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Congressman Dennis Moore  
1727 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Moore:

Please accept the following FY 2011 federal appropriations requests from the City of Lawrence. These requests, summarized here, are important to the health, economic development and continued quality of development of the Lawrence community.

**1) Stormwater - 5th and Maple Pump Station- \$2 million**

The project would include a lift/pump station and piping to discharge stormwater from North Lawrence to the Kansas River. This project would provide benefit to over 1,500 residences in North Lawrence, including commercial and industrial based companies of North Lawrence. This project is the most critical improvement for this area of Lawrence. Flooding occurs at every level of rain event and the area cannot drain to the Kansas River unless pumped over the levee. This project would have a significant impact to transportation, property and quality of life. Also, long-term proposed industrial development at the Lawrence Municipal Airport may be affected if the project doesn't proceed due to potential downstream impacts/flooding issues of North Lawrence. \$2 million is 36% of the \$5.5 million total project cost.

**2) Surface Transportation - 31st Street- Haskell Avenue to O'Connell Road: \$2 million**

This would enable the construction of 31<sup>st</sup> Street from Haskell Avenue to O'Connell Road. The completion of this infrastructure would provide an east-west link and help curb congestion and improve safety on 23<sup>rd</sup> Street. Truck traffic entering Lawrence from the south (US-59) and east must also use 23<sup>rd</sup> Street to get through the City. The construction of 31<sup>st</sup> 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. \$2 million is 26% of the \$7.5 million total project cost.

A citizen survey of City services identified that the east/west transportation system needs additional connectivity. 31<sup>st</sup> Street has been a vision of the community (city and county) for several years. This project is the highest surface transportation priority.



**3) Stormwater - 23<sup>rd</sup> & Ousdahl – \$1 million**

This is a high priority project based on the 1996 stormwater study. The area floods significantly during normal/heavy rain events, making the intersection impassable during these rain events. This intersection is on a major arterial street which impacts transportation, commerce, and emergency services. \$1 million is 50% of the \$2 million total project cost.

**4) City of Lawrence, KS Transit System – Coordinated Service Technologies – \$1.8 million**

Staff recommends submission of request of \$1.8 million for the implementation of intelligent transportation system technologies that would be implemented around an automatic vehicle locating system. This \$1.8 million request represents the 80% share of the funding for the project. The total project cost of \$2.16 million. If a federal appropriation is awarded for \$1.8 million, a 20% local match of \$360,000 would be required. This local amount would be cost allocated between the city and the university based on the number of vehicles that are equipped. The city's local match would come from the proceeds from the 0.05% sales tax in City Budget Year 2011.

As part of our ongoing efforts to coordinate service with the University of Kansas this technology will be implemented on both the city and the university fleets. By doing so, passengers will be greatly aided in their ability to use and understand the service being provided within our community without unnecessary barriers. It will also greatly aid our ability to manage the service of both systems and eliminate communication barriers that currently exist through the use of cutting edge technologies.

The system would include automatic passenger counting; audio and electronic displays of next bus stops to aid passengers (especially those that are visually and hearing impaired) in using the system; real-time boarding information for service planning; email and blackberry-style information services for riders; computerized trip planning for riders; real-time bus arrival information at key stops; and communication devices for both vehicles and base stations.

Attached are the forms for the project and I would be happy to provide any additional information as may be needed. I can be reached at (785) 832-3400 or at [dcorliss@ci.lawrence.ks.us](mailto:dcorliss@ci.lawrence.ks.us). Additionally, we would like to advise you that we will be submitting these projects for appropriation consideration to the other members of the delegation. Thank you for considering these requests, and thank you once again for your years of service to the state of Kansas and your constituents in Lawrence.

Sincerely,



David L. Corliss  
City Manager

c: Mayor and City Commission