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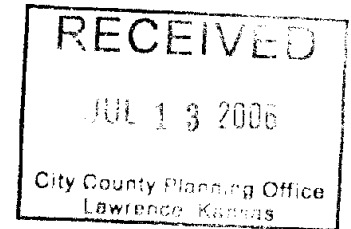
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Ms. Holly Krebs, Chair
Lawrence-Douglas County Planning Commission
P.O. Box 708
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RE: Lawrence Memorial Hospital Expansion Project Impact to Public Transit Service

Dear Ms. Krebs,

On June 20, 2006 during the Public Transit Advisory Committee (PTAC) meeting for the Lawrence Transit System, C.L. Maurer of LandPlan Engineering met with members of PTAC and the Public Transit Administrator for the Lawrence Transit System to discuss proposed expansion plans for Lawrence Memorial Hospital and how such plans would impact City public transit Route 3 and the service it currently provides to the hospital and surrounding neighborhoods.

If Arkansas Road between 3rd and 4th Streets is permanently closed due to LMH expansion, then PTAC members would be in favor of having Route 3 changed where service would be rerouted from 3rd Street to head North on Arkansas Street, then East along the roadway on the backside of the hospital (where the emergency room entrance is currently located), and then South on to Maine Street to 4th Street where it would pick-up the existing route. This change in route is viewed as a potential improvement in transit service in this area by providing clear and direct access to Woody Park, Bert Nash and other medical facilities located along Maine Street between 2nd Street and 4th Street.

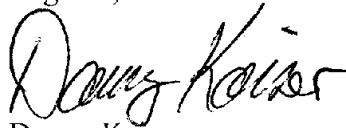
PTAC members believe the benefits of this route change outweigh the possible negative impact of dealing with occasional rerouting caused by helipad use by the hospital. According to information received by C.L. Maurer of LandPlan Engineering, use of the helipad is infrequent and is primarily used to transport patients at the hospital to larger medical facilities in Kansas City. Blockage of the roadway is usually no longer than 10 minutes. In addition, LMH does not serve as a Life Flight destination. Since there is no possible way to inform the riding public in a timely manner of reroutes caused by helipad use, PTAC requests that the hospital provide a flight log of helipad use for the last year to gauge its level of use and the impacts to transit service.

PTAC members are in favor of an improved designated bus pick-up and drop off location along 3rd Street as proposed by LandPlan Engineering. Included in the improvements would be upgrades to transit shelters and passenger amenities, signage, lighting and signalization that inform bus operators of helipad use so that

they can reroute directly from 3rd Street without having to first drive up to helipad to determine if it is in use. It is envisioned that the reroute would be the following: turn around on 3rd Street heading West, then turn left onto Michigan Street heading South, then turn left onto 4th Street heading East picking-up along the existing route. Other improvements PTAC members support would be for the hospital to install transit shelters on Maine Street in front of their facility to better serve the eastside of their facility.

If you have any questions or require additional information please do not hesitate to contact Cliff Galante, Public Transit Administrator at 785-832-3464.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Danny Kaiser". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Danny" and last name "Kaiser" clearly distinguishable.

Danny Kaiser,
PTAC Chairman

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Xc: Dave Corliss, Interim City Manager
Cliff Galante, Public Transit Administrator
Shelia Stogsdill, Interim Director of Planning
Marian Hukle, PTAC Vice-Chair