

CAB 5 Traffic Sub-Committee Update and Recommendations

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Committee was formed by Chairman Sowden after learning of the intent by SgCo Public Works to place a barrier at 55th St South to prevent traffic from crossing east to west and west to east as well as turning from the north to the east and from the south to the west.

It is recognized that historically, the 47th St South to 63rd St South has a high number of accidents in this corridor. What the committee also concluded was that Clifton/47th St and Clifton/63rd St also have about the same number of traffic accidents.

Information the committee wanted to access was how such a move would affect traffic flow at 47th St as well as 63rd. Also, what groups would be affected by restricting cross and turning traffic at 55th.

Initially it was decided to;

1. Create a public survey that would be posted online at our Facebook page as well as emailed to possible affected parties or families.
2. Use the same survey questions for public safety agencies who might be affected by the barriers to include: LE, FD, EMS, SO, KHP.
3. Also gain data as to the types of accidents occurring at this location, time of day, fatalities and personal property damage.

Current Consensus:

Although the sub-committee has drawn up two recommendations for both County and State actions, we still need to accumulate more data. Some is slow coming because of process required and some requires multiple contacts with agencies.

Currently there have been over ___ responses to the public survey. Olivia Hayse has given an interview with the Derby Informer concerning changes at 55th/K-15 and there expected to be more activity on the public survey. More data is needed concerning accidents. Traffic study counts are supposed to being done by SgCo Public Works and that information shared with the committee.

It is the intent of the sub-committee to leave the survey open till the end of March.

Recommendations:

1. 55th/K-15: The CAB5 Traffic-subcommittee at this time recommends that a less restrictive approach be taken at 55th/K-15.
 - Larger, lighted, flashing stop sign on both the east and west.
 - An “upcoming stop sign” sign on the west side coming from the west that would also have flashing amber or yellow lights as a caution. The hump or rise before K-15 creates a visibility problem for the stop sign onto K-15.
 - Increased LE presence at busy times of the day.
 - Data collected after this solution is implemented to see if any affect on accident count.
2. 47th/K-15: Traffic feasibility study completed to include vehicle and pedestrian overpass at K-15/47th. Also include the complete 47th-63rd/K-15 and Clifton/47th corridor and how much of an issue the BNSF RR is concerning the safety of both vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

The Traffic-Subcommittee would like to address with local authorities

- How Haysville was able to obtain a raised rail corridor through their city.
- Possibility of moving the cross light on 47th west of Clifton to Clifton/47th.