



**JOINT TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2026 AT 1:30 PM
EVORA WHEELER CONFERENCE ROOM**

ORDER OF BUSINESS

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Brandon Beck, Vice-Chair, City Fire Chief

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- 1) Meeting Minutes from May 18, 2026

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Appoint New Chair of Emporia/Lyon County Joint Traffic Safety Committee
- 2) Appoint New Vice-Chair of Emporia/Lyon County Joint Traffic Safety Committee
- 3) Request from Darrin Dodge of Red Brick Emporia, LLC, for a "No Truck Parking" designation and the installation of corresponding signs on both sides of Martin Drive, extending up to its intersection with Brownstone Boulevard. This request also includes the immediate reinstallation of the eastbound Stop sign that was knocked down at the intersection of Martin Drive and Brownstone Boulevard
- 4) Request to change the No Parking designation from the north side to the south side of the street, beginning at the intersection of 11th Avenue and Merchant Street and continuing west to Constitution Street. This item was tabled to allow time to notify residents who may be affected by the proposed change
- 5) Request for pedestrian safety improvements at the 12th Avenue and Washington Street crossing, including bulb-outs with bicycle pass-throughs or a pedestrian refuge island, as identified in the 2024 Safe Routes to School Plan. This item was tabled to allow staff time to obtain cost estimates for the proposed pedestrian safety infrastructure improvements
- 6) Request at 12th Avenue and Lincoln Street Pedestrian Crossing, for safety enhancements,

including RRFBs, bulb-outs or a refuge island, and signage on either side of the crossing. This item was tabled to allow staff time to obtain cost estimates for the proposed pedestrian safety infrastructure improvements

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME

Monday, July 20, 2026

The Emporia/Lyon County Joint Traffic Safety Committee met on May 18, 2026, in the Evora Wheeler Conference Room. Chair Mark Detter called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Present: Mark Detter, Chair, Deputy City Manager; Brandon Beck, Vice Chair, Emporia Fire Chief; Ed Owens, Emporia Police Chief; Brian Silcott, Emporia Public Works Director; Jon Proehl, Emporia Engineering Project Manager; Eric Paul, City Citizen Representative; Wayne Scritchfield, County Engineer; John Koelsch, County Undersheriff; Bruce Boettcher, County Civilian with Technical Experience; and Bill Heins, County Civilian with Technical Experience.

Consider Approval of Minutes from Meeting on February 23, 2026.

Motion to approve February 23, 2026, meeting minutes.

Heins/Owens
Approved
10-0

DISCUSS-Update on Emporia TEAP Study Presented By Jim Ubert, City Engineer

This item was discussed on December 15, 2025, January 26, 2026, and February 23, 2026. The committee then agreed to present it to the City Commission on March 4, 2026, study session.

Jim Ubert reported that, after his March 4, 2026, presentation, the City Commission did not support removing the traffic signals at 4th Avenue and Commercial Street or 7th Avenue and Merchant Street near the Post Office. He said the revised recommendations reflect the Commission's concerns.

He presented a map showing which signals would remain, which would be removed, which would require sign changes, and which locations would be removed from consideration. He also reported that the City will apply for a Safe Streets for All grant to study the following intersections:

- 6th Avenue & Constitution Street
- 7th Avenue & Merchant Street
- 7th Avenue & Commercial Street
- 5th Avenue & Commercial Street
- 4th Avenue & Commercial Street

The study will evaluate pedestrian safety alternatives if the signals are removed. Engineering will also consider the committee's future recommendations and the 2024 Safe Routes to School Study.

REQUEST - No Parking Designation From 11th Avenue & Merchant Street to Constitution Street

Phil Peacock, property manager for Smith Rentals at 1101 Merchant, requested moving the no-parking designation from the north side of 11th Avenue to the south side. He said parking at 1101 Merchant is limited and noted that the property at 1023–1025 Merchant has its own lot and adequate resident parking.

An initial motion to approve the request was later rescinded. The committee agreed to contact nearby property owners affected by the proposed change and allow time for their response.

