



# City of Florissant

*Honorable Timothy J. Lowery, Mayor*

## **\*\*MINUTES\*\***

### **MAYOR'S ADVISORY TRAFFIC COMMISSION TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022**

The Mayor's Advisory Traffic Commission met at the James J. Eagan Center, Room 3, on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., with Zach Schneider presiding.

Members present were: Donna Smith-Pupillo (Ward 1), Don Adams (Ward 2), Greg Keil (Ward 4), Pete Fischer (Ward 6), and Zach Schneider (Ward 7). Also present were Lieutenant Pfaff and Officer Feldman, Police Department; Jason Timme, Street Department, and MaryAnn Fitzpatrick, Recording Clerk. Dave Clasby (Ward 8) and Kim Redden (Ward 9) were excused, and Teri Reiter (Ward 5) and Mike Mott (Ward 3) were absent. Also in attendance were residents Mike and Karen Batz, 2270 Flamingo Drive, and Joe Meyer, St. Joseph Street.

A quorum being present the chair declared the Traffic Commission was in session for the transaction of business.

Minutes of the October 12, 2021 meeting were approved as published. The November 9, 2021 meeting was cancelled due to the lack of Agenda items, and the December 14, 2021 meeting was canceled due to the lack of a quorum.

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**UNDER OLD BUSINESS:**

All old business was addressed and dropped from the Agenda at the October 12, 2021 meeting.

**UNDER NEW BUSINESS:**

**12/21            REQUEST WAS MADE TO ADD ADDITIONAL STOP SIGNS ALONG  
FLAMINGO DRIVE  
Denied but Alternate Suggestion was Approved  
Ward 1**

Request was made to add additional stop signs along Flamingo Drive. Zach Schneider read the e-mail from Councilman Harris, dated November 6, 2021, requesting the stop signs. Resident Mike Batz said he was the one who wrote the request. He said the problem being is a safety issue. He said he walks his dog in the morning. He said his dog is 14 years old and he doesn't move very fast. He said he is 67 years old and he has health issues. He said his knees are bad and he doesn't move that fast. He said he can stand on the curb on his street and look up the street to almost Night, and he can look down the street and see all the way to just about Shackelford. There is not a car in sight. He said he gets about half way across the street and he gets some guy behind him doing 30 m.p.h., and there was nobody there when he started. He said if you would put stop signs in at Swan, which should be a four-way stop to begin with, just like at Night, because he has witnessed three near accidents there from people pulling up on Swan onto Flamingo and people coming up Flamingo almost hit. He said right in front of his house he has seen five near accidents in two weeks for the same reason. He said they pull out and a guy is coming up and he is already there. He said there have been three accidents on his street that he knows of. He said his neighbor has two vehicles completely destroyed and the

neighbor across the street at the end of Chickadee said his son's car was rear-ended on Flamingo. He said he understands that stop signs are not to control speeders. He said he is looking to put the stop signs up to give people the opportunity to drive safely and to walk across the street without the fear of someone running them over. He said he would like a stop sign at every street along Flamingo, but you can eliminate the one at Bobolink because that is only one block long. He said there is a yield sign at Swan, and there is a stop sign at Thrush, and nothing else except a four-way stop at Night. Donna Smith-Pupillo said she lives on Swan and has lived there her whole life. Her mom bought the house when Donna was five. She said she drives in and out of there all the time, both down Flamingo and also down Mullanphy. She said before she would make a decision on this, she wants to know what the data shows from the lighted speed limit signs. She wants to know how much traffic there is and how fast they are going. Zach Schneider said he has a friend who lives on Flamingo and he said he can't see putting stop signs at every one of those intersections. He said that would basically just ask for more problems. He said we would need to put more cops out there because people would be running stop signs all day long. He said instead of speeding down the street now you have people running stop signs. He said he thinks some of these intersections that do not have any stop signs whatsoever should have something in place of nothing. He said if there is an accident, who is going to be at fault if there is no stop sign. He said as far as the yield signs at Swan, he would suggest switching them over to stop signs as well. He said he knows that is not Mr. Batz' main concern. He wants to slow down traffic on Flamingo itself. Lieutenant Pfaff said this is data from one of the speed signs. He said they did have a couple of the signs up there. He said this is about six months' worth of data. He said it is from December 2020 to June 2021. He said they recorded about 37,000 cars and

the average speed out of 37,000 cars was 26.53 m.p.h. He said this is not to say that nobody ever speeds down that street, but out of 37,000 cars the average overall speed is 26 m.p.h.

