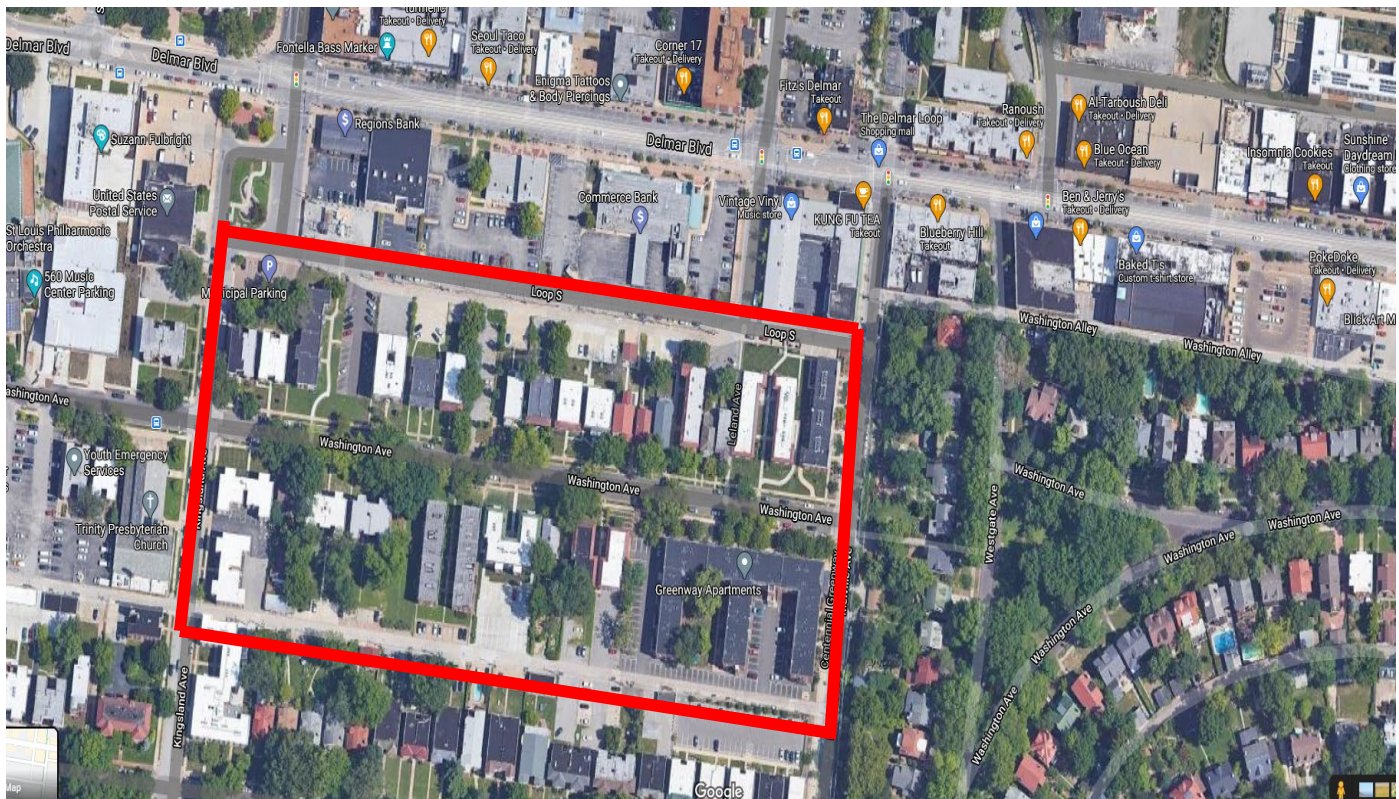


Department of Public Works

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STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: April 14, 2021
APPLICANT: City of University City
Location: 66/6800 Washington Avenue, 500Kingsland, and Melville Avenue
Request: Review On Street Parking Study
Attachments: Report



Request: The Traffic Commission has been asked to review the On Street Parking Study

Details:

The city hired Lochmueller Group to conduct an on-street parking study in the 66/6800 Washington Avenue, 500Kingsland, and Melville Avenue. This study was brought about to have an understanding of the conditions of the parking in the area to then determine if it would be feasible to move the area into a metered style parking. The area is highly populated with multifamily units with minimal single residential homes. It is assumed that majority of the population in the area is filled with students. The parking demand in the area during a non-pandemic state is very high.

