



**Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins
FY 2011
Appropriations Request Form**

Please submit the following information in an electronic copy of this form and any supporting materials to: KS02-Appropriations@mail.house.gov by March 1, 2010. Additional information may be requested at a future time. All information provided could be made public and/or submitted to the *Congressional Record*.

When submitting a request, please consider that the Congresswoman places a great deal of importance on fiscal responsibility. Any project forwarded for consideration must have a specifically defined federal purpose.

For questions, please contact Eric Schmutz at 202-225-6601.

1. Project Name:

City of Lawrence, KS Transit System – Coordinated Service Technologies

a. Is this a new project?

Yes

2. Recipient:

City of Lawrence, Kansas

a. Is the recipient a non-profit organization?

Yes

3. Recipient Street Address, City, State and Zip:

6 E 6th Street, Lawrence, KS 66044

4. Recipient E-mail and Phone (should the Appropriations Committee request additional information of our office, it is critical that we be able to reach you quickly.):

Robert Nugent, Transit Administrator

rnugent@ci.lawrence.ku.us

785-832-3464

5. Appropriations Subcommittee (Choose One):

Transportation & HUD

b. Account

Federal Transit Administration Section 5309 Bus and Bus Facilities

8. Summarized Project Description (limit 150 words – more information can be provided in later questions)

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. 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. These technologies and the improved communications they provide will greatly aid our ability to manage the resources of both systems while eliminating current communications barriers.

9. City or County that Project will Benefit:

City of Lawrence, KS

10. Describe the Benefit or Impact of this Project:

Public Transportation is a vital service to our community. It provides people with an affordable method to travel through Lawrence to employment, education opportunities, health care facilities and shopping. 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. These technologies and the improved communications they provide will greatly aid our ability to manage the resources of both systems while eliminating current communications barriers. Passengers will also be greatly aided in their ability to use and understand the service through the use of these technologies. By removing barriers created by the confusion of use transit will be easier to use and those play a much more vital role in the community's travel needs. This is important for both the long term resident of the community and the temporary residents that are attending the University of Kansas.

11. Describe the Federal Purpose of Project:

Currently, the federal government provides significant funding assistance for public transit. Federal funding for this project will stretch federal funding money further for the community because it addresses needs for the City of Lawrence as well as the University of Kansas. An agreement was reached between the City and the university to allow easier access to both bus systems. KU students, faculty and staff can ride the City of Lawrence's T fixed-route service free by showing a valid KU Card. Riders who show a valid T bus pass or transfer slip can ride the KU on Wheels buses for free. This project is important for both the long term

resident of the community and the temporary residents that are attending the University of Kansas. Please see the attached letter of support from the University of Kansas.

12. Funding Requested:

FY 2011 President's Budget Request: **None**

FY 2010 Funding: **None**

FY 2009 Funding: **None**

FY 2008 Funding: **None**

FY 2007 Funding: **None**

FY 2006 Funding: **None**

13. Matching Funds Provided by Other Governmental or Private Entities:

The City of Lawrence, in conjunction with the University of Kansas, is prepared to provide \$360,000 (20%) local match required for the project.

14. Applicable Background Information on the Organization Making the Request:

The City of Lawrence is a municipality.

15. Additional Comments or Information:

For Defense:

DoD Supporting Program Manager/Agency Name and Contact info

Is there any language attached to this program request?

N/A

For Energy & Water:

What is the Corps of Engineers District Number?

Corps of Engineers Contact Name and Information

N/A



February 25, 2010

The Honorable Lynn Jenkins
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Ms. Jenkins:

I am pleased to write to you in support of the application from the city of Lawrence, Kansas, for an appropriation for our transit systems. The specific application is titled "City of Lawrence, KS Transit System - Coordinated Service Technologies".

The City of Lawrence and the University of Kansas are working to coordinate their respective transit services. We currently have the same service provider and we are working to coordinate our fixed route services to reduce overlap and improve efficiencies. In a year we hope to dedicate a shared maintenance facility for our operations.

This appropriation would fund much needed equipment for our transit services. I thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danny Kaiser". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Danny Kaiser
Assistant Director