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November 02, 2007

Mr. Paul Ahlenius, P.E.
Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator
Kansas Department of Transportation
Topeka, Kansas 66603

Re: TE Program Application – Bicycle and Pedestrian Category
Burroughs Creek Rail Trail, Lawrence, Douglas County, Kansas

Dear Mr. Ahlenius:

We greatly appreciate the opportunity to visit with you regarding the TE program application for the Burroughs Creek Rail Trail project. This project, when completed, will provide a new 10 feet wide concrete trail for use by pedestrians and bicyclists in East Lawrence extending from 11th Street to 23rd Street utilizing the abandoned Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad corridor located just west of Haskell Ave. At the south end, this trail will connect to the Haskell Rail Trail that extends southward near the urban growth area in southeast Lawrence. At the north end, the proposed trail will terminate at 11th Street that provides a connection west to Downtown Lawrence.

This application was endorsed by the Lawrence / Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) on October 24, 2007. This trail will provide the much needed north-south link for pedestrians and bicyclists and will take us one step closer to reaching our vision and goal in achieving connectivity throughout the city.

The total estimated cost for this project is \$845,940. The City of Lawrence is requesting a **capped amount of \$500,000.00** from Transportation Enhancement (TE) funds. The City will be responsible for the remainder of the cost. If the project cost exceeds the budget amount, the city will be responsible for all additional costs. No supplementary TE funds will be requested from KDOT. Master plan for this project has already been completed. The City is fully prepared and staffed to begin the detailed design of this project immediately following the award of the requested funds.

Thank you very much for your interest and thoughtful consideration of the Burroughs Creek Rail Trail project. We look forward to working with you towards a successful completion of this project. Please contact me should you have any questions, comments or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Shoeb M. Uddin, MS, P.E.
City Engineer

Enc: 3 sets of TE application