Mr. Batz asked what would happen if you would shrink that number down from six months to one month. He said he watches cars all day long. He said out of about 50 cars, 15 are speeding. That means the others are all going the speed limit, which is going to skew your numbers because you have more people going the speed limit and you have people that are exceeding it. He said for six months at 37,000 cars, yeah, if only 10 percent are going over the speed limit, you are not going to see that number. It is going to be miniscule. Don Adams asked if it shows the highest number clocked. Lieutenant Pfaff said the data shows the highest speed limit that was recorded and it goes by hours. He said he is not going to lie. A lot of these higher speed limits are the police when they are going to an emergency call. He said they are significantly higher, they're not just 38 m.p.h. or so, they are 68 m.p.h. Officer Feldman said during that time cars traveling 31 - 35 m.p.h., out of 37,000 cars, there were 5500. For 36 – 40 m.p.h., there were 1100, from 41-45 m.p.h. there 86, from 46 – 55 m.p.h. there were 28, 55 – 60 m.p.h. there were eight and from 71 – 75 m.p.h. there were three. He said, again, the probability is the last one was probably the police on an emergency call going up to Night or somewhere back in there. He said there was a lot of probability of that as well. He said one issue they do have, unfortunately with those signs, is people like to play with them. He said that's not going to be a clear and accurate indication of what goes on all day, but it's like 1:00 in the morning and kids have nothing better to do. They see a sign on the pole and see how fast they can go. He said regardless of where these signs are, you are going to have that problem. He said there is really no way to deter that particular incident. Pete Fischer said but at that time of day this gentleman is not going to be

walking his dog. Mr. Batz said he does hear cars going up and down his street going 65 to 70 m.p.h. He said he thinks he knows who it is but he hasn't been able to catch them. There's a guy on Bobolink about four houses down that has a white Mustang that he rebuilt. That engine is set up to run nitrous oxide. He said he brags about going down to Earth City Expressway racing. He said he tests his car on Friday and Saturday nights between 9:00 and 11:00 up and down Flamingo. Mr. Batz said he can't get out of his chair fast enough to get to the door to catch him because he is going so fast. Zach Schneider said he doesn't think this guy will stop for the stop signs. Donna Smith-Pupillo agreed. Mr. Batz said there are people who believe they are entitled. They have their car, they're driving it, and they can do whatever they want because nobody will hold them accountable for their actions. They are breaking the law and nobody can catch them so they think they are better than anyone else. Donna Smith-Pupillo said she drives up and down there a lot because she lives on Swan. She said from Night to Swan there are so many cars parked along the road off and on. She said she knows you can't really go very fast up and down there because you're weaving. That's usually the case between Night and Swan. Swan comes up the hill from Mullanphy on the Mullanphy side and there is a hill, then it goes down and there is an S-curve, then it ends in a yield sign there at Flamingo. Right there, most of the time on off hours, not during the day, there is someone who works for Spectrum and they have their van with their four cones sitting pretty close to the corner most of the time on Swan at Flamingo. She said you really do have to be careful when you are coming down at that end because that guy is sitting there in the evenings and on weekends when he is off. She said you are not complaining about the yield sign. The truth is that could be a stop sign instead of a yield sign, but it has nothing to do with the traffic on Swan. Mr. Batz is talking about the traffic on Flamingo.

She said along Mullanphy - Bobolink, Thrush and all of those streets have stop signs on the ends of those streets so that you have to stop before you go onto Mullanphy. She said but Mullanphy is just straight up and down and people go just as fast. The school is there and they just don't care. She said along Flamingo, those streets end as well. She said Saturday and Sunday this past weekend there were cars along the street from Swan down to Shackelford, mainly from the crosswalk to Shackelford. She said that's mainly where the cars were parked and not above that where Mr. Batz lives. She said stop signs don't really help to deter speed per se. That's not what they are designed to do. It is more for traffic flow. She said what people do is start running the signs or they speed up because they have to stop. She said then the police have to deal with the people who are running the stop signs. She said that's kind of the main thing about stop signs. They are not really designed to slow down speeders. Mr. Batz said he understands that and that's not what he is here for. He said he is here for safety issues. He said if he goes up St. Catherine off of St. Denis, they have stop signs on almost every block. He wants to know why it is good for them but not for him. He said they have a school up there, but he has two schools near him. He wants to know why it is good for them but not good for his street. He said he knows he has a heck of a lot more traffic coming up and down there than they do over there. He said that's where his idea came from. He wants to make the road safe. Right now he feels safer crossing Highway 270 than he does crossing his own street. He said he grew up on that street. He said he has lived there since 1962. Donna Smith-Pupillo said she gets it. She has lived there since 1953. He said when he grew up they were driving their cars and muscle cars and all that but there were more cars on the street so you couldn't really do what they are doing now. He said if there is a car on the street now, they don't care. They just step on the gas and go. He

said if someone is getting ready to pull out, they are going to get hit. He said one of these days someone is going to get seriously hurt and possibly killed because knuckleheads are driving like they are maniacs. He said if they have to slow down to observe a stop sign that eliminates that possibility of someone getting hurt. He said that's his main focus. He wants to keep the street safe. He knows you are not going to stop speeders because he knows we don't have enough police officers to sit there on that street and catch them. When they do catch them, half the time they end up not going to court anyway and they continue to do what they are doing. He said there is one guy on his street that has four tickets and he is still driving. He also has no insurance and no license. If he gets pulled over and gets a ticket, he just takes off. He wants to know why there are no consequences if you take off when you get pulled over. Don Adams said he had a couple of things to say. First, this Spectrum truck that is parked over there is illegal. He said we voted on an ordinance last year about commercial vehicles being parked on the street. He said maybe a few tickets on this guys windows will take care of the Spectrum truck. Lieutenant Pfaff said it depends how this vehicle is licensed. Officer Feldman said he would check on that. Don Adams said secondly, we have addressed this issue many times. Stop signs are not going to stop the knuckleheads. They are not going to stop the speeders. They are going to speed. He said they may tap their brake, but they are not going to slow down enough to make an impact. He said the guy with no license isn't going to suffer any consequences. That's our society today. There are no consequences for what happens. He said stop signs are not meant to control speed. Stop signs are meant for traffic flow. He said he sympathizes with Mr. Batz because that is a long straight street. He said he has been over there many times because his grandchildren live over there on Mockingbird. He said normally there are a lot of cars parked on the street where people

