

TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE COMMITTEE

Quarterly Report

April – June 2026

April

No meeting held this month.

May

A. Citizen request to evaluate the need for a stop sign(s) at the intersection of 33rd Street and 50th Avenue:

Discussion: The Street department will install a traffic data collector at the intersection of 33rd Street and 50th Avenue to obtain vehicle counts, turning movements, and pedestrian activity. The Police Department will obtain crash data. The regional intersection traffic control consists of 51st Avenue and 33rd Street controlled by a stop sign. 50th Avenue is not a through road in either direction from 33rd Street. Data collection findings will be provided at the next meeting.

Motion made by Sliva and a second by Borchers to install a traffic data collector at the intersection of 33rd Street and 50th Avenue and the Police Department to obtain crash data. Bogus, Sliva, Borchers and Levander voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Absent Vasicek.

**B. Review of Traffic Device needs within the City:
26th Avenue north of 8th Street Parking:**

Discussion: The property owner at 2520 8th Street expressed concerns regarding vehicles parking along the east side of 26th Avenue approaching the intersection of 8th Street. Vehicles are occasionally parked up to the corner, restricting the turning radius for eastbound delivery trucks on 8th Street attempting to turn north onto 26th Avenue. The property owner requested installation of “No Parking From Here To Corner” signage and indicated no objection to placement of the sign within the frontage of his property.

Motion made by Sliva and a second by Borchers to approve the installation of “No Parking From Here To Corner” signage on the east side of 26th Avenue at property 2520 8th Street. Bogus, Sliva, Borchers, and Levander voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Absent Vasicek.

OLD BUSINESS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Traffic Data results southbound 7th Avenue intersection with 3rd Street:

Traffic Data collector was installed for a seven-day period and recorded an average traffic volume of approximately 12 vehicles per day. Based on the data collected, the location does not meet the warrant criteria for installation of a crosswalk at this time. The City will continue to monitor traffic conditions and pedestrian activity for any future changes that may warrant further evaluation.

June

A. Nebraska Central Railroad request of closure of the 63rd Ave. (west side of Howard Blvd. (US Hwy 81) railroad crossing:

Discussion: Rio Grande Pacific Corporation (RGPC) owns the Nebraska Central Railroad Company (NCRC) operates the rail line on tracks owned by Union Pacific Railroad. RGPC on behalf of NCRC requested a permanent closure of the railroad crossing on 63rd Avenue located on the west side of Howard Boulevard (US Highway 81) to the Nebraska Department of Transportation. City representatives expressed concerns that the proposed closure would have a significant impact on the City of Columbus, with corporate limits, properties are located on both sides of the railroad tracks. Among the several concerns identified included accessible crossings options in the region are limited; closest adjacent crossing is about one mile from the intersection; eliminates a major emergency route of Loup River levee failure or flooding as defined in the Emergency Operations Plan; is not in compliance with the Comprehensive Plan, Long-Range

Transportation Plan, and Master Trail Plan; and will not meet emergency response times of the National Fire Protection Agency standards and Insurance Services Office benchmarks. The Platte County Board of Supervisors have approved a Resolution in opposition to the proposed closure due to the potential adverse impacts on public access transportation efficiency, and emergency response.

Motion made by Vasicek and a second by Borchers to recommend to the City Council to oppose the closure of the railroad crossing at 63rd Avenue and US Highway 81. Vasicek, Bogus, Borchers and Levander voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Absent Sliva.

B. Review of Traffic Device needs within the City:

28th Street north of 8th Street Parking:

Discussion: A property owner residing on 28th Street and 45th Avenue expressed written concerns regarding vehicles parking on the southwest corner of the intersection near a fire hydrant during events at Gerrard Park. The parked vehicles restrict line of site for motorists looking southbound on 45th Avenue. As a result, eastbound drivers on 28th Street need to pull farther into the intersection to see around the parked vehicles creating a potential cause for a traffic accident with northbound traffic on 45th Avenue.

After discussion, a motion made by Vasicek and a second by Borchers to approve the installation of "No Parking from Here to Corner" sign. Vasicek, Bogus, Borchers and Levander voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Absent Sliva.

Consideration to install a four-way stop at 23rd Avenue and 8th Street intersection:

Discussion: Bogus noted that the South Thoroughfare Study recommends the installation of mini roundabouts at the 8th Street intersections of 23rd Avenue and 26th Avenue. Any such improvements would require consideration by the City Council for inclusion in a future budget. Levander noted that law enforcement presence and traffic enforcement activities along 8th Street have increased. No action was taken.

OLD BUSINESS

A. None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Traffic Data results southbound 33rd Street and 50th Avenue:

Continued to next meeting.