A motion was made and seconded to table the item to allow time to contact affected property owners.

Owens/Heins
Approved
10-0

**REQUEST - Pedestrian Safety Infrastructure
At the Intersection of 12th Avenue & Washington Street**

Eric Paul, the committee's city citizen representative, raised concerns about speeding, visibility, traffic volume, and pedestrian safety at this school-zone crossing. He said the RRFBs and crossing guards are helpful when school is in session and suggested bulb-outs with bicycle pass-throughs or a refuge island similar to the concept identified in the 2024 Safe Routes to School Study. He also shared input from parents, teachers, and crossing guards and presented lower-cost alternatives for consideration.

Following further discussion, the item was tabled until the next meeting to allow the City Engineering Department time to gather cost estimates for the requested improvements.

A motion was made and seconded to table the item to allow the City Engineering Department time to prepare cost estimates for the requested pedestrian safety improvements.

Koelsch/Beck
Approved
10-0

**REQUEST - Pedestrian Safety Infrastructure
At the Intersection of 12th Avenue & Lincoln Street**

Eric Paul, the committee's city citizen representative, requested safety improvements at the pedestrian crossing at 12th Avenue and Lincoln Street, including RRFBs, bulb-outs or a refuge island, and signage on both sides of the crossing.

He said visibility at the crossing is limited at certain times of day and that signage is not posted on both sides of the street to alert drivers. Following further discussion, the committee agreed to allow staff time to obtain cost estimates for the proposed improvements, and the Chair suggested that Engineering and Public Works consider alternative safety measures.

A motion was made and seconded to table the item until the next meeting to allow staff time to gather information on safety alternatives and related cost estimates.

The item was tabled until the next meeting pending staff review and cost estimates.

Owens/Koelsch
Approved
10-0

Adjournment at 2:20 p.m.
Beck/Boettcher
Approved
10-0



Emporia/Lyon County Joint Traffic Safety Committee Traffic Safety Request Form

05/15/2026 11:33 AM (CDT)



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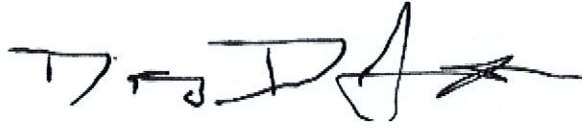
Name	Darrin Dodge
Organization (if applicable)	Red Brick Emporia, LLC
Phone number	785-806-1181
Email	ddodge@brownstone3.com
Street(s) or intersection	Brownstone Blvd and Martin Drive connection point within the Red Brick Emporia Development. Requesting "NO TRUCK PARKING" signs along Martin Drive in both directions, as trucks will begin to block traffic flow once our One9 Travel Plaza opens up next month. At the intersection of Martin Dr and Brownstone Blvd there is also a Stop Sign that has been knocked down, Eastbound on Martin Dr.
Nearest address or landmark	3710 Martin Dr. The Brand new One9 Travel Plaza that is being built on the West Side of town.
Type of concern (check all that apply)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Traffic volume/congestion• Traffic signal/stop sign• Parking
Description of concern	Brownstone Blvd and Martin Drive connection point within the Red Brick Emporia Development. Requesting "NO TRUCK PARKING" signs along Martin Drive in both directions, as trucks will begin to block traffic flow once our One9 Travel Plaza opens up next month. At the intersection of Martin Dr and Brownstone Blvd there is also a Stop Sign that has been knocked down, Eastbound on Martin Dr.
Upload photos or documentation.	 
Applicant recommendation	Requesting "NO TRUCK PARKING" signs along Martin Drive in both directions, as trucks will begin to block traffic flow once our One9 Travel Plaza opens up next month. At the intersection of Martin Dr and Brownstone Blvd there is also a Stop Sign that has been knocked down, Eastbound on Martin Dr.