have to bob and weave. He said if they are going that fast when they are trying to bob and weave, stop signs are not going to do any good. He said he feels sorry for Mr. Batz and he doesn't know what to do to fix it, but stop signs are not answer. Mr. Batz said he knows what the answer is but no one wants to do it. He said these knuckleheads need to be held accountable for what they are doing. Don Adams said he would like to bring this up real quick too. He said this happened to him last week. He was out in west county off of Manchester. He said they have these stupid speed bumps in the middle of the street in the subdivision. He said we have talked about this as a way to slow down traffic. He said you don't see these things coming and all of a sudden you are on it. He said they aren't high, but they are high enough to make you bump. He said we've talked about this but he has never experienced it until it happened to him last week. He said he can see where they are definitely a no no to try to control traffic. He said he just doesn't see where stop signs are going to do anything. He said the most it would do would give the police some teeth to bite on people. He said you can't just put up temporary stop signs and then take them down. But if you do have a stop sign and you get caught speeding you can get a ticket for running the stop sign. Zach Schneider asked Mr. Batz if he noticed any other issues as far as some of these inbound streets. The streets that are coming into Flamingo that do not have any signs at all. Mr. Batz said Chickadee. Zach Schneider said there are several streets that come into Flamingo that don't have any traffic control at all. He said that if there is an accident there would be an argument because both sides would claim they don't have a stop sign. He said then who would be at fault. He was told the main street always has the right-of-way. Don Adams agreed. Zach Schneider said you could argue that one all day long. He said they do have a yield sign at the Swan intersection. Donna Smith-Pupillo said there is a yield sign at the Swan



intersection and we have talked about this before changing the yield signs to stop signs. She said you could do this, but right there anyway, you are coming down a hill and it's making an S-curve so if you are flying, you are going to get hit anyway. That's just the way it is. She said if you are going to make it consistent, on the other side of Mullanphy, there is a stop sign at the end of Swan and the rest of those streets running into Mullanphy. Zach Schneider said that just makes sense because Mullanphy is a very busy street. Donna Smith-Pupillo said it is a lot busier street because it is the main thoroughfare. She said it only has one three-way stop at Mallard because there is a hill and you can't see. Zach Schneider said you can drive all over Florissant, or any municipality in the St. Louis area, and there is going to be those intersections that do not have any traffic control signs. You just have to use common sense. Don Adams said we've discussed this issue on numerous streets and we've always come to the same conclusion. It was stated that we've discussed this issue on this street several years ago and it didn't meet any of the criteria for a stop sign. Don Adams said it didn't meet the criteria because of the speeding. Stop signs are not meant to deter speeding. Zach Schneider asked if there is anything else we can do to deter speeding. Jason Timme said that street was made a double fine zone street.

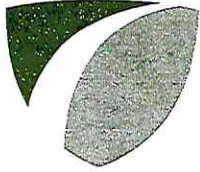
Donna Smith-Pupillo said it is a double fine zone street. Jason Timme said that was kind of the answer to that question. What more can be done and it was changed to a double fine zone. Zach Schneider asked if that was posted. The answer was yes, but Mr. Batz said just one sign. It was stated that there is one sign in each direction. Jason Timme said we can put more signs up. He said there are two up there and maybe they are across the street from each other. He said we could post more signs up there. Zach Schneider asked if there was one coming in from Bluff. Mr. Batz told him no. He said you have a four-way stop at Night and that is it. Greg Keil

asked Jason Timme if that was covered under an ordinance. Jason Timme said yes, it is covered. Zach Schneider he was down in the City of St. Louis. He said he was going down a street that he has gone down numerous times and they just recently put these extremely wide speed bumps in. He asked if this was something we could potentially think of doing. Jason Timme said there is a lot of things they call traffic calmers. He said there are a lot of different ways you can do that whether it be something like that. But, again, if the Fire Department doesn't like speed bumps, they aren't going to like that. He said that's one issue. He said there are lot of different things that could be tried. They will put bump-outs in the road to slow people down so you have to pay more attention. He said it is sort of like what you see at St. Francois and Lafayette. He said it makes no sense why it comes all the way out into the street, but that's sort of what a traffic calmer is like. Lieutenant Pfaff said you could try something like what was done on Wadsworth. That has been very effective. Jason Timme said what they did on Wadsworth was put cones out. He said it is basically a calming device where they just have to drive around the cones so it makes them pay attention to something. He said something like the speed tables, that's a whole road redesign. Zach Schneider said that would cost millions of dollars and he get it. Jason Timme said if we were redoing the whole street, you could incorporate it then. Donna Smith-Pupillo asked what was done on Wadsworth. Lieutenant Pfaff said on Wadsworth near the school there is an area where there are no houses or anything, so it was kind of easy to do it there. He said they put cones out into the street about six feet. He said it was like a half circle of cones. He said about 20 or 30 yards on the opposite side of the street they put the same circle. He said they would have to stop to let the others go through. Jason Timme said it is like what was done on St. Francois, but it was just done with cones. Zach Schneider said maybe we can look at that

