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Dear Sally,

I want to thank you and Terry for attending our study session today. For your future reference, please find attached a copy of the City Commission goals which reflect that finding a consensus on the South Lawrence Trafficway south of Wakarusa is an adopted Commission goal.

Also, please advise me of the publication of the NOI which you indicated was likely to occur in the near future. The City Commission should be advised of this publication to allow for Commission input and comment as they desire.

Sincerely,

David L. Corliss  
Interim City Manager

c: Mayor and City Commission  
Chuck Soules, Director of Public Works  
Craig Weinaug, Douglas County Administrator



## City Commission Goals – Definitions of Success

### Resolve SE Road Network

1. Finish SE Area Plan.
2. Evaluate effects of K-10/23<sup>rd</sup> Street by others, i.e. Johnson, Leavenworth and Douglas Counties, City of Eudora.
3. Bring a conclusion to the SLT.
4. Find out about usage of new federal money.
5. Fix safety issue at entrance to East Hills.
6. Rebuild 31<sup>st</sup> connecting road from K-10 to bridge at Iowa using as much right of way as currently exists, assuming SLT moves south of Wakarusa River.
7. Find funding.

### Site and Fund Library

1. Receive report from Library Board and consultant.
2. Evaluate public/private partnership and concepts presented by various development groups.
3. Pick location where new library will be main centerpiece, whether stand alone or part of project.
4. Make sure parking is adequate for library and possibly other parts of downtown.
5. If new site is chosen other than current location understand value of current site for adaptive reuse of existing library.
6. Investigate all public/private finance tools, examine public referendum for G.O. bond financing.

### Focus ED Planner on Retail and Downtown

1. Hire an additional planner whose job description would include...
  - a. Partner with DLI to recruit business for downtown.
  - b. Partner with DLI to promote downtown.
  - c. Enable the enactment of the Downtown Redevelopment Act.
  - d. Monitor retail requests/market analysis of retail as outlined in Horizon 2020.
2. Additional duties with respect to ED
  - a. Collect data on any incentive requests for business expansion or new business to be used by PRI and PIRC.
  - b. Collect data on current recipients of abatements to assess compliance with abatement policy to be used by PIRC.

### Raise overall salaries in Lawrence

1. Continue Economic Development partnership with the Chamber of Commerce.
2. Resolve the sewer issues and work out a solution.
3. Partner with the Chamber of Commerce for additional site selector events that promote Lawrence as a potential site for new business.
4. Partner with the Chamber of Commerce to recruit corporate headquarters to Lawrence.
5. Implement the objectives of ECO2 with regard to acquisition of new industrial space.
6. Partner with Douglas County for the acquisition of the Farmland property.

Develop a sidewalk plan – One year from now we will have:

1. Scheduled a study session to review current policy and policy options.
2. A City Commission decision on whether to alter current policy and require City participation in repairing sidewalks and completing sidewalk network.
3. Drafted changes to current policy.
4. Completed a sidewalk inventory.
5. Assessed the cost of compliance with any policy changes.
6. Prioritized projects and incorporated projects into the operating budget and CIP, as appropriate.

Incentives for families to buy homes in older neighborhoods – One year from now we will have:

1. Staff research on incentives allowed under state law and research on approaches taken by other cities.
2. Scheduled a study session and/or neighborhood meetings, as appropriate.
3. Assessed costs and benefits of different policy options.
4. A commission decision on whether to adopt an incentive program.

Growth Management – One year from now we will have had:

1. Meetings with county and stakeholders to find agreement on new growth management policy.
2. Adopted a new annexation policy.
3. A Commission decision about whether to adopt a system of transferable development rights.
4. Determined how far ahead of growth to annex and how much land will be needed to accommodate projected growth.
5. In consultation with property owners, determined specific area or areas for annexation.
6. Developed a plan for providing infrastructure and determine costs.
7. Identified a mechanism for funding infrastructure.
8. Initiated annexations.

Performance Measures – One year from now we will have researched, adopted and implemented a system of Performance Measures for City operations.

Find consensus on SLT south of the Wakarusa River – One year from now we will have:

1. Scheduled a briefing by KDOT to the City Commission.
2. A plan developed by the MPO for involving stakeholders to change the adopted alignment of the SLT.
3. Identified local funds for the preferred alignment.
4. Explored implications for 31<sup>st</sup> Street if the SLT does go south of the Wakarusa River.

Budget for maintenance in the Operating Budget – One year from now we will have:

1. A proposed budget which includes five year maintenance costs, prioritized for existing streets.
2. Held a Commission study session on capital maintenance needs and funding issues.

Capital Improvement Funding – definition of success not completed.

Complete the Southeast Area Plan – definition of success not completed.

North Lawrence Stormwater Plan – definition of success not completed.

Permanent home for the Farmers Market – definition of success not completed.

Establish/Enhance Guidelines, Vision, Strategic Plan incentives for downtown redevelopment – definition of success not completed.