

Oread Neighborhood Association • Lawrence, Ks. 66044



Date: June 26, 2009

To: David Woosley and the Traffic Safety Commission  
Robert Chestnut, Mayor  
Lawrence City Commission

Subject: Bicycle Lanes on 9<sup>th</sup> Street

As a representative of the Oread Neighborhood Association, I am strongly encouraging the Traffic Safety Commission and the City Commission to support Michael Almon's proposal to remove the parking spaces along Ninth Street from Mississippi to Tennessee Streets so that a bicycle lane can be created there on both sides of Ninth Street. We, of the Oread Neighborhood Association, strongly encourage and support the use of bicycles as transportation versus cars. Obviously, this is better for the overall environment, but it is particularly preferred for the Oread Neighborhood because of the density of cars and parking problems that result from all these cars. A safe bicycle lane is essential for bicyclists to get from areas in the Oread to downtown in an easy, safe, and efficient way. Ninth Street is a crucial bicycle route.

In general, the Oread Neighborhood Association is going to support all bicycle routes in this area as there are more cars than there is parking space for these cars. Anything that can be done to reduce the number of cars and increase the number of walkers and bicyclists will be supported, as long as the designated routes are safe and correctly marked so that motorists can recognize that there is a bicycle route which will allow them to anticipate bicyclists as they drive.

We would strongly encourage the City Commission to encourage bicyclists everywhere throughout the city. Bicyclists reduce pollution, traffic, and parking problems, especially in the Oread Neighborhood, which is plagued with parking and traffic problems, as we all know.

I very much appreciate your time and attention to our support of safe bicycle routes throughout Lawrence, and particularly in the Oread Neighborhood. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ellie LeCompte  
Representing the Oread Neighborhood Association

**From:** Mathew Lehrman <[malehrman@gmail.com](mailto:malehrman@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Sustainability Advisory Board Letter  
**To:** <[dwoosley@ci.lawrence.ks.us](mailto:dwoosley@ci.lawrence.ks.us)>, <[bjwalthall@ci.lawrence.ks.us](mailto:bjwalthall@ci.lawrence.ks.us)>  
**Cc:** "Daniel Poull" <[dpjp8@yahoo.com](mailto:dpjp8@yahoo.com)>  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 30, 2009, 3:02 PM

Mr. Woosley and Ms. Walthall,

Below is a letter written by the city Sustainability Advisory Board in support of the removal of parking to allow for the addition of bicycle lanes on 9th St., to be considered at Monday's Traffic Safety Commission meeting. Please let me know if there is anyone else that should receive a copy.

To: City of Lawrence Traffic Safety Commission, City of Lawrence Commissioners  
From: City of Lawrence Sustainability Advisory Board  
Re: Parking removal to support the addition of bicycle lanes on 9th St.

The City of Lawrence Sustainability Advisory Board writes to support parking removal on the south side of 9th St. between Mississippi St. and Tennessee St. to allow bike lanes on both the north and south sides of the street to be added. As a major transportation artery between the University of Kansas and downtown Lawrence, it is critical to ensure the smooth flow of vehicle traffic as well as the safety of pedestrian and bicycle traffic. The addition of bike lines on the south side of 9th Street would help achieve this goal.

Many businesses are located on 9th Street and many intersections contribute significant additional traffic. Traffic moves quickly due to the four-lane design of this section of 9th and has led to the highest rate of bicycle accidents in the city. Bicycle lanes can serve as a traffic calming device by giving cyclists a dedicated safe haven from vehicle traffic. This safety measure will undoubtedly encourage hesitant would-be bikers to choose to bike to work or for recreation rather than add another vehicle to Lawrence's already crowded roads. Bicycle lanes also do not reduce vehicle capacity by eliminating only infrequently used parking that can be compensated for on side streets.

The city Climate Protection Plan advocates for the addition of bicycle lanes throughout the Lawrence. The most appropriate time to add bicycle lanes is during a resurfacing project. The current resurfacing on 9th therefore presents an ideal opportunity to meet a recommendation of the Climate Protection Plan.

Although comparisons between New York City and Lawrence may be futile, in the city's Plan NYC 2030 strategic planning document, New York City has endeavored to add 1,800 miles of bicycle lanes ([http://www.nyc.gov/html/planyc2030/html/plan/transportation\\_promote-cycling.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/planyc2030/html/plan/transportation_promote-cycling.shtml)) and in May opened a redesigned Times Square, one of the more congested intersections in the world, that included bicycle lanes.

In light of the high traffic on 9th Street due to its proximity to the University of Kansas and downtown Lawrence, the city Sustainability Advisory Board believes it is essential to remove parking and add bicycle lanes to facilitate the smooth flow of all traffic in this area.

Sincerely,

City of Lawrence Sustainability Board Members

# Support for 9<sup>th</sup> Street Bicycle Lanes – Merchant Poll – Tennessee St. to Mississippi St.

month of June 2009

## SOUTH SIDE OF 9TH STREET – EAST TO WEST

	name	title	business name	address	supporting	firmly neutral	opposed
1	Pat Sullivan	owner	901 Building – professional offices	901 Kentucky St.	NA – out of scope of project		
2	Robert Ramsdell	attorneys	Thompson Ramsdell & Quaiseth	333 West 9 <sup>th</sup> St.	NA – out of scope of project		
3	Delmar White	Pastor	9 <sup>th</sup> Street Missionary Outreach Center	901 Tennessee St.	unavailable; no on-street parking there		
4	Robert Druse	Asst. Mgr.	Bank of America	900 Ohio St.	signed		
5	Raju Ahmed	Mgr.	Diamond Shamrock, gas station	501 West 9 <sup>th</sup> St.	signed		
6	Rockie Browning	owner	Images Hair Salon	511 West 9 <sup>th</sup> St.			opposed
7	Caitlin Day	Mgr.	Central National Bank	603 West 9 <sup>th</sup> St.	signed		
8	Brendon Glad	owner	Hometown Collaborations, film production	611 West 9 <sup>th</sup> St.	signed		
9	Rex Nicolay	owner	rental residence	615 West 9 <sup>th</sup> St.	unavailable		opposed
10	Tate Janssen	owner	Janssen Clinic of Natural Medicine	900 Indiana St.			opposed
11	Ali Jiwani	owner	Jayhawk Food Mart, gas station	701 West 9 <sup>th</sup> St.	signed		
12	Ali Jiwani	owner	Pyramid Pizza	701 West 9 <sup>th</sup> St.	signed		
13	Kathy Hu Min	owner	Kathy's Alterations, taylor	701 West 9 <sup>th</sup> St.	signed		
14	Ginny O'Connell	owