



Department of Public Works

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**TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
HEMAN PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
975 PENNSYLVANIA
TUESDAY, June 10, 2025
6:30 PM**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary election**
- 4. Approval of Agenda**
- 5. Approval of Minutes:**
 - ❖ **February 11, 2025**
- 6. Citizen Comments**
- 7. Agenda items**
 - ❖ 959 Abbeville Drive
 - ❖ 6935 Etzel Ave
- 8. Council Liaison Report**
- 9. Miscellaneous Business**
- 10. Adjournment**

TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
Heman Park Community Center
975 Pennsylvania Avenue, University City, MO. 63130

Date: 2/11/2025

1. Call to Order at 6:31 p.m. by Commissioner and Chair, Cirri Moran
2. Roll Call:

Cirri Moran	Commissioner & Chair – Present
Jerrold Tiers	Commissioner – Present
Kevin Taylor	Commissioner – Present
Sarah Hanly	Commissioner – Present
Larry Zelenovich	Commissioner – Excused
Mirela Celaj	Acting Public Works Director – Present
Bwayne Smotherson	Council Liaison – Present
Shawn Whitley	Police Liaison - Present
John Mulligan	City Attorney – Present
3. Agenda Approved with no objections
4. Election of Officers: Commissioner and Current Chair Moran opened floor for nominations for Commission Chair stating she no longer wishes to act as Chair. A discussion ensued as to whether to postpone the election due to lack of experienced members present. A motion was presented Commissioner Tiers to postpone the election to the next meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hanly. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Approval of Minutes of: 12/10/2024
Motion by Commissioner Hanly to approve the minutes of 12/10/24 and motion seconded by Commissioner Tiers. Motion approved by unanimously.
6. No Citizen comments.
7. Agenda Items:

7500 Wayne Ave: PW Director gave a summary of initial request made at 12/12/23 Traffic Commission, along with the subsequent revisitings of the issue at the 3/12/24 and 4/9/24 Traffic Commission meetings. A discussion among Commissioners and Staff ensued as to what the speed trailer statistics actually prove. Ultimately the Commission concluded that not enough evidence has been put forward to show that any action is necessary.

Motion by Commissioner Tiers to not go forward with any recommendation until such time more evidence arises that an issue actually exists. Motion seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Motion approved unanimously.

Commissioner Hanly reminded the Commission that U. City has adopted a Complete Streets Plan and that traffic calming methods always be taken into account whenever these issues arise.

8. Agenda Item: Forsyth Ave.

Revisiting the 90 day trial for signage along the 7000-7100 blocks of Forsyth for a 2-hour parking limitation with parking restricted to the hours of 9-5 Monday through Friday. The signs that actually went up state "Resident Parking Only, 8am to 5 pm, Mon-Fri". When questioned on the efficacy of the signage, the original petitioner Chana Novak representing 7018 Forsyth, stated the signage has been a deterrent, although a handful of cars have figured out they can game the system. A suggestion was made that periodic random ticketing can add to the deterrence.

Ms. Novak stated that due to the multitude of residential parking restrictions surrounding the Danforth campus, more and more pressure has been put on the available parking along Forsyth.

A protracted discussion then ensued regarding the residential parking system as it could pertain to multifamily and student apartments. Points were made concerning the challenges of keeping up with the constant turnover of students in order to issue residential parking permits/hangtags.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hanly for the Commission to recommend to Council that a Residential Parking Ordinance be adopted along the south side of the 700-7100 blocks of Forsyth, taking into consideration the challenges of multifamily use. Seconded by Jerrold Tiers. Motion approved. Commissioner Hanly abstained.

9. Council Liaison Report: Council Smotherson reported that Ward 1 has a new Councilperson, Lisa Brenner, replacing Jeff Hales.

St. Louis County is replacing the sidewalks along the west side of North and South. U. City has approved the installation of a crosswalk from Millar Park to the west side of N & S.

The Council approved an extension of the conditional use permit for renovating the Church of Scientology on Delmar. Construction should commence December 2025.

Trash fee increase will come before Council on 2/24/25.

10. Misc. Business:

Commissioner Hanly wanted all Commissioners to be aware of a Public Meeting to be held on Feb. 26, 2025 at Centennial Commons. This is sponsored by St. Louis County and Great Rivers Greenway to give citizens a chance to comment on improvements to Vernon from Midland to Westgate. These will include a road diet and multi-use paths.

