



# Sustainability Action Network

Local Solutions for Transition to a Sustainable Economy

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Michael Dever, Mayor  
Lawrence City Hall  
6 East 6th Street  
Lawrence KS 66044

28 January 2014

re: TE-TA-2014-Lawrence grant application to KDOT

Mayor Dever and Commissioners:

Please see the attached memorandum that Sustainability Action presented to the City Commission on 5 November 2013. It contains signatures of twenty six key stakeholders that support the proposal by Sustainability Action to build an extension of the Burroughs Creek Trail from Hobbs Park to City Hall.

We had previously been laying the groundwork for this proposal by consulting with Tony Krsnich who will build a section of this trail at 900 Delaware, by consulting with Westar Energy who will remove the power poles along Delaware St., by working with Mike Myers who had been developing alternate alignments for the trail, and by collaborating with the Cultural District Task Force.

On 5 November, we requested that the City Commission place our proposal on a future agenda to discuss it in detail. Instead you arranged a meeting of Sustainability Action with City Commissioner, Bob Schumm, and staff members, Dave Corliss, Chuck Soules, David Cronin, Scott McCullough, and Todd Girdler. The meeting was very productive, resulting in the proposal being formalized as a KDOT TA grant application now coming before you for your action.

Sustainability Action, of course, requests that you commit matching local funds for the KDOT TA grant application for the Hobbs Park-Constant Park Multi Use Trail. The range of stakeholders who have signed on to our original proposal is extensive. It includes the Presidents of the three neighborhoods who initiated the Burroughs Creek Trail in 2004 (Barker, Brook Creek, and East Lawrence), several members of the original Burroughs Creek Corridor Planning Committee, Susan Tate of the Cultural District Task force, Scott White of the Sustainability Advisory Board, Carey Maynard-Moody of the Depot Redux, Lynn Green of VanGo Arts, Mike Myers, and many business owners along the projected trail alignment including Mr. Krsnich.

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Please note on page five of our original proposal is a map with the alignment that the stakeholders indicated a preference for (two options). The KDOT grant request is for funding of the project only, not for a specific alignment. We understand that the final alignment will be determined by a combination of engineering studies and stakeholder preferences.

Sincerely,

Michael Almon

# Memorandum

To: Mayor Michael Dever

From: the undersigned

Date: September 2013

Re: Delaware St. Bicycle Track & downtown connection

Dear Mayor Dever & Commissioners:

When the three east side neighborhoods of East Lawrence, Barker, and Brook Creek initiated the Burroughs Creek Park & Trail project on 15 September 2004, they intended it to connect the neighborhoods and overcome the historic barrier of the BNSF industrial corridor. The resulting *Burroughs Creek Corridor Plan* adopted in 2006 led to construction of the Burroughs Creek Linear Park & Trail from 23 Street north to Hobbs Park at 11th Street, a highly popular amenity for all of our neighborhoods. The plan also has provisions to further connect with other parts of the City and the bicycle network.

One of the principal provisions is the Plan recommendation that “the trail continue to the north to a desired trail head at Hobbs Park, and in the future allow the trail to continue farther to the north”. The intent of the Planning Committee was for the trail to connect with downtown and points beyond. A conceptual alignment for a 10 foot wide bicycle track connection has been designed by Mike Myers, an East Lawrence Neighborhood resident, and his design has received support in many quarters.

Similar to the vision of the Planning Committee, the Myers' alignment proceeds north through Hobbs Park east of the ball field to 10th & Delaware St., north along the east side of Delaware St. to the vicinity of the BNSF Station, and then westward to City Hall and the Kansas River Bridges.

At this time there is an ideal opportunity for a public-private partnership to realize this long anticipated plan. Developer, Tony Krsnich, is proposing to build a 10 foot wide bicycle track in front of his “9 Del Lofts” project at 900 Delaware St. He is having the Westar power lines buried along there to make room.

The property owner at 920 Delaware St., construction company Struct/Restruct, is planning to move their facilities, and lease their two buildings. All three parties of Struct/Restruct and the two pending businesses support having the 10 foot wide bicycle track in front of their places of business. Mike Solida of Westar Energy has said that they will relocate the utility poles along there, at Westar's expense, if the City decides to build the 10 foot wide bicycle track to the south. And Mr. Krsnich's link will also connect with the existing extra-wide sidewalk to the north between 9th St. and 8th St.

A constellation of factors is driving the renaissance of the East Lawrence Neighborhood including private business investment, City investment in improved infrastructure, the BNSF Station and other historic preservation efforts, a growing presence of the arts, and the prospect of a cultural district designation. Completing the Burroughs Creek Trail Plan to link to downtown plays importantly in all of these.

We are requesting that the City allocate the funds and direct Public Works Department to design and construct a 10 foot wide bicycle track from the current terminus of the Burroughs Creek Trail on 11th Street, diagonally through Hobbs Park to 10th & Delaware St., and north along the east side of Delaware St. to connect with the 10 foot wide bicycle track at the 9 Del Lofts.

We also are requesting the City initiate an alignment and engineering study in consultation with key bicycle plan stakeholders for the remaining bicycle track connection from 8th & Delaware St. past the BNSF Station to Robinson Park and Constant Park at the river bridges. If the study is completed within the next few months, the project could then be budgeted for 2014 construction. Let's fulfill the vision.

Sincerely,

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Louis Wigen-Toccalino	Decade
AARON PADEN	1208 Delaware .ELNA
Matt Jones	struct/restruct, LLC 920 1/2 Delaware
Tony [unclear]	720 LLC
Tony [unclear]	Recher Lofts GP
Tony [unclear]	Cider Partners, LLC
Tony [unclear]	826 Fern LLC
Tony [unclear]	835 Fern LLC



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Eric Jay	Struct/Restruct, LLC, 920 ½ Delaware St.
Brian Shay	Lawrence Re-Cyclery, 920 ½ Delaware St.
Louis Wigen-Toccalino	Decade Coffee Shop, , 920 Delaware St.
Aaron Paden	East Lawrence Neighborhood, Vice Pres.
Matt Jones	Struct/Restruct, LLC, 920 ½ Delaware St.
Tony Krsnich	9 Del Lofts
“	720 LLC
“	Poehler Lofts GP
“	Cider Partners, LLC
“	826 Penn LLC
“	830 Penn LLC
Josh Davis	East Lawrence Neighborhood, President
Evie Schlife	East Lawrence Neighborhood member
Lane Eisenbart	East Lawrence Neighborhood, Coordinator
Robert Krause	917 Delaware St.
Scott Trettel	Trettel Design-Build, 846 Pennsylvania St.
Susan Tate	710 Indiana St.
Eric Kirkendall	Lawrence Creates, 512 East 9th St.
Lynne Green	VanGo Arts, 715 New Jersey St.
Marty Kennedy	Kennedy Glass, 730 New Jersey St.
Mike Myers	Live Well Healthy Built Environment Chair
“	Hernly Architects
Michael Almon	Sustainability Action Network
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Charlie Bryan	401 Sharon Ct.
Lee Zimmerman	Zimmerman Steel, 701 E. 19 St.
James Grauerholz	William Burroughs Communications
Scott White	Sustainability Advisory Board, Chair
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Lisa Harris	Barker Neighborhood, President



Burroughs Creek Trail extension through Hobbs Park and along Delaware St.



Legend:

green - existing trail

dashed red - potential alignment

dashed orange - alternate potential alignment