



Emporia
Kansas

**JOINT TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026 AT 1:30 PM
EVORA WHEELER CONFERENCE ROOM**

ORDER OF BUSINESS

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mark Detter, Chair, Deputy City Manager
Brandon Beck, Vice-Chair, City Fire Chief
Ed Owens, City Police Chief
Brian Silcott, City Interim Public Works Director
Jon Proehl, City Engineering Project Manager
Eric Paul, City Resident Representative
Wayne Scritchfield, County Engineer
John Koelsch, County Undersheriff
Bruce Boettcher, County Civilian with Technical Experience
Bill Heins, County Civilian with Technical Experience
Daphne Mertens, County Resident Representative

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mark Detter, Chair, Deputy City Manager

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- 1) Meeting Minutes from February 23, 2026

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Request from Phil Peacock to change the existing No Parking designation from the north side to the south side of the street west of the intersection at 11th Avenue and Merchant Street extending to Constitution Street.
- 2) Request from Eric Paul, JTSC City Resident Representative, for bulb-outs with bicycle pass-through or a refuge island at the pedestrian crossing at 12th Avenue and Washington Street, as identified in the 2024 Safe Routes to School Plan.
- 3) Request from Eric Paul, JTSC City Resident Representative, for safety enhancements at the pedestrian crossing at 12th Avenue and Lincoln Street, including RRFBs, bulb-outs or a refuge island, and signage on either side of the crossing
- 4) Update on City's TEAP Study

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME

Monday, June 15, 2026

The Emporia/Lyon County Joint Traffic Safety Committee met on February 23, 2026, in the Evora Wheeler Conference Room. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. with the following members present: Mark Detter, Deputy City Manager; Brandon Beck, Emporia Fire Chief; Ed Owens, Emporia Police Chief; Brian Silcott, Interim City Public Works Director; Jon Proehl, City Engineering Supervisor; Eric Paul, Emporia Resident Representative; Wayne Scritchfield, Lyon County Engineer; Jeff Cope, Lyon County Sheriff; Bruce Boettcher, Lyon County Technical Representative; and Bill Heins, Lyon County Technical Representative.

The following members were not present: Daphne Mertens, Lyon County Resident Representative.

Consider Approval of Minutes from Meeting on January 26, 2026.

Motion to approve January 26, 2026, Joint Traffic Safety Committee Meeting Minutes.

Owens/Koelsch

Approved

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3rd REVIEW-TEAP Study

Consider Formal Recommendation to City Commission

The Committee requested another review of the TEAP Study and follow-up recommendations to the City Commission. City Engineer Jim Ubert provided an Engineering Department memo and the following recommendations based on information from the TEAP Study:

- Geometric Improvements shall be considered when other roadway improvement projects are approved for the intersections at 6th & Rural and 18th & Merchant locations and adequate funding is available.
 - City staff to prepare concept drawings for the addition of left-turn lanes on Rural Street at 6th Ave.
 - Shelve the 18th Avenue & Merchant Street right-turn lane plans prepared by staff.
- Maintain existing stop control at 18th & Merchant: Due to the change in plan and location of the proposed Recreation Center project and the T.E.A.P. study findings, it is staff's recommendation to remove this intersection from consideration for future traffic signal installation.
- Remove the existing traffic signal systems and implement Stop control measures as per the T.E.A.P. study findings at the following locations:
 - 6th Avenue & Constitution Street
 - Merchant Street & 7th Avenue
- Remove the existing Pedestrian signal systems and implement Crosswalk countermeasures as per the T.E.A.P. study findings at the following locations:

- 5th Avenue & Commercial Street
- 7th Avenue & Commercial Street
- Retain and Upgrade existing traffic signals that met multiple MUTCD warrants as per the T.E.A.P. study findings at the following locations:
 - 6th Avenue & Commercial Street
 - 12th Avenue & Commercial Street
 - 6th Avenue & Rural Street
 - 6th Avenue & Merchant Street
 - 12th Avenue & Merchant Street
- Retain and upgrade existing traffic signals as per the T.E.A.P. study recommendation at the following location:
 - 6th Avenue & Mechanic Street
- Retain and upgrade the existing traffic signals as recommended by City staff at the following locations:
 - 4th Avenue & Commercial Street
 - 8th Avenue & Commercial Street
 - 6th Avenue & Congress Street
- Modify existing stop control configuration at the following locations:
 - 4th Avenue & Congress Street (Two-way east and west stop condition)
 - 5th Avenue & Congress Street (Two-way east and west stop condition)

After further review and discussion, it was agreed that the Engineering memo recommendations would be taken to the March 4, 2026, City Commission Study Session. A motion was made to that effect and seconded.