Commissioner Tiers gave an update to the hard rubber, bolted down speedbumps installed last year at the High School. They were decimated by the snowplows and have now been taken out.

11. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Tiers, seconded by Commissioner Hanly. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Cirri Moran
Commissioner & Acting Secretary



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TRAFFIC REQUEST FORM

LOCATION OF REQUEST:

CORNER OF ABBEVILLE DR + SHAFTSBURY
+ SHAFTSBURY + REISHER

STATE THE NATURE OF YOUR REQUEST:

I THINK THERE SHOULD BE A STOP SIGN
AT THE END OF ABBEVILLE, corner of Shaftsbury
as well as corner of Shaftsbury + Reisher.
There is also no street sign for Reisher
at that intersection

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

~~see above~~ 3 way stop sign at
Reisher / Shaftsbury / Blackberry Place. ~~Also street sign~~
Also stop sign at end of Abbeville, corner of
Shaftsbury

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

Prevent cars from speeding around
the bend on Reisher (coming from O

NOTE: The Public Works Department staff will review this request and, if warranted, this matter will appear as an agenda item for a traffic commission meeting. If a meeting is held, you will be encouraged to attend so that you may state your concerns.

NAME: Elisa Travis

ADDRESS: 959 Abbeville Dr

PHONE (HOME): 513-373-5675 PHONE (WORK): _____

Email: elisadevora@gmail.com

Date: 2/24/25

Please return the completed form to the Public Works and Parks Department, 3rd floor of City Hall, attention Mirela Celaj, Public Works Liaison of the Traffic Commission, via email at mcelaj@ucitymo.org.

Or, by mail/fax: Traffic Commission
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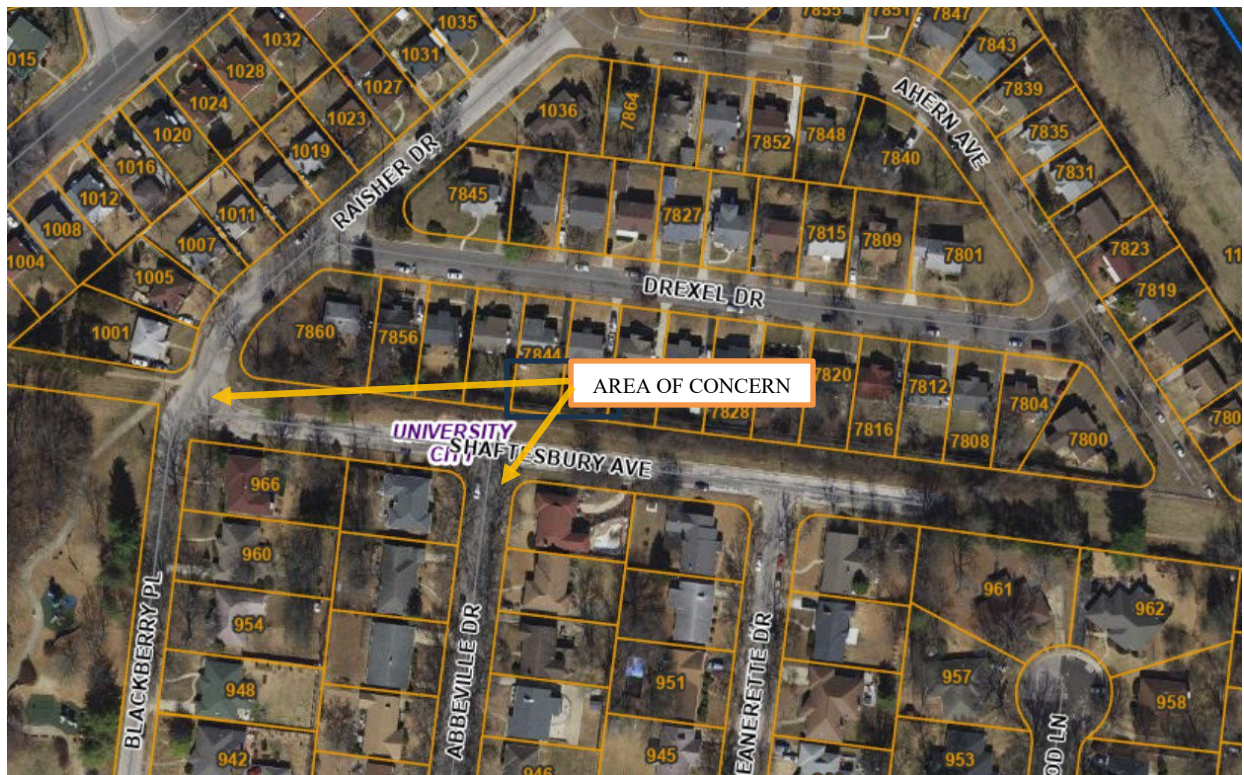
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STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: May 13, 2025
APPLICANT: Elisa Travis, 959 Abbeville Drive
Location: Shaftesbury & Abbeville, Blackberry Pl./ Raisher Dr. & Shaftesbury Ave.
Request: Install Stop Signs at both intersections
Attachments: Traffic Request Form, Staff Report

