

Copy of Text for Senator Brownback

- 1) Organization making request

City of Lawrence, KS

- 2) Address

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- 3) Point of Contact

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- 7) Name of Project

Construction of 31st Street, Haskell Avenue to O'Connell Road

- 8) Applicable Appropriations Bill for Request

Transportation HUD

- 9) Applicable Account for Request

FHWA – Transportation, Community and System Preservation

- 10) Funding Amount Requested

\$2,000,000

- 11) Description of the Project

Lawrence is challenged with east/west transportation corridors. Essentially there are two routes that connect the east side of Lawrence to the west

side. Significant traffic volumes must use the local arterial 23rd Street (K-10) when entering the City on the east side of Lawrence. Traffic volumes on 23rd Street exceed the facility's capacity causing unsafe conditions and extreme congestion. 23rd Street is a major commercial corridor; public comments cite unsafe conditions and congestion which discourage patronizing 23rd Street establishments. Truck traffic entering Lawrence from the south (US-59) and east must also use 23rd Street to get through the City. The construction of 31st Street is essential to distribute some of this traffic and allow through traffic and trucks to avoid this only access to the Kansas City area. The public would realize improved safety and efficiency of the City's transportation system. A citizen survey of City services identified that the east/west transportation system in Lawrence needs additional connectivity. 31st Street has been a vision of the community (city and county) for several years.

12) City or County Project will Benefit

City of Lawrence, KS

13) Bill Language Requested

City of Lawrence, KS, Construction of 31st Street, Haskell Avenue to O'Connell Road, \$2,000,000

14) Report Language Requested

None

15) Amount for this Project Requested by the President in his FY 2011 Budget

None

16) FY 2010 Funding Level in an Appropriations Bill

None

17) FY 2009 Funding Level in an Appropriations Bill

None

18) FY 2008 Funding Level in an Appropriations Bill

None

19) Matching Funds Provided by the State of Kansas, Local Governments, and/or private Foundations or Individuals

It is anticipated that the City of Lawrence, Douglas County and the State of Kansas will be partners on this project to provide the local matching funds requested.

20) Please provide an estimate, to the best of your ability, how many jobs this project will create should it receive funding

There is no data available to support the creations of job(s).

21) Please provide, to the best of your ability, an estimate of the percentage of work to be performed and the percentage of money to be spent in Kansas

100%

22) Please provide application background information on the organization making the request

The City of Lawrence is a municipality.

23) Additional Comments



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County Administrator

February 26, 2009

The Honorable Sam Brownback
303 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: City of Lawrence's appropriations request for extending 31st Street

Dear Senator Brownback:

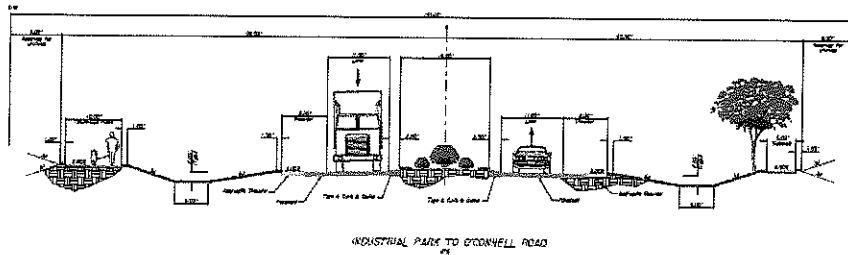
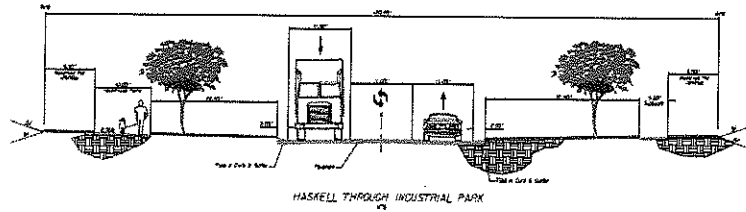
I am writing to express Douglas County's support for the City of Lawrence's appropriation request for construction of 31st Street from Haskell Avenue to O'Connell Road. This project is critical for improving east-west transportation in the Lawrence vicinity.

The City of Lawrence and Douglas County have partnered on studies to determine the need, typical section, and route alignment of an extension of 31st Street from Haskell Avenue east to (eventually) Douglas County Route 1057. The studies clearly indicate the need for extending 31st Street. The Haskell Avenue to O'Connell Road segment is the first, vital link in the extension of 31st Street. The proposed 31st Street extension is consistent with planned road and highway improvements south and east of Lawrence. It is included in the long range transportation plan for Lawrence and Douglas County.

Thank you for your consideration of this worthy project.

Sincerely,

G. Craig Weinaug



31ST STREET TYPICAL SECTIONS

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