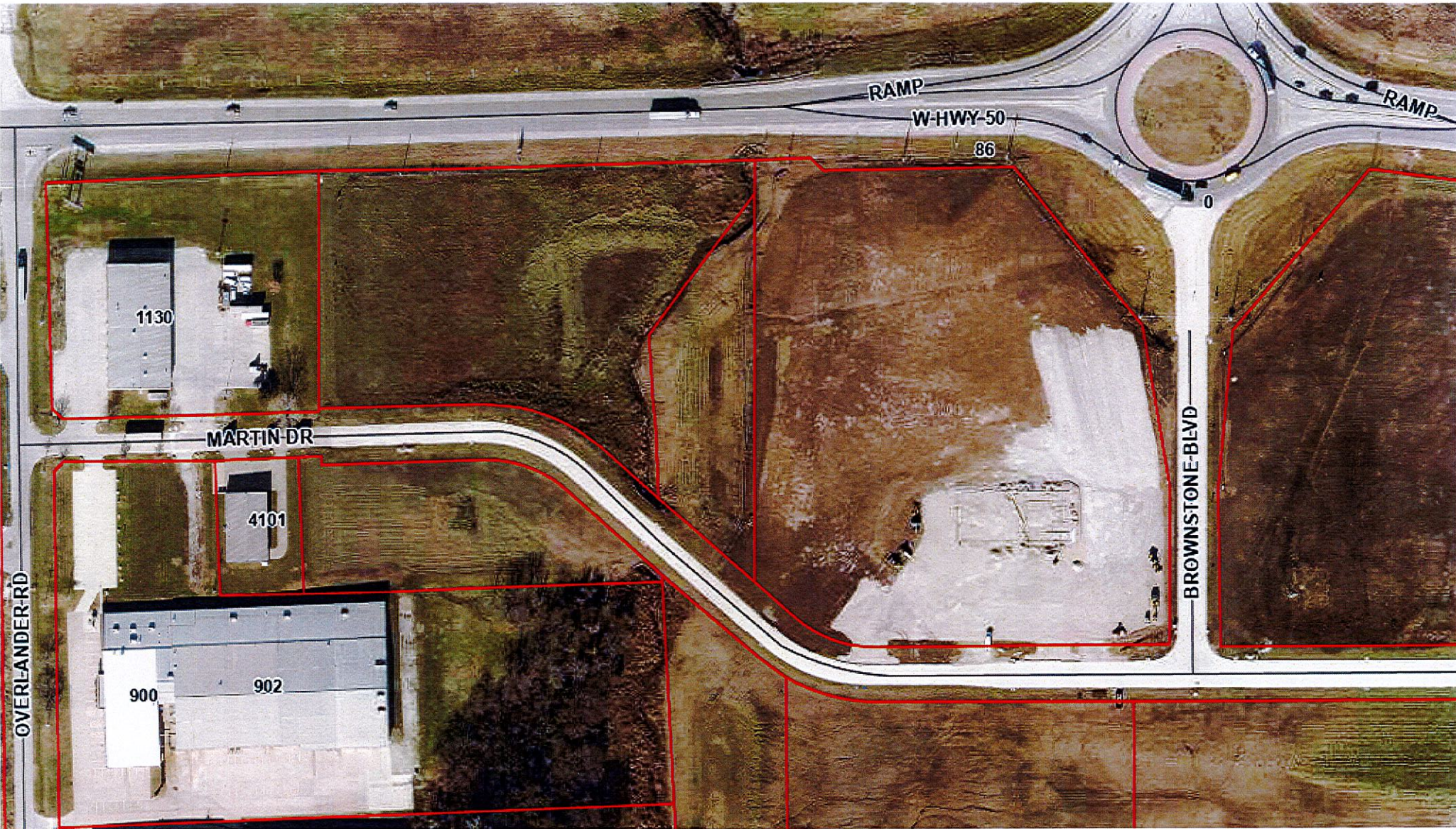
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I understand that this request may require traffic, pedestrian, or crash data, that review timelines vary, that I will be contacted regarding meeting scheduling, and that meeting attendance is required for my request to be heard. I acknowledge and submit this request.

Signature

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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)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.