Existing Conditions:



Currently, there are no STOP or YIELD signs installed at either intersection. The speed limit is 25 MPH. The Police Department will provide a report including speed monitoring data, crash history, and records of speeding violation

Request: Install Stop Signs at both intersections to reduce vehicle speeds.

Blackberry Pl./ Raisher Dr. & Shaftesbury Ave..Intersection-Looking North



Abbeville Dr. & Shaftesbury Ave. Intersection-Looking North



MUTCD Criteria for Considering YIELD or STOP Signs at Minor Intersections

Right-of-Way at Intersections the State law "Uniform Vehicle Code" establish the right-of-way rule at intersections having no regulatory traffic control signs such that the driver of a vehicle approaching an intersection must yield the right-of-way to any vehicle or pedestrian already in the intersection. When two vehicles approach an intersection from different streets or highways at approximately the same time, the right-of-way rule requires the driver of the vehicle on the left to yield the right-of-way to the vehicle on the right. The right-of-way can be modified at through streets or highways by placing YIELD signs or STOP signs on one or more approaches.

The use of YIELD or STOP signs should be considered at an intersection of two minor streets or local roads when one or more of the following apply:

1. Sight Distance Limitation

- A driver approaching the intersection cannot see conflicting traffic in time to yield or stop safely under normal right-of-way rules.
- 2. Crash History
 - 5 or more crashes involving failure to yield have occurred within a 3-year period, or
 - 3 or more such crashes have occurred within a 2-year period.

3. Traffic Volume and Configuration

- The intersection:
 - Has more than three approaches, and
 - Averages more than 2,000 combined units per day (vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians) entering from all approaches.

4. Other Conditions to Consider

- Visibility conditions are poor (e.g., vegetation, curves, obstructions).
- Vehicular or pedestrian conflicts are significant.
- Unusual conditions exist (e.g., confusing layout or signage).
- Unique geometrics (e.g., skewed intersection, hills) create hazards.

Conclusion/Recommendation:

Public Works staff recommend that the Traffic Commission review the Police Department's report and determine the appropriate traffic control measures based on the findings.

TRAFFIC REQUEST FORM

LOCATION OF REQUEST: 6935 ETZEL AVE (ENTIRE BLOCK STARTING FROM SKINKER)

STATE THE NATURE OF YOUR REQUEST: POLICE HIGH SPEED CHASES, CONSTANT SPEEDING UP & DOWN THE STREET DAILY ALL HOURS OF THE DAY & NIGHT, METRO BUS SHAKES ENTIRE HOUSE, WALLS, & FOUNDATION YOU CAN FEEL THE BASEMENT WALLS SHAKING AS WELL WHICH HAS BECOME QUITE DISTURBING & CONCERNING REGARDING RESIDENTIAL HOME STRUCTURES, IT SERVES NO PURPOSE TO THE RESIDENTS AS THIS BUS NEVER PICKS UP ANYONE ALONG THE BUS STOPS ON ETZEL AVE. OUR STREET IS LIKE AN EXPRESSWAY VERY BUSY ALL HOURS OF THE DAY THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC IS CONSTANT.