Motion to take the Engineering memo recommendations based on the TEAP Study to the City Commission Study Session on March 4, 2026.

Boettcher/Scratchfield
Approved
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Adjournment at 2:09 p.m.
Beck/Boettcher
Approved
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Emporia/Lyon County Joint Traffic Safety Committee Traffic Safety Request Form

05/05/2026 1:13 PM (CDT)



Traffic Safety Request Form

Use this form to request a review of a traffic, pedestrian, or roadway safety concern within the City of Emporia or Lyon County. Submission does not guarantee immediate action. Some requests require data collection and committee review. After your request is received, a representative of the Joint Traffic Safety Committee (JTSC) will contact you using the information provided on this form. You will be notified of the next scheduled JTSC meeting and advised when your request is scheduled to be heard by the Committee. Please ensure your contact information is accurate.

Name Phil Peacock

Organization (if applicable) citizen

Phone number 620487-2131

Email peacock977@gmail.com

Street(s) or intersection 11th Avenue to Merchant Street
11th Ave to Constitution Street

Nearest address or landmark 1101 Merchant Street

Type of concern (check all that apply)

- Parking


Description of concern As property manager on behalf of Smith Rentals, I would like to request to have the no parking designation from the corner of 11th and Merchant and to the West be changed from the North side of the street to the South side of the street. The apartment buildings on the South side have ample off street parking but the units owned by Steve Smith at 1101 Merchant have extremely limited parking available for 6 units. The building consists of 1-3BR, 2-2BR and 3-1BR apartments. Thank you for your consideration.

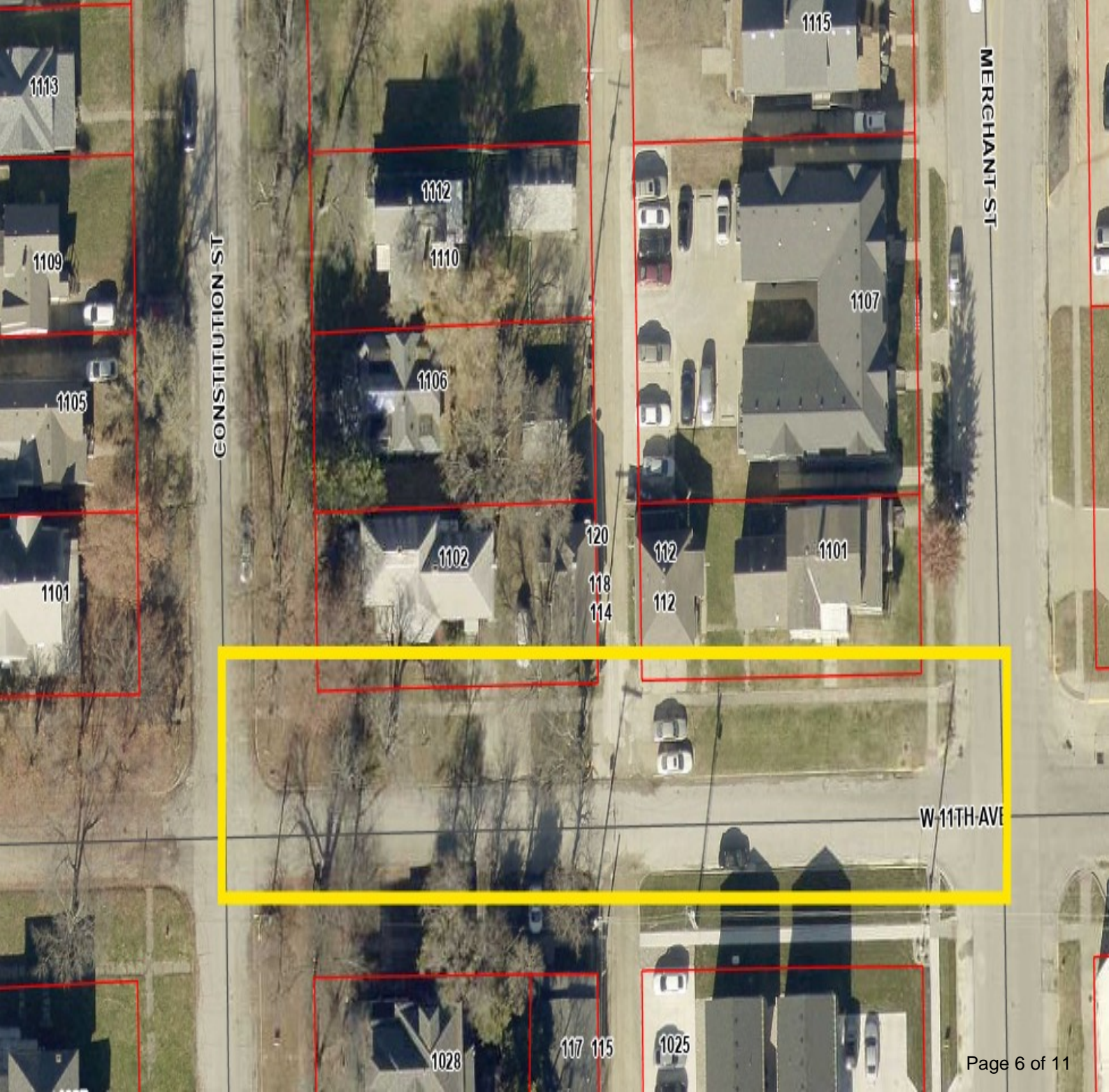
Applicant recommendation Move No parking designation from the northside to the southside of the street.

