# Traffic Commission

Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2023 @ 6:00pm

602 S. Main St, Joplin, MO 64801, 5th Floor Council Study

**Roll Call:**

- Members Present: John Bowling, Shawn Hull, Richard Schurman, Melissa Zolnierz
- City Staff Present: Dakota Rusk, Civil Engineer
- Others Present: Joseph

**Approval of Minutes:**

- Approval of the Minutes of the January 12, 2023, meeting.

**Discussion Topics:**

- High School Crossing
  - Should have something installed by next meeting.
  - We have a quote from our on-call contractor.
  - Waiting until after school is out to install.
  - The system has an island in the middle that has a diagonal in it in order to slow the pedestrians and make them turn towards oncoming traffic, so they are more likely to see vehicles coming.
  - Planning to spend a few mornings and afternoons after school starts to observe effectiveness.
  - Hope to partner with the school to include a little bit of education on how the system works for the usual students that walk.
- Traffic Calming Measures
  - Trying to incorporate temporary traffic calming into large road projects moving forward.
  - More budget could allow for other traffic calming measures such as chicanes.
  - The commission motions to send a letter/email to engineering to recommend an increase in the traffic calming budget.
  - Looking into traffic calming policy over the course of the next year.
- Safety Study
  - Agreement has gone to council with CJW for a Joplin Area Transportation Study Organization (JATSO) wide transportation safety study.
  - One part of the study is to look specifically at pedestrian safety and intersections and ordinances to improve safety.
  - Crashes will also be looked at and recommendations will be made to improve safety in high crash areas.
  - There will also be opportunities for the public to provide input.
  - This study will allow JATSO communities to apply for Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant opportunities.
- 26th Street Traffic Calming
  - Plan to send out letters or some form of communication to the residents to poll if they should be kept or removed.

- Wall and Joplin Ave Calming
    - Recommended in the active transportation plan.
    - Would be narrowed to add a bike lane and hopefully slow down traffic.
    - Possible that this project is added in the next CIST program.
- Dover Outdoor Recreation Area
    - ARPA grant received to help with the park area.
    - Plans to connect the 2 sides of Landreth park with a trail under the bridge when MoDOT is working on the bridge.
    - LWCF grant applied for to connect Landreth Park to Lone Elm Rd and the new outdoor rec area utilizing the old rail bed located along Joplin Creek.
- Signal Study
    - Study was focused more on signal projects than signal timings.
    - A big goal is to get projects that help with signal connectivity.

Traffic Commission Chair

Dakota Rusk, Traffic Engineer