and see if that is something we can do. Jason Timme said it is like what was done on St. Francois where you see the bump-out, we just did it with cones. It is just a temporary thing while they are working on the highway because there are so many people cutting through. He said if you redesign the road, you would plan that in the redesign. He said when they redo St. Denis Street he thinks right around Hendel's there is going to be one of these speed tables. He said he isn't sure if it is going to be in the intersection or what, but he believes they are trying to incorporate it into the plans there. He said without a whole street redesign, it is hard to do something permanent. Don Adams asked if you put the cones out, isn't that basically the same as having cars parked along side the curb where you have to drive around them and slow down. Don Adams said he doesn't know what the solution is. Lieutenant Pfaff said he thinks the traffic calming would be more effective than stop signs because you are not creating another problem like having to deal with people now running the stop signs. Jason Timme said we can definitely put more speed limit signs up there, not that anyone looks at those if they are willing to speed anyway. Mr. Barz said he was in favor of the speed bumps, but when he talked to the EMS people he changed his mind. They told him if they hit those speed bumps and it damages their vehicle because they have to get somewhere fast, it will put their vehicle out of service; and if the vehicle is out of service, they can't get you to the hospital. He said that was all he needed to hear. No speed bumps. Zach Schneider said he would like to make a motion to add more of these double fine zone signs and additional speed limit signs along Flamingo. He said we should also consider these calming devices. Jason Timme said our Public Works Director is not going to go for that. He said he was opposed to them on the other ones we did. He is of the opinion that it is an enforcement issue and not a traffic issue. Lieutenant Pfaff said they just acquired a new radar

trailer. He said it is a full trailer. It will take up an entire lane, depending on where they put it. He said they have a sign on it that tells them to slow down, or they can put the speed limit on it. He said it is a little more visible and they would have to navigate around it. He said that is something they can probably do in the future. Zach Schneider asked if it notifies the Police Department if there is speeding going on. Lieutenant Pfaff said it does track data, but it doesn't notify the Police Department while it is going on. He said they can go up there with a laptop and download the data and they can see what times things are happening, but it doesn't have cameras on it or anything. He said it does collect all the data just like the other signs do. Don Adams said if it tracks speeders during certain hours, is it possible for the police to police the area a little better or a little more. Officer Feldman said we had this discussion at last meeting as well. He said the prime time for complaints was from 2:00 or 3:00 until about 7:00 or 7:30 in the evening. He said they could be up on Flamingo for three or four minutes and then get a call where they have to be across town. He said it is a possibility, but you have to know they could get called away after just a short time. Lieutenant Pfaff said they could request it though.

Motion was made by Zach Schneider to make a recommendation not to place additional stop signs along Flamingo Drive since stop signs are not intended to slow speeding traffic. It was also recommended that additional speed limit signs and double fine zone signs be added on Flamingo. Motion was seconded by Don Adams. On the roll call the commission voted: Donna Smith-Pupillo – yes, Don Adams – yes, Greg Keil – yes, Pete Fischer – yes, and Zach Schneider – yes. Motion carried. Item 12/21 was dropped from Agenda.



*NEW RADAR TRAILER*

Start: 2021-06-12

End: 2021-06-20

Times: 0:00-23:59

Violation Threshold: Speed Limit + 10

Speed Range: 1 to 150

## Overall Summary

Total Days of Data: 9

Speed Limit: 25

Average Speed: 26.53

50th Percentile Speed: 26.72

85th Percentile Speed: 31.94

Pace Speed Range: 22-32

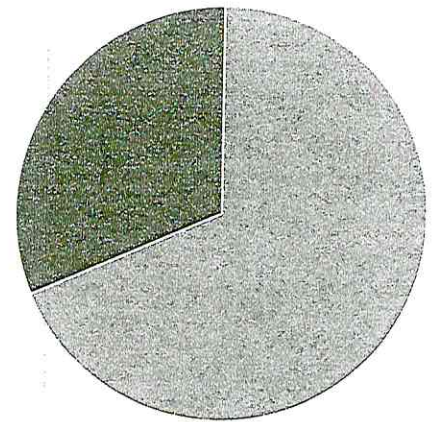
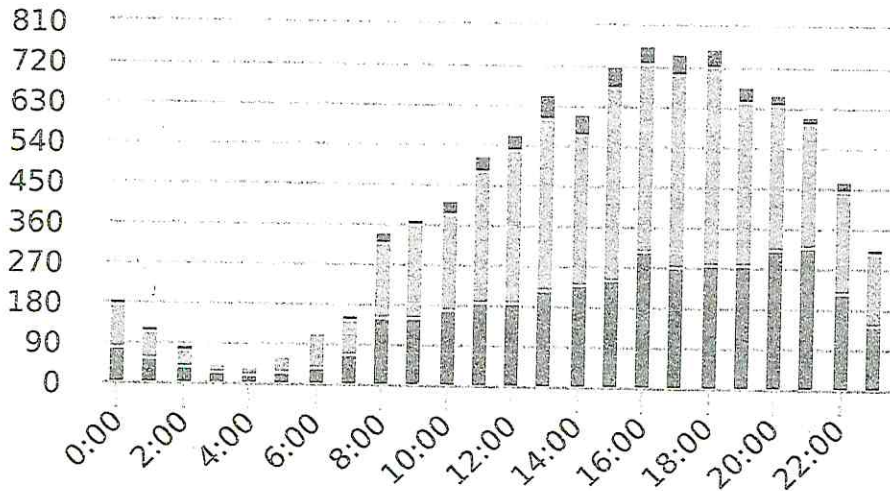
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Maximum Speed: 75