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

I'D LIKE TO SEE THE METRO BUS REROUTED TO A MORE COMMERCIAL STREET WHICH COULD HANDLE THE TRAFFIC AS WELL AS THE WEIGHT OF THE BUS & KEEP OUR STREET RESIDENTIAL NOT ONLY THAT ETZEL IS A STREET THAT RUNS FROM ST. LOUIS CITY THRU UCITY AND AS A RESULT WE WITNESS POLICE PURSUIT HIGH SPEED CHASES ON A REGULAR BASIS WHICH CREATES A SAFETY THREAT TO THE ENTIRE STREET, BY INSTALLING RAISED SPEEDS BUMPS THIS WILL ALLOW CARS TO SLOW DOWN & HELP TO ENSURE CARS ADHERE TO THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT. ALSO THE CONSIDERATION TO BLOCK OFF ETZEL AT SOME POINT TO STOP THE FLOW OF SO MUCH TRAFFIC AND SPEEDING WHICH HAS BECOME VERY CONCERNING.

WHAT IMPACT WOULD THE ACTION HAVE ON ANY ADJACENT RESIDENTS? OVERALL A SAFER COMMUNITY WITH RESIDENTS NOT FEELING LIKE AT ANY TIME THEY WALK OUT THE HOUSE THEY/CHILDREN CAN BE HIT BY SPEEDING MOTORIST THE LAST HIGH SPEED CHASE OCCURRED 3/10/25 SOMEONE COULD'VE GOTTEN HURT REALLY BAD. BY REROUTING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, THIS WOULD ALSO MINIMIZE RISK OF POSSIBLE FOUNDATION ISSUES OR STRUCTURAL ISSUES FROM METRO BUS SHAKING THE ENTIRE HOUSE AND FOUNDATION BEING COMPROMISED.

NAME: CATINA HALLIBURTON

ADDRESS: 6935 ETZEL AVE, ST. LOUIS, MO 63130

PHONE: (314) 484-3923

EMAIL: catinadavis1@att.net

DATE: 3/25/25



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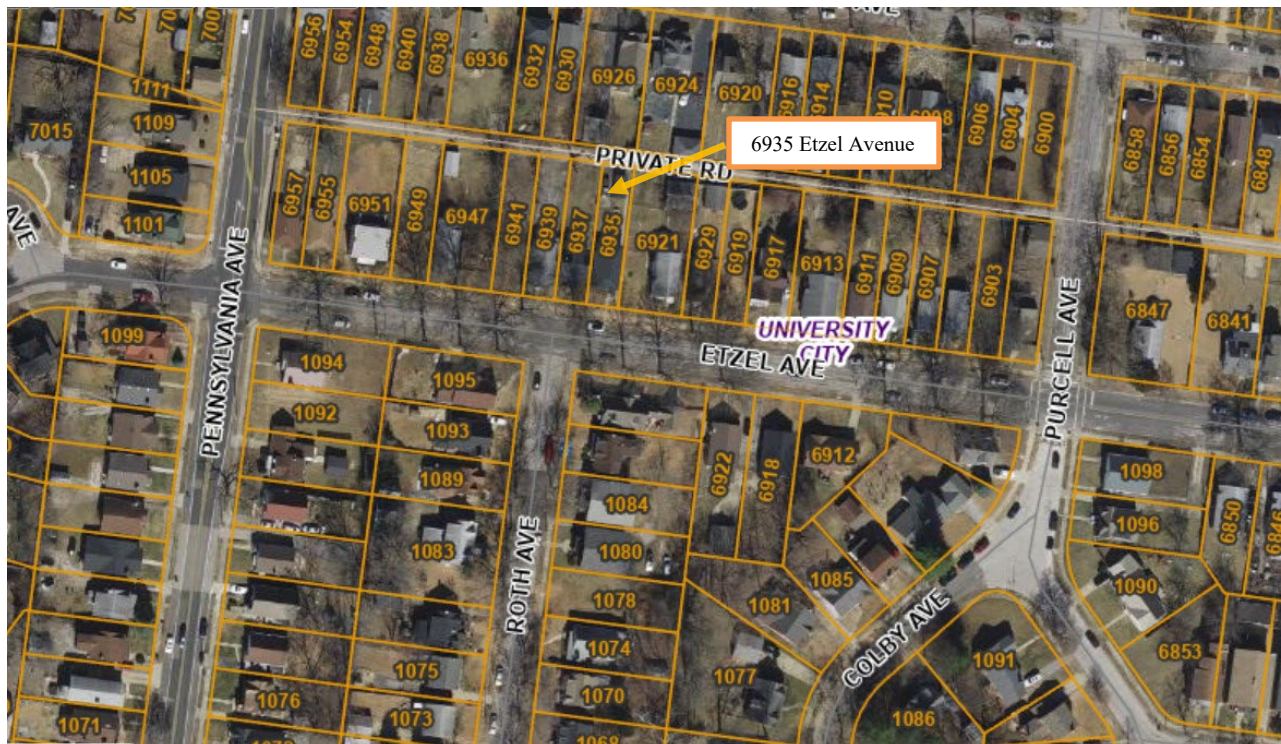
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STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: June 10, 2025
APPLICANT: Catina Halliburton, 6935 Etzel Avenue
Location: 6935 Etzel-Entire Block starting from Skinker
Request: Install speed calming measures
Attachments: Traffic Request Form, Staff Report