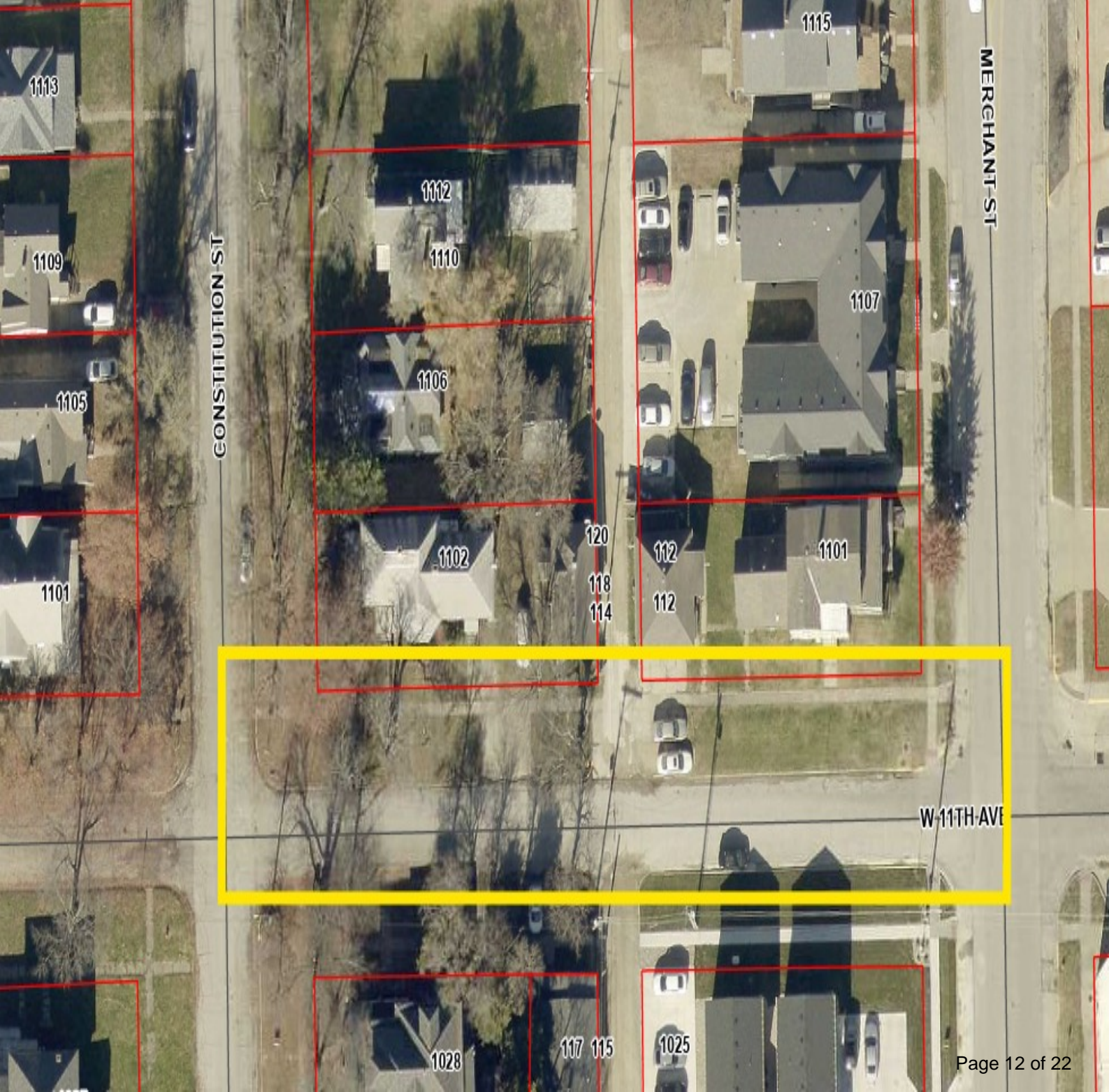
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Signature

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MERCHANT ST

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Re: Emporia Rentals - Apartments at 11th & Merchant

From Sue Bryson <sbryson@emporiaks.gov>
Date Tue 6/2/2026 9:33 AM
To Haag Management, Inc. <haag@emporiarentals.com>

Andrew,

At its May 18, 2026, meeting, the Emporia/Lyon County Joint Traffic Safety Committee received a request to change the existing no-parking designation from the north side to the south side of the street west of the intersection of 11th Avenue and Merchant Street, extending west to Constitution Street. As part of this process, the Committee is required to notify all parties who may be affected by the proposed change.