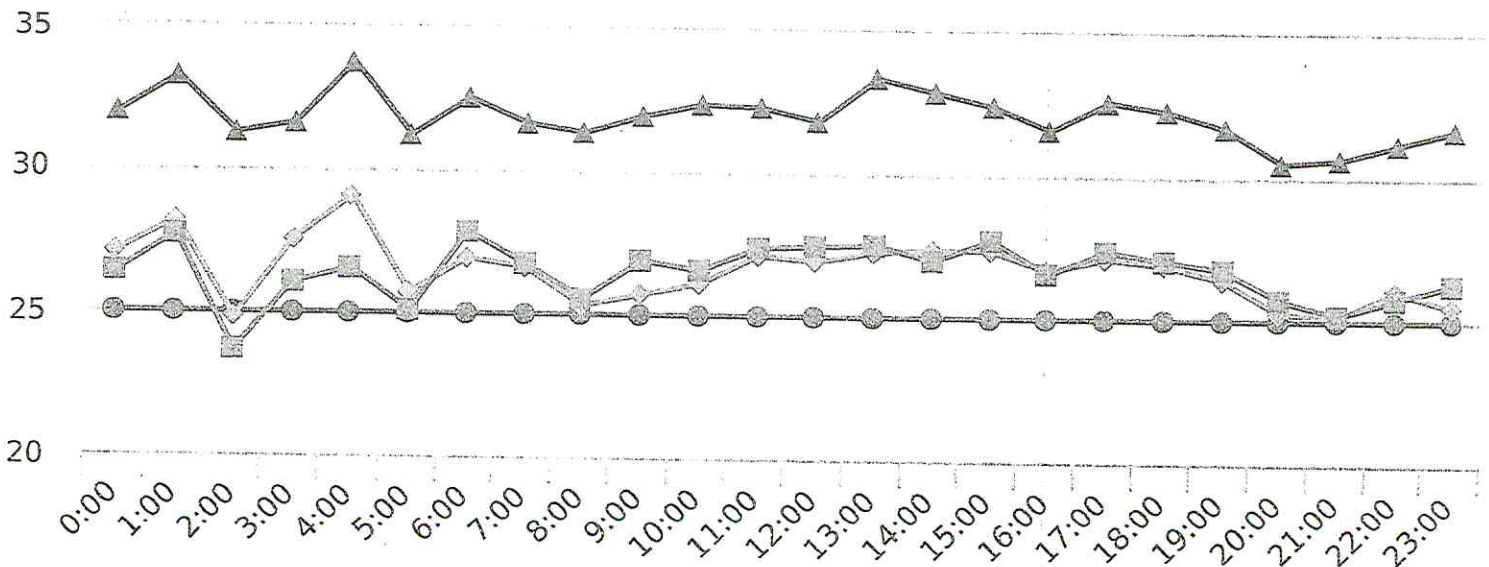
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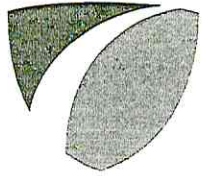
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**Violators**
 **Inside Threshold**
 **Compliant**
 **Vehicles Slowed**
 **Other**



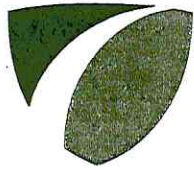
**Speed Limit**
 **Average Speed**
 **50% Speed**
 **85% Speed**