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Name	Eric Paul
Phone number	3039947909
Email	ontheroaderic@gmail.com
Street(s) or intersection	12th & Washington
Nearest address or landmark	Crosswalk with RRFB
Type of concern (check all that apply)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Speeding• Pedestrian/bicycle safety• Visibility• Traffic volume/congestion• School zone/crossing

Description of concern 12th is 40ft wide at this crossing and kids have to cross both lanes of traffic to get across. The RRFB has helped but has not solved the problem. Too often drivers are speeding in the school zone and do not yield when the RRFB is flashing. I have volunteered as a crossing guard here a few times and have seen it first hand. My wife is the morning crossing guard there. I have spoken to the afternoon crossing guard and former crossing guards and every one of them has a story of a near miss with a driver.

Applicant recommendation We need bulbouts (with bicycle pass through) or a refuge island as was indicated in the 2024 SRTS plan.

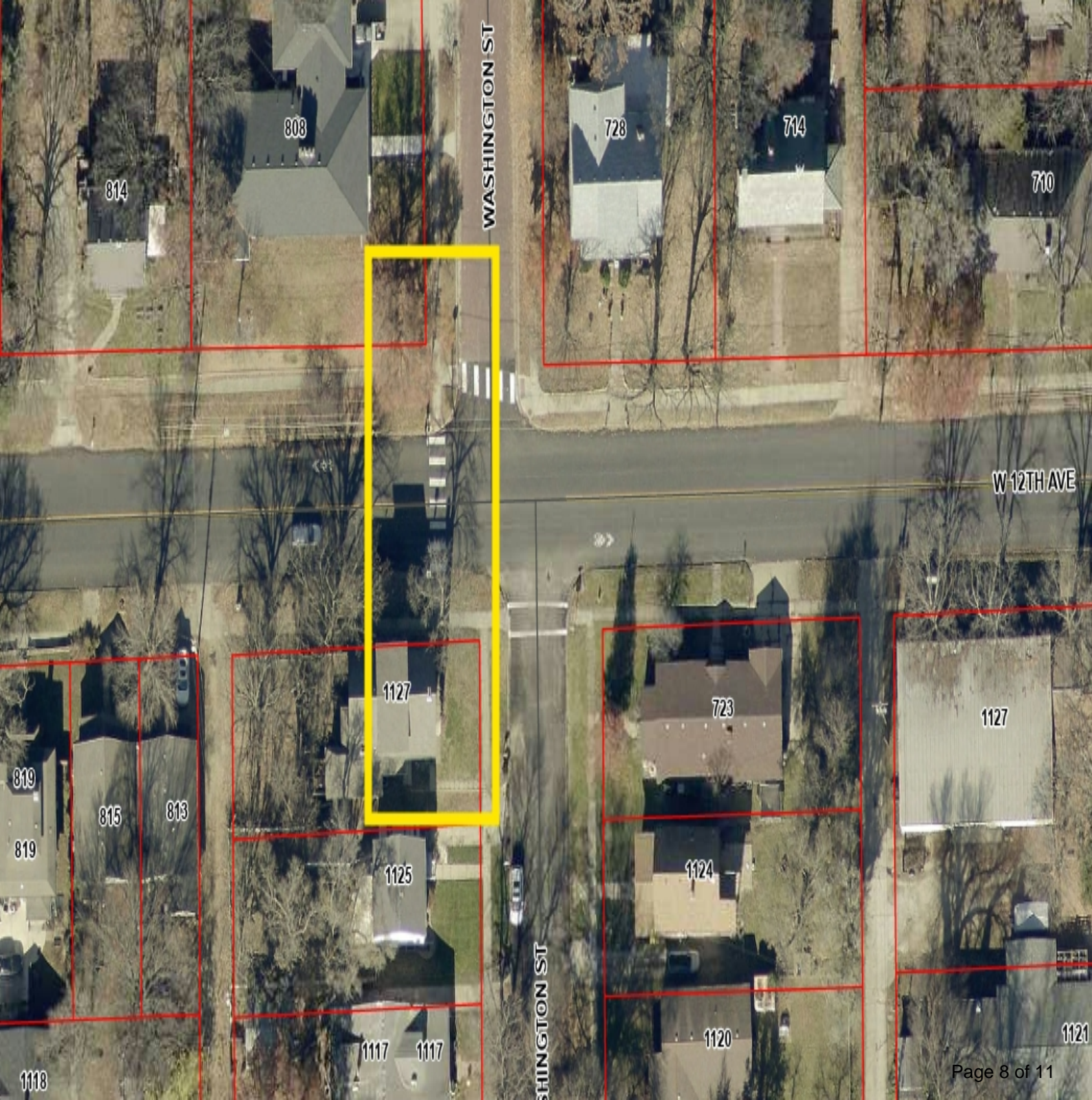
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Signature