Haag Property Management manages the property located at 1025 Merchant Street; we are providing notice of this proposed change and would appreciate your feedback regarding whether you support it.

If you wish to attend, the next meeting will be held on Monday, June 15, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in the Evora Wheeler Conference Room, located at 516 Mechanic. The entrance is on the west side of the WLW Auditorium and is the first door on the left after entering.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Sue Bryson
Executive Secretary
City Manager's Office
City of Emporia
sbryson@emporiaks.gov
620-343-4251
620-343-4254 fax

From: Haag Management, Inc. <haag@emporiarentals.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2026 9:01 AM
To: Sue Bryson <sbryson@emporiaks.gov>
Subject: Re: Emporia Rentals - Apartments at 11th & Merchant

Caution: This is an external email. Please take care when clicking links or opening attachments.
When in doubt, contact your IT Department.

Sue,

We do own and manage the property located at 1025 Merchant.

Let me know if you have any other questions.

Thanks,
Andrew

Haag Management Inc.

529 Commercial Suite #1 (Office)

Office 620-343-6633

Cell 620-341-9400

Fax 620-343-7691

haag@emporiarentals.com

On Tue, Jun 2, 2026 at 8:54 AM Haag Management Inc. <haag@emporiarentals.com> wrote:

You have received the following message via your website:

CONTACT

Full Name: Sue Bryson

Email: sbryson@emporiaks.gov

Phone: 620-343-4251

Fax:

ADDRESS

104 E. 5th Avenue

Emporia, Kansas 66801

MESSAGE

Good Morning,

I'm trying to confirm if the property located on the Southwest corner of 11th & Merchant is owned by Haag Properties. Please contact the office, to confirm if it is or not.

Thank you,

Sue Bryson

City of Emporia



EMPORIA/ LYON COUNTY
JOINT TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

June 4, 2026

A red stamp with the word "COPY" in a bold, sans-serif font, preceded by a small square icon containing the letters "CC".

Stephen R. Gress
1028 Constitution Street
Emporia, KS 66801

Greetings:

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You own the property located at 1102 Constitution; we are providing notice of this proposed change and would appreciate your feedback regarding whether you support it.

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Sincerely,

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Sue Bryson
Secretary
Emporia/ Lyon County Joint Traffic Safety Committee



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Harvest Rentals LLC
11 W. 11th Avenue
Emporia, KS 66801

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Robert & Cheryl Griffen
1102 Constitution Street
Emporia, KS 66801

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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.