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Time	Sign Mode	Speed Limit	Total # Vehicles	Total # Violator	% Violator	Avg # Vehicles	Avg # Violators	Min Speed	Max Speed	Avg Speed	50% Speed	85% Speed	Sign Effectiveness
0:00	Speed Display	25	184	12	6.5%	23.0	1.5	6	62	27.1	26.4	32.0	69.7%
1:00	Speed Display	25	128	15	11.7%	16.0	1.9	6	75	28.2	27.7	33.2	68.1%
2:00	Speed Display	25	83	9	10.8%	10.4	1.1	5	55	24.8	23.7	31.2	63.8%
3:00	Speed Display	25	51	6	11.8%	6.4	0.8	6	44	27.5	26.1	31.6	64.6%
4:00	Speed Display	25	43	7	16.3%	5.4	0.9	6	71	29.0	26.6	33.7	58.3%
5:00	Speed Display	25	62	3	4.8%	7.8	0.4	5	42	25.7	25.1	31.2	61.4%
6:00	Speed Display	25	117	5	4.3%	14.6	0.6	6	42	26.9	27.8	32.5	67.6%
7:00	Speed Display	25	154	11	7.1%	19.3	1.4	6	53	26.6	26.8	31.6	66.8%
8:00	Speed Display	25	342	21	6.1%	42.8	2.6	5	47	25.3	25.6	31.3	65.4%
9:00	Speed Display	25	371	12	3.2%	46.4	1.5	5	41	25.7	26.9	31.9	68.8%
10:00	Speed Display	25	412	26	6.3%	51.5	3.3	5	42	26.1	26.6	32.3	65.1%
11:00	Speed Display	25	517	34	6.6%	64.6	4.3	6	52	27.1	27.4	32.3	64.5%
12:00	Speed Display	25	562	31	5.5%	70.3	3.9	5	48	26.9	27.4	31.8	70.8%
13:00	Speed Display	25	654	52	8.0%	81.8	6.5	5	55	27.3	27.5	33.3	72.8%
14:00	Speed Display	25	611	48	7.9%	76.4	6.0	5	68	27.3	27.0	32.8	68.4%
15:00	Speed Display	25	718	46	6.4%	89.8	5.8	5	73	27.4	27.7	32.4	66.4%
16:00	Speed Display	25	771	45	5.8%	96.4	5.6	5	48	26.7	26.6	31.6	69.8%
17:00	Speed Display	25	753	52	6.9%	94.1	6.5	5	51	27.1	27.4	32.6	71.0%
18:00	Speed Display	25	760	42	5.5%	95.0	5.3	5	51	26.9	27.0	32.3	63.9%
19:00	Speed Display	25	676	31	4.6%	84.5	3.9	5	54	26.4	26.8	31.7	72.0%
20:00	Speed Display	25	661	23	3.5%	82.6	2.9	5	50	25.3	25.7	30.5	69.2%
21:00	Speed Display	25	613	19	3.1%	76.6	2.4	5	68	25.2	25.2	30.6	68.2%
22:00	Speed Display	25	466	22	4.7%	58.3	2.8	6	48	26.0	25.8	31.1	67.7%
23:00	Speed Display	25	321	15	4.7%	40.1	1.9	5	50	25.5	26.3	31.7	74.5%
<b>Total Volumes/ Avg</b>			<b>10030</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>5.9%</b>	<b>1253.8</b>	<b>73.8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>26.6</b>	<b>26.5</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>67.5%</b>
<b>Total/Avg w/o Feedback</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Total/Avg w/ Feedback</b>			<b>10030</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>5.9%</b>	<b>1253.8</b>	<b>73.8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>26.6</b>	<b>26.5</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>67.5%</b>



Start: 2020-12-31  
End: 2021-06-20  
Times: 0:00-23:59

**Volume by Speed**  
Flamingo/Bobolink, WB

Speed Bins: Size 5, Range 1 to 150  
Time View: By Hour (Total Volumes)

Time	1 to 5	6 to 10	11 to 15	16 to 20	21 to 25	26 to 30	31 to 35	36 to 40	41 to 45	46 to 50	51 to 55	56 to 60	61 to 65	66 to 70	71 to 75	76 to 80	81 to 85	86 to 90	91 to 95	96 to 100	101 to 150	Avg Speed	Total
0:00	5	38	26	67	182	198	96	24	2	3	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25.0	645
1:00	1	23	11	40	120	116	69	26	8	3	1	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	26.6	423
2:00	4	31	11	30	54	68	43	12	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24.3	260
3:00	1	18	17	33	69	50	25	9	5	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24.0	230
4:00	3	12	10	16	40	35	20	9	7	3	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	26.1	160
5:00	3	49	20	24	48	50	38	16	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22.7	255
6:00	38	141	30	59	97	134	73	21	10	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20.6	605
7:00	112	267	51	73	186	260	134	27	8	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19.6	1121
8:00	31	194	70	94	271	359	177	36	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22.5	1238
9:00	86	228	55	116	309	421	212	34	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22.1	1469
10:00	23	115	75	105	434	537	249	60	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24.7	1610
11:00	6	88	62	132	490	709	327	63	13	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25.8	1894
12:00	7	88	60	141	456	775	358	64	16	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26.1	1967
13:00	10	75	72	153	503	794	374	81	18	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26.2	2085
14:00	21	128	82	154	637	855	392	80	18	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25.5	2372
15:00	20	93	79	183	650	1021	436	77	24	6	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	26.1	2592
16:00	18	110	90	202	773	1164	470	94	21	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25.9	2950
17:00	20	134	118	234	898	1165	463	110	19	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25.6	3169
18:00	9	90	85	247	855	1112	450	100	22	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25.9	2975
19:00	15	115	97	267	872	979	308	71	16	7	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24.9	2752
20:00	8	107	96	256	796	747	243	53	18	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24.4	2328
21:00	11	92	80	210	667	624	229	41	11	6	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24.5	1975
22:00	2	57	45	151	467	500	170	50	13	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25.3	1461
23:00	12	59	41	89	322	355	152	39	12	9	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25.3	1093
<b>Total</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>2352</b>	<b>1383</b>	<b>3076</b>	<b>10196</b>	<b>13028</b>	<b>5508</b>	<b>1197</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>37629</b>

