

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]:

City of Lawrence, KS Transit System – Coordinated Service Technologies

The City is requesting \$1.8 million for the implementation of intelligent transportation technologies that would be implemented around an automatic vehicle locating system.

DETAILED PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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. Passengers will 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.

PREVIOUS FEDERAL FUNDING RECEIVED

The following transit-related appropriations have been funded in the past:

FY 03 FTA Section 5309	- \$491,839
FY 04 Section 115	- \$400,000
FY 05 FTA Section 5309	- \$388,711
FY 08 FTA Section 5309	- \$147,000
FY 08 JARC	- \$496,818
FY 09 FTA Section 5309	- \$950,000

AMOUNT REQUESTED:

\$1,800,000

INTENDED RECIPIENT

City of Lawrence

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.

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.

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.



February 25, 2010

The Honorable Dennis Moore
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Moore:

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