



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, November 26, 2002

Joint Mtg/Council Session

Item I5

#2002-370 - Approving Resolution Directing Staff to Require Installation of Public Sidewalks on Harrison Street by Fall 2003.

At the August 20, 2002 City Council Study Session, the Sidewalk Committee presented a list of areas which were recommended for sidewalk installation. At the October 9, 2002 regular City Council meeting, the Council voted to table the installation of sidewalks on the west side of Harrison Street because of resident's concerns about ditch drainage, damage to sprinklers and landscaping, the potential of future street widening projects to tear up any newly installed sidewalks, and a speeding problem in the area.

The Sidewalk Committee had reviewed their concerns and addressed them as follows:

Ditch Drainage - There will be some areas where fill material will be needed. The City will be responsible for the costs of placing the fill. The Sidewalk Committee walked the entire area to confirm that the sidewalks and associated fill can be constructed without causing drainage problems.

Sprinklers and Landscaping - The location of the sidewalks can be adjusted to minimize the impact to sprinklers and landscaping. Some bushes will either have to be trimmed or removed.

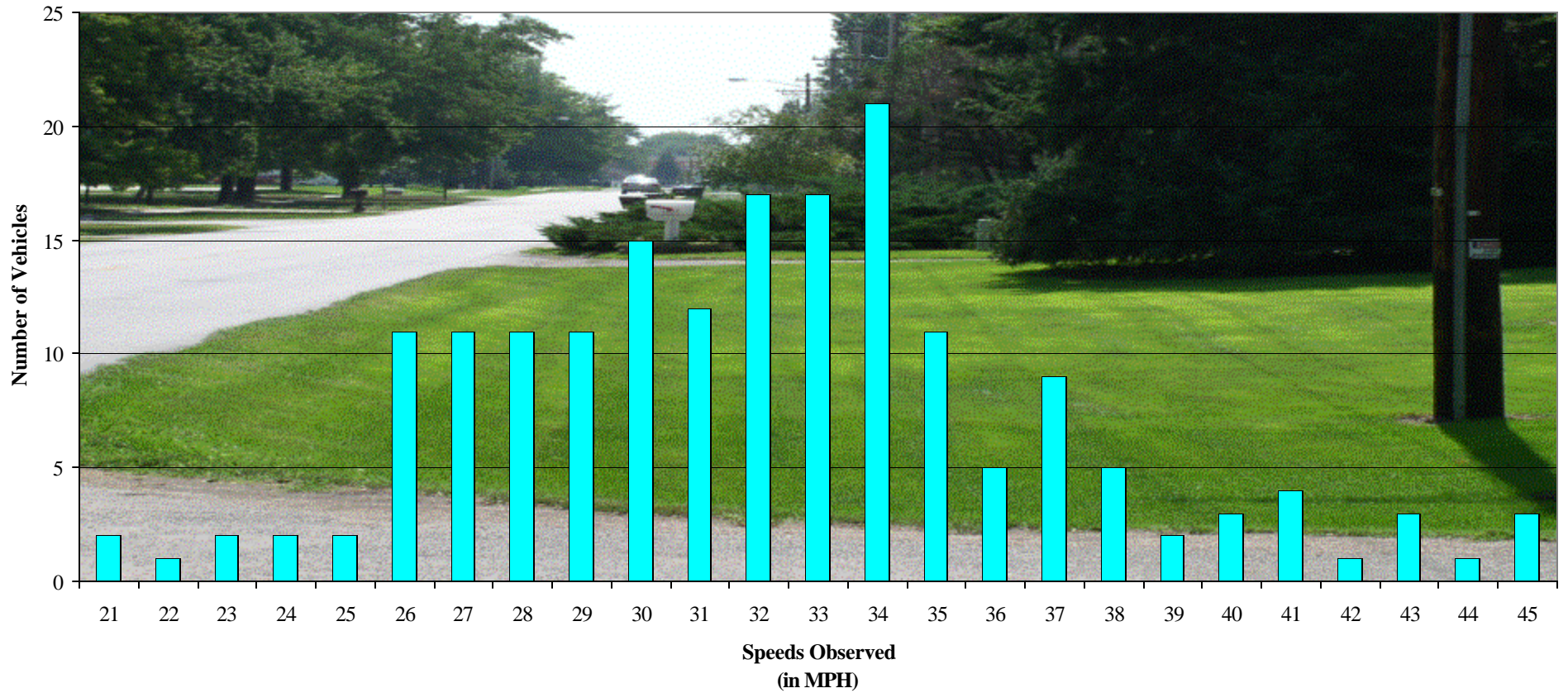
Road Projects - The existing road is wide enough to carry a substantial volume of traffic and we do not anticipate widening it for quite some time. If the street were widened it would only exacerbate the speeding issue.

Speeding - The Public Works, Engineering Division conducted a speed study. Although the results showed vehicles traveling above the posted 25 mph speed, the numbers were not that different from other residential streets.

It is recommended that Council approve a Resolution directing staff to require installation of sidewalks on Harrison Street before school starts in the Fall of 2003. City costs would be minimal for placing fill in needed areas.

Staff Contact: Steve Riehle, City Engineer/Public Works Director

Speed Study - 1500 Block of Harrison Street



Number of Vehicles Observed:	182 vehicles
Median Speed:	32 MPH
Average Speed:	32.2 MPH
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Bottom of 10 mph pace speed:	26 MPH
Top of 10 mph pace speed:	35 MPH
Percentage of Vehicles in the Pace	75.3 Percent

RESOLUTION 2002-370

WHEREAS, Section 32-58 of the Grand Island City Code authorizes the City Council to give notice to property owners to construct sidewalks contiguous to the street side boundary lines of any lot, tract or parcel of land within the city; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that the City contact the property owners on the west side of Harrison Street from Stolley Park Road to the bike trail north of LaMar Avenue, giving them notice to construct such sidewalk according to the provisions set out in Section 32-58 of the Grand Island City Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the City of Grand Island be, and hereby is, authorized to give the property owners of the above-listed property, notice to install sidewalks in the areas identified above by the time school resumes in the fall of 2003.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska on November 26, 2002.

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form ♦ _____ November 21, 2002 ♦ City Attorney
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