

March 12, 2009

Mr. Joel Skelley  
Bureau of Transportation Planning  
Kansas Department of Transportation  
700 SW Harrison Street  
Topeka, KS 66603

Re: TE projects – City of Lawrence, KS  
Application for ARRA 2009 Funding

Dear Mr. Skelley:

Lawrence-Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Organization strongly supports the application for TE ARRA 2009 funding for the following projects in Lawrence, Kansas.

1. Carnegie Library Renovation: Renovation of the Carnegie Library facility will enable the city to house a visitor center for the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area, and a Convention/Visitors Center. This has a significant historical value and will stimulate our downtown economy by attracting tourists from all over the region.
2. Construction of a concrete shared use path along the south side of Clinton Parkway (from east of Wakarusa Drive to E 900 Road near K-10): This shared-use path will improve the condition (by removing and replacing the existing broken and unsafe asphalt surfacing) of a vital transportation link for pedestrian and bicyclists. This project is consistent with the community's goal for multi-modal transportation network.
3. Brick Street, New York Street (from 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> street): The proposed project will be of a great value to the community as it will bring back to life the historic brick pavement and will contribute to the aesthetic enhancement of the streetscape and the neighborhood. This is a high priority project for Lawrence.
4. Santa Fe Depot Roof Replacement: This is a very important historic structure in Lawrence and therefore, its preservation is a priority for our community. The current condition of the depot indicates an immediate need to be replaced in order to address water leakage which is contributing to other structural damage.

We greatly appreciate your thorough consideration of these projects. If you have questions or comments or need additional information, please contact Chuck Soules, Lawrence Public Works Director, at (785) – 832-3124, Email: [csoules@ci.lawrence.ks.us](mailto:csoules@ci.lawrence.ks.us)

Sincerely,



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Chair, Lawrence-Douglas County MPO