Conclusion/Recommendation

The parking study and its related documentation show that the demand for parking rarely reached 100% capacity, majority of the parking is taken by the residents of the adjacent buildings, and that it is not recommended to meter the area that's within the study. There were some cases where the

parking exceeded or was right at 100%, this occurred on an hourly basis. Most of the parking appeared to come from the 6600 block of Washington which has some onsite parking for residents, many of the vehicles were even parked for lengths at a time. Placing metered parking would be a major impact to the residents of the area, although there are some recommendations for areas of metered parking.

Staff recommends approval of the parking study with further investigation of the area, it would be very helpful to know if the residents are using on street parking by necessity or convenience as stated in the report and look at the areas surrounding the 6600 block of Washington for metered parking.

Attached:
On Street Parking Study



Department of Public Works

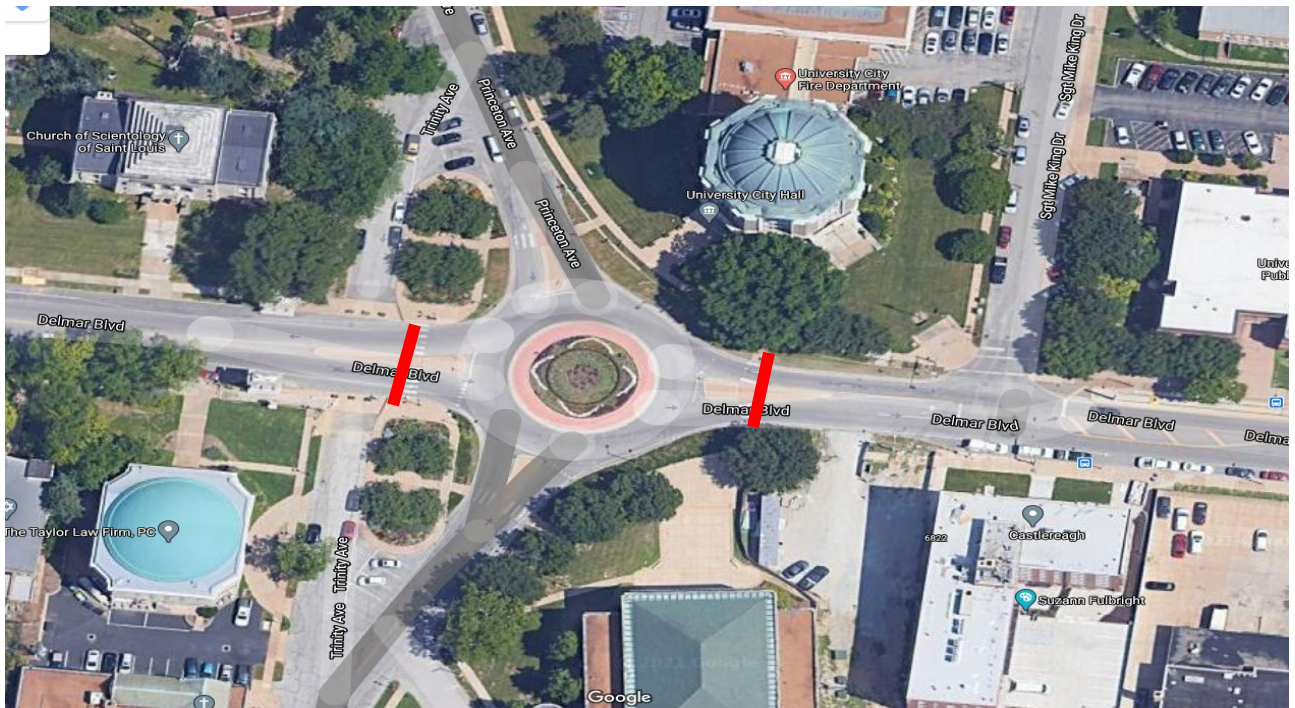
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STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: April 14, 2021
Requestor : Amanda Summers
Request: Pedestrian Signal
Attachments: Traffic Request Form

Existing Conditions:

Delmar Round – a – Bout



Request:

To install pedestrian signs with with flashing lights at the Delamr crilce.