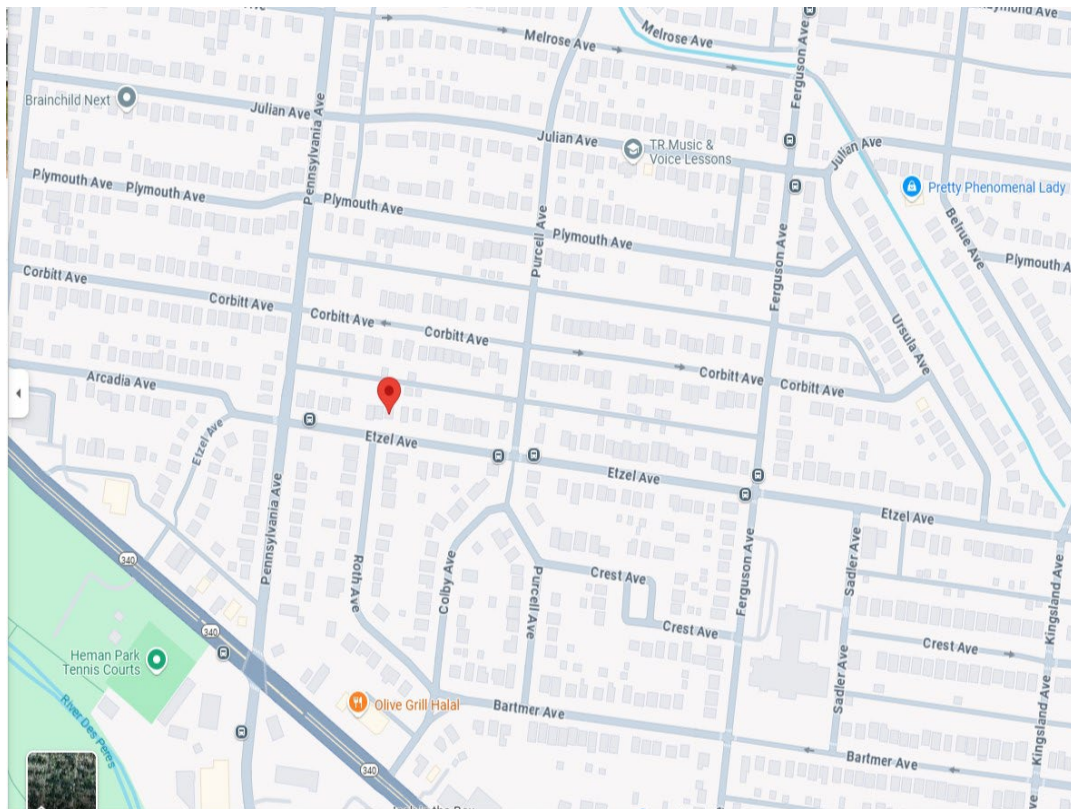
Existing Conditions:



The speed limit is 25 MPH. The Police Department will provide a report including speed monitoring data, crash history, and records of speeding violation.

Request: Install speed calming measures along the street.

Etzel -Looking west



Etzel -Looking East



Conclusion/Recommendation:

Public Works staff recommend that the Traffic Commission review the Police Department's report and determine the appropriate traffic control measures based on the findings.