Sales tax proposals for public transportation, streets and infrastructure











Question #1

0.3 percent for streets and infrastructure

A special sales tax for public infrastructure and capital investment

A dedicated revenue source for streets, sidewalks, trails, equipment, and storm sewers. The sales tax revenue will help Lawrence catch up on the maintenance of residential streets and make improvements to high traffic streets. Projects include the North Lawrence stormwater pump station project; the Burroughs Creek rail to trail, fire trucks replacement, substantial additional investments in residential street maintenance and sidewalk projects, and the rehabilitation and rebuilding of several major arterial and collector streets.

Question #2

0.2 percent for public transportation

A special sales tax for public transit operations and capital investment

Public transportation in Lawrence travels throughout the community to businesses, educational institutions and employment areas. With a dedicated funding source, the City will have the resources to merge the transit system with the University of Kansas transit system – ensuring substantial continuing resources to serve both community and student needs in an integrated system.

Question #3

0.05 percent for public transportation, expanded

A special sales tax for public transit system enhancements Additional dedicated resources for the transit system will provide for route enhancements and vehicle and facility improvements. Examples include increased bus service frequency on busy routes and alternative fuel buses.

The additional .05 sales tax, only effective if the 0.2 percent sales tax for transit also passes, will provide for transit system enhancements such as higher frequency on core routes, diesel and/or hybrid electric vehicles and additional transit system capital improvements.



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How long will the sales tax be in place?

All approved sales taxes will be effective April 1, 2009 and sunset in 10 years.

When does voting begin?

Advanced voting: October 15 General Election: November 4

Register to vote: www.douglas-county.org

More information?

www.lawrenceks.org/sales_tax_proposal

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