**13/21            REQUEST WAS MADE TO PLACE STOP SIGNS ON ST. JOSEPH STREET AT  
BOONE TO CREATE A FOUR-WAY STOP INTERSECTION  
Approved  
Ward 6**

Request was made to place stop signs on St. Joseph Street at Boone to create a four-way stop intersection. This item was reviewed at the September 14, 2021 meeting and the request was denied. The Mayor is asking the Traffic commission to re-evaluate this Agenda item.

Joe Meyer said he is a resident of the City of Florissant and lives on St. Joseph Street and he is also a business owner. He said he does appreciate the Traffic Commission revisiting this issue. He knows it is the second time we have discussed this issue. He said he wasn't able to make it to the meeting the first time this item was discussed. He said the request for the stop sign at the intersection of St. Joseph and Boone is basically the first intersection off of New Florissant Road. He said he has been a resident there for about eight years now, and in the time he has been there he has noticed an increase in traffic flow. He thinks a lot of driver's have gotten clued in to the idea of instead of going down to the stop light at Lindbergh and New Florissant, which would be making a left turn, the light could take quite a while. He thinks a lot of people turn on St. Joseph, which is the last street to make a left, so they skip the stop light, and then they make a right on Lafayette or Jefferson to get back over to Lindbergh, and then vice-versa. He said coming the other way on Lindbergh you make a right on New Florissant, if it's a busy traffic time, it builds up right there in front of the Police Department. At times they cut through on Jefferson or Lafayette, make a left on St. Joseph and then they get back out onto New Florissant. He said he has noticed a big increase in the traffic flow there on that stretch. He said he feels there are also some visibility concerns right there at that particular intersection of St. Joseph and Boone Street. He said there



is a lot of tree coverage there, and then the one house in particular, on the northwest side, there are bushes there. He said there is a house where the door doesn't face St. Joseph, it faces Boone, but it sits maybe five or six feet off the street on that corner. He said it is really close to the street. He said he lives on that side as well which is close to where Atonement Lutheran School, the soccer fields and playground are. He said none of those houses there have fences and so there is a fair amount of foot traffic through there. He said his thoughts here are increased traffic flow and some visibility concerns. Don Adams asked how far is this street off of Florissant Road. Mr. Meyer said it is like two measured blocks, but it is the first street off of New Florissant Road. He said then there are two more blocks up to Lafayette, which does have a stop sign. Don Adams said we discussed something of this nature last year and we decided it would cause traffic problems there. Zach Schneider said it was all part of the St. Denis Street issue where they wanted all the stop signs. Don Adams said people using that as a cut-through are causing traffic backups. Zach Schneider asked if there are stop signs on Boone or St. Joseph. Mr. Meyer said there is a stop sign on Boone crossing over St. Joseph. Don Adams asked if there are a lot of kids cutting through yards in that area. Mr. Meyer said there are some and he said he sees kids on bikes and kids going to the playground. Don Adams said we've already had this and Donna Smith-Pupillo said we've talked about this issue before. Zach Schneider said he doesn't think the stop sign is really necessary. He said he doesn't live over there but based on what we've already discussed and studies we've done over there, he said he doesn't think it requires another stop sign in Old Town. He said there are stop signs all over the place in Old Town it seems like. He doesn't think we should be adding another one. Don Adams asked how far it was to the next stop sign. Mr. Meyer said it was two blocks up to Lafayette. Zach Schneider said it is not a

speeding issue, but there are too many cars cutting through. Mr. Meyer told him that was correct. Don Adams asked what the difference was between this issue and the previous Agenda item. Jason Timme told him the difference with this one compared to their concern is most of the people they see speeding live there. The people who come through here could be going anywhere because one way you go to Lindbergh and the other way you go to Florissant Road.

Zach Schneider asked if he was saying we should put stop signs at every intersection in Old Town. Jason Timme said he was not saying that at all. He was just saying that's the difference between the two situations. Zach Schneider said that would deter everyone from going through Old Town. He said he would like to make a motion to deny this request. Mr. Meyer asked Zach Schneider what he would say would be legitimate criteria to putting a stop sign at an intersection like this if speeding doesn't fit. Zach Schneider said speeding obviously does not fit. He said what he is getting at is if we put this sign in we are opening up a Pandoras Box to put stop signs up everywhere. He said we are going to have stop signs at every single intersection running down St. Joseph, running down St. Denis, running down St. Antoine. Mr. Meyer was also told that the Traffic Commission has a list of criteria that they go by when making their decisions. Mr. Meyer was shown a copy of the list of criteria. Zach Schneider said there are several four-way intersections in Old Town, and all over Florissant, that have stop signs that have been approved and have zero traffic control. He said he would prefer stop signs for traffic control and there is already traffic control at that intersection. He said if there were no stop signs or yield signs period at that intersection, certainly we should put something up to eliminate any potential accidents. He said St. Joseph doesn't have a stop sign, but Boone does. Mr. Meyer asked Zach Schneider to repeat for him what his reasoning was for the denial. He said he heard him

say this is something we had addressed previously about a different intersection. Zach Schneider said we had talked about this exact same scenario on St. Denis, but was mainly a speeding issue. He said they wanted stops at every single intersection all the way down the street. Greg Keil said it was for the same reason. They felt it was a cut-through. Mr. Meyer said he didn't know if they were referencing any of these criteria in the reasoning for denial.