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.

LOCATION OF REQUEST:

Delmar Boulevard and Trinity Avenue, west of the Traffic Circle

STATE THE NATURE OF YOUR REQUEST:

On October 22, 2020, I was in the pedestrian crossing at Delmar and Trinity when I was struck by a vehicle. My husband and I have been crossing Delmar at this point for the past 33 years we have lived in University Heights. Because there have been multiple occasions when vehicles speed through the pedestrian crossing without stopping as we try to cross, my husband asked City Hall to install signs alerting drivers to stop when pedestrians are in the crossing. City Hall did install the signs as requested. However the signs are not enough to alert drivers to stop, as indicated by the fact that I was hit by a vehicle while trying to cross on October 22, 2020. Drivers appear to be confused by the traffic circle and either do not see the signs or do not heed them for other reasons.

In addition, when drivers do stop for us to make the crossing, we have seen on numerous occasions that, while the first vehicle comes to a full stop, the vehicle directly behind is following so closely that the driver has had to slam on their brakes and narrowly avoid crashing into the stopped vehicle. Both pedestrians and drivers are currently at risk at this pedestrian crossing.

WHAT ACTION ARE YOU REQUESTING THAT THE CITY TAKE CONCERNING YOUR REQUEST:

We are requesting that the city install signs with flashing lights at the pedestrian crossing that are triggered whenever a pedestrian enters the crossing. We believe that flashing lights will capture the attention of drivers more than plain signs and will ensure that drivers stop. We have had the opportunity to see such flashing lights used at pedestrian crossings in Seattle, which are triggered by motion detectors on the sidewalk on either side of the crossing.

WHAT IMPACT WOULD THE ACTION HAVE ON ANY ADJACENT RESIDENTS OR STREETS? :

In our opinion, it would have no negative impact on adjacent residents or streets. It would only have positive impact on adjacent residents or streets because pedestrians would be able to cross Delmar without potentially being hit by a vehicle. In addition, vehicles would benefit, as drivers would be able to see and respond to flashing lights much more readily than they do the current plain signs.

The city should note that the police are aware of the dangers of this crossing. The officer who responded to the accident involving me said that they patrol the crossing by having a plainclothes officer cross the street. If a driver does not stop, an officer in a nearby squad vehicle then tickets the offending driver. We appreciate that the police patrol the crossing and ticket drivers. However this action does not remedy the issue in the manner the installation of flashing signal lights can.

MEMORANDUM
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

TO: University City Traffic Commission, C/O Mr. Bart Stewart, Chairman
FROM: Sinan Alpaslan, Director of Public Works
CC: Errol Tate, Sr. Public Works Manager – Commission Liaison
DATE: April 9, 2021
RE: Intersection Striping Implementation (Manhattan-Lindell)

Last month, the department received a request from the area residents of the Manhattan-Lindell intersection. The residents' concern was the high number of Stop Sign violations at the location and the potential relation of that to the limited visibility of the Stop Signs.

In response, the department configured the intersection with fresh stop bars as shown in the attached pictures. The method with which this improvement was made and the favorable response for it from the area residents are examples of how well thought-out infrastructure upkeep contributes to operational results.

After your review of the information, please advise of any questions and further discussion needed.

- Attachments: Intersection pictures after stop bars implementation



Looking southeast at Lindell (east-west) at Manhattan (north-south) intersection – newly striped stop bars



Looking north on Manhattan Ave. (Lindell-Manhattan newly striped stop bars)



Looking west on Lindell Ave. (Lindell-Manhattan newly striped stop bars)