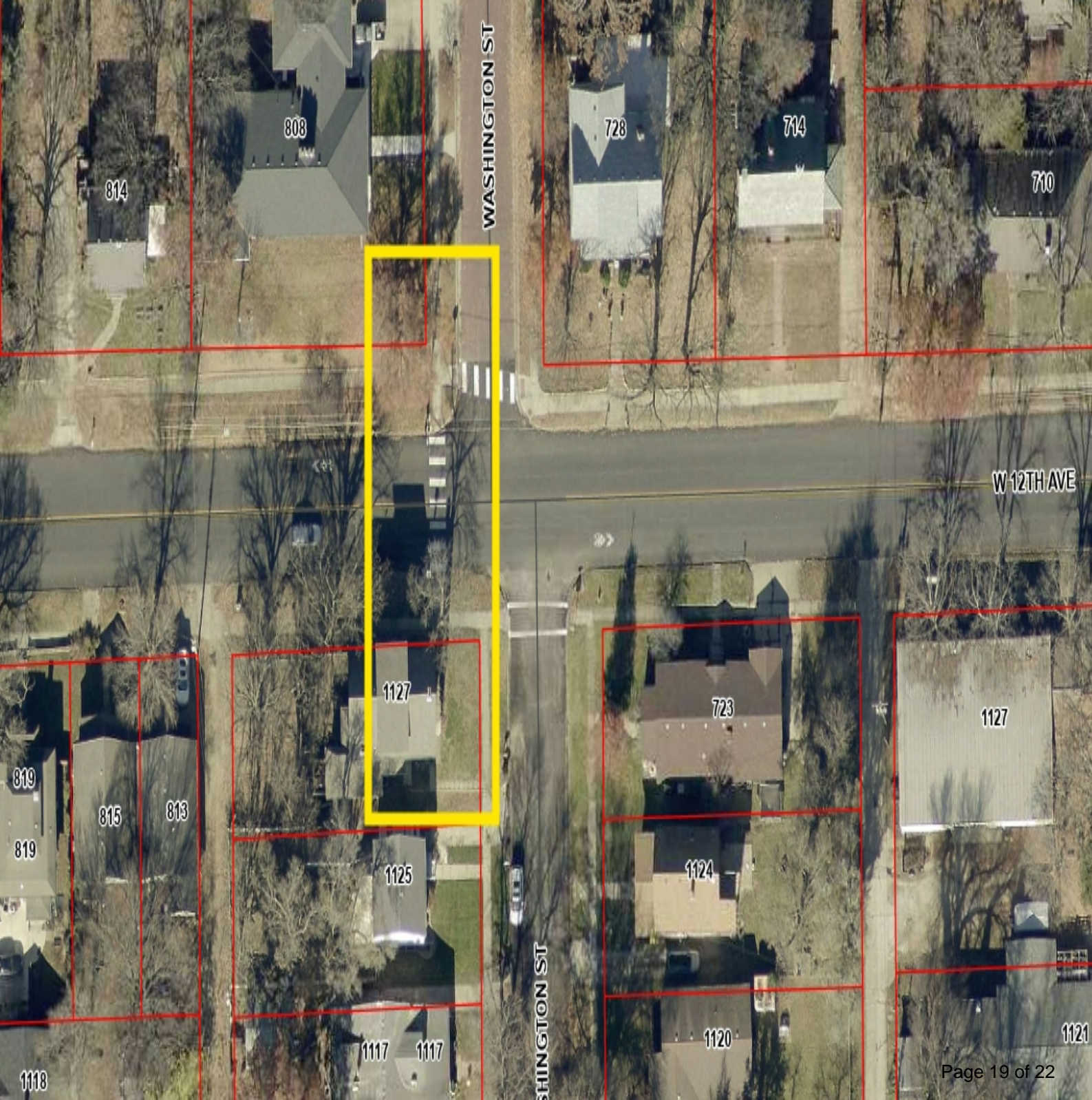
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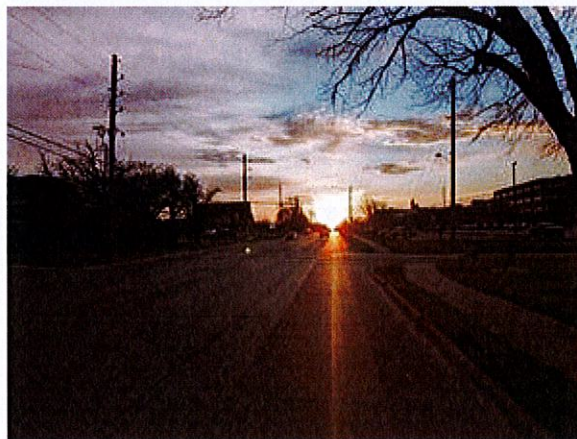
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Name	Eric Paul
Phone number	3039947909
Email	ontheroaderic@gmail.com
Street(s) or intersection	12th & Lincoln
Nearest address or landmark	Newman Regional Health

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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