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Traffic Safety Request Form

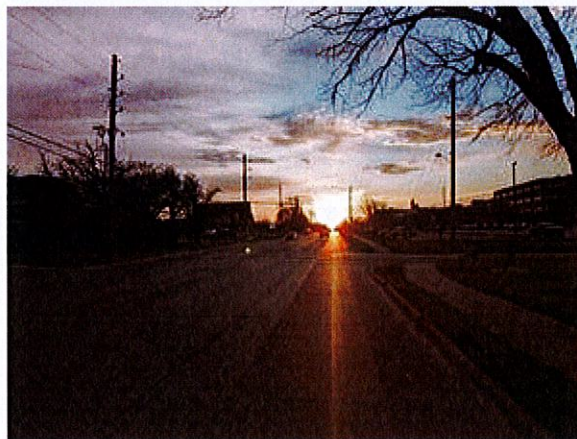
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Name	Eric Paul
Phone number	3039947909
Email	ontheroaderic@gmail.com
Street(s) or intersection	12th & Lincoln
Nearest address or landmark	Newman Regional Health

Type of concern (check all that apply)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pedestrian/bicycle safety• Visibility
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Description of concern	This crosswalk was installed with additional safety enhancements. Drivers do not yield to peds waiting to cross and visibility is poor, especially in the morning and afternoon. 40' of width means that even if the first driver stops, subsequent drivers may assume the driver is turning and attempt to go around with limited line of site to peds in crosswalk.
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Upload photos or documentation.



Applicant recommendation	Recommend safety enhancements. In order of value: 1) RRFB, 2) bulbouts or refuge island, 3) signage on either side of the crosswalk.
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