

**Arkansas City Traffic Safety Committee**  
9/27/19 Minutes

A special meeting was held Friday, September 27, 2019, in the City Manager's Office at City Hall. Meeting called to order at 10 a.m.

Roll Call:

**CITY STAFF MEMBERS**

<b>City Manager</b>	Nick Hernandez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Fire-EMS Department</b>	Bobby Wolfe	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Management Assistant</b>	Mike Crandall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Police Department</b>	Dan Ward	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Principal Planner</b>	Josh White	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Public Services Dept.</b>	Tony Tapia	<input type="checkbox"/>

**COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES**

<b>City Commission</b>	Karen Welch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Chamber of Commerce</b>	Mark Chickadonz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Cowley College</b>	Matt Stone	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Planning Commission</b>	Dr. Scott Rogers	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>School Board / Chamber</b>	Jon Oak	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>USD 470 Public Schools</b>	Jeri Crumbliss	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**1. KDOT Cost Share Program:**

Nick outlined requirements and possibilities available with the newly unveiled KDOT Cost Share program for 50-50 funding.

The grant applications will be due **Oct. 11**. The City would like to apply for 50-50 funding to address North Summit Street all the way from Kansas Avenue to Skyline Road, with a simple mill and overlay from Radio Lane to Skyline, plus sidewalk.

From Kansas Avenue to Radio Lane would be total reconstruction. Both five-lane and three-lane options will be studied here.

The City is paying TranSystems **\$7,000** for both studies, which will build on the traffic study it already performed there.

This project proposal would include a signalized crosswalk at Osage Avenue for the Jefferson Elementary pedestrian traffic.

There also could be signal improvements at the Walmart intersection, as well as drainage improvements to the storm inlets.

The project could cost anywhere from **\$3 million to \$6 million**, with the City picking up half of the cost through either property tax levies or possibly a special sales tax — about 48 percent of City sales tax revenue is generated in this corridor.

Andrew said the City will need letters of support from property owners and community partners, and there will be a quick turnaround on gathering those once the project details are nailed down. He asked everyone to monitor their email next week.

He said this project clearly checks all the boxes for economic development, reducing congestion, safety and traffic efficiency.

Nick and Andrew said advocacy by Traffic Safety Committee partners will be very important if this project moves forward.

Jeremy Truelove (ACHS) asked Andrew if he can share any infographics the City develops for social media and the website.

Mike said if we are not awarded in October, there could be another round of applications in March. We will stay in the queue.

Jeri joined the meeting in progress at **10:12 a.m.** Nick gave her a brief recap of the committee's discussion to that point.

The committee did not have a formal vote on this matter, but continued to voice its support for Summit Street improvements.

Dan asked if there still would be a regular quarterly Traffic Safety Committee meeting **Oct. 11**. Andrew said there would be.

Karen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion was approved **7-0** on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at **10:48 a.m.** The next meeting of the Traffic Safety Committee will be at **10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 11, 2019.**