

Text of questionnaire for Transportation-HUD Subcommittee:

PROJECT NAME [BRIEF DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION; THIS DESCRIPTION MAY BE USED TO LIST THE PROJECT IN THE HOUSE REPORT AND SHOULD BE AS ACCURATE AS POSSIBLE TO ENSURE THAT THE FUNDING GOES TO THE CORRECT PROJECT AND LOCATION]:

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

DETAILED PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project would construct the extension of 31st Street from Haskell Avenue to O'Connell Road. 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 needs additional connectivity. 31st Street has been a vision of the community (city and county) for several years.

PREVIOUS FEDERAL FUNDING RECEIVED

The project previously received design assistance through a 2006 Appropriations Bill in the amount of \$800,000.

AMOUNT REQUESTED:

\$2,000,000 (26% of the \$7.5 million total project cost)

STATE/LOCAL SHARE OF PROJECT COST [PERCENTAGE OR DOLLAR AMOUNT]:

\$5,500,000 (74% of the \$7.5 million total project cost)

IS THE PROJECT ON THE STATE'S TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM [STP], METROPOLITAN TIP, OR OTHER TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA TRANSPORTATION PLAN?

Yes

IF THE REQUEST IS FOR A ROAD PROJECT, IS THE ROAD A FEDERAL AID HIGHWAY?

Yes

DID YOU CHECK THE PROJECT'S ELIGIBILITY WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION?

Yes

IF YES, DID THE STATE DOT INDICATE THAT THE PROJECT IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE FUNDING UNDER THE ACCOUNT REQUESTED?

Yes

CAN THE REQUESTED FUNDING BE SPENT THIS FISCAL YEAR?

If funding is provided, construction can begin in 2011.

IS THE PROJECT CONSIDERED BY STATE AND/OR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS AS CRITICAL TO THEIR NEEDS? PLEASE ATTACH [FORWARD EMAIL ATTACHMENT TO HOWARD.BAULEKE@MAIL.HOUSE.GOV] LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM THESE OFFICIALS, AND IF YOU CANNOT, EXPLAIN WHY NOT. YES

The City/County went through an extensive public outreach and education campaign on this project. A Steering Committee with representatives from the City, County, KDOT, realtors, industry, general public, environmental groups, and both KU and Haskell universities were represented. The public and City/County Commission have agreed to an alignment and typical section.

INTENDED RECIPIENT

City of Lawrence, KS

RECIPIENT STREET ADDRESS

6 E 6th Street

RECIPIENT CITY

Lawrence

RECIPIENT STATE

Kansas

RECIPIENT ZIP CODE

66044

EXPLAIN THE PURPOSE OF THE REQUEST AND WHY IT IS A VALUABLE USE OF TAXPAYER FUNDS – we are now required to post this statement on our congressional website.

Construction of the extension to 31st Street is essential to distribute traffic from other congested east-west routes in the City. The public would realize improved safety and efficient of the City's transportation system and the project will result in improved access to local businesses.

Michelle Stevens

From: Charles Soules
Sent: Friday, February 26, 2010 1:53 PM
To: Michelle Stevens
Cc: Diane Stoddard
Subject: 31st Street

As Chair of the Technical Advisory Committee to the Lawrence - Douglas County MPO, The above referenced project, 31st Street from Haskell to O'Connell Road, has been identified as one of the transportation improvements critical to the City of Lawrence's Transportation Network. This project is included in the City's Long Range Transportation Plan, T2030, and discussion of the need for the project can be found on pages 197 and 201 of T2030. This project is supported by the Lawrence – Douglas County MPO and City of Lawrence Commission.

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