Motion was made by Zach Schneider to make a recommendation not to place stop signs on St. Joseph Street at Boone to create a four-way stop intersection. Motion was seconded by Greg Keil. On the roll call the commission voted: Donna Smith-Pupillo – no, Don Adams – yes, Greg Keil – no, Pete Fischer – no, and Zach Schneider – yes. Motion did not carry. Item 13/21 was dropped from the Agenda.

**01/22            REQUEST WAS MADE TO RESTRICT PARKING ON BLACKEARTH COURT  
Denied  
Ward 2**

Request was made to place no parking signs on the right side of the street leaving the court on Blackearth Court. Zach Schneider read the email from Councilman Manganelli, December 1, 2021. Don Adams said he would vote against it. Zach Schneider said he would also vote against it. He said it is very quiet over there. Don Adams said when he was there, there was only one car parked there right as you turn onto the street. He said there is a house right there and there were two cars parked in the driveway. He said he did not see cars parked on both sides of the street. Zach Schneider said the person requesting this said it is a narrow street which makes it difficult for cars coming in and out of the court, but he doesn't feel this street is any narrower than any other street. Jason Timme said it is not a narrow street. It is a 26 foot

wide street just like every other street. Zach Schneider said it is a very short street.

Donna Smith-Pupillo said it is a short court. Jason Timme said he has never seen anyone park where they want the sign unless they park there at night. Zach Schneider said there are two driveways right there and there is only a short area where you might be able to park.

Jason Timme said there is barely enough room to park there. He said unless the people who live on Jenkee park there at night, he doesn't know who else would park there. Zach Schneider said he doesn't know if the request is for the entire side of the street back to the court or what.

Jason Timme said he thinks they wanted it right there like it was a sight obstruction at the intersection or something. He said there is barely enough room to park from where the driveway is to the intersection. Donna Smith-Pupillo asked how anyone could park there. Jason Timme said you really couldn't. He said you would be almost in the intersection. Officer Feldman said you can't park within 50 feet of an intersection. Jason Timme said he thought it was only 30 feet because it is 30 feet from a stop sign, but there is no stop sign there. Officer Feldman said it may be 30 feet, but there is an ordinance for parking too close to an intersection. Jason Timme said technically that would be no parking anyway because he can guarantee its not 30 feet to that driveway. He said there is only 22 feet from the edge of that driveway to about half way into where it widens out. Donna Smith-Pupillo said so they couldn't park there anyway. That would be a no parking zone anyway. Jason Timme said it is technically no parking outside of having a sign put up. But, again, we have an ordinance that says no parking 30 feet from a stop sign, but we don't have a sign on every stop sign. Pete Fischer said they want the sign on the right side of the street and he asked if it was east or west. He was told east. So you are coming out the right side. Jason Timme said, again, he doesn't know who would park there other than the guy who

lives on Jenkee, but he has a two-car driveway and he never sees a lot of cars there.

Zach Schneider said there's not a stop sign there either. Jason Timme said if someone is parking there then call the police because no one should be parking there anyway. Jason Timme asked if there has to be a sign to write a ticket. Lieutenant Pfaff said not if it is in violation of parking so close to the intersection. He said he can have the patrol guys go and look at it. Jason Timme said we have put up signs that say no parking here to corner. It seems silly sometimes but we have done it before. He said if you stick the sign right in the middle of that area, the problem is he doesn't know where this guy lives. He doesn't think that is his house. So if this guy lives down in the court and he wants a no parking sign there, now the guy on the corner is going to complain that he doesn't want that sign in his yard. Now he has to trim around another sign and everything else. He said if it is not needed why put it there. Donna Smith-Pupillo said she suggests we deny the request just because there is no reason for it.

Motion was made by Donna Smith-Pupillo to make a recommendation not to place no parking sign on Blackearth Court since there doesn't seem to be a reason for it. Motion was seconded by Don Adams. On the roll call the commission voted: Donna Smith-Pupillo – yes, Don Adams – yes, Greg Keil – yes, Pete Fischer – yes, and Zach Schneider – yes. Motion carried. Item 01/22 was dropped from the Agenda.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

There were no miscellaneous items sent to the Traffic Commission for review.

Next Traffic Commission meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2022.

**ADJOURNMENT**

No other items were brought before the Commission this evening. The meeting was adjourned.

For the Chairman  
Mayor's Advisory Traffic Commission

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "MaryAnn Fitzpatrick". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "M".

MaryAnn Fitzpatrick  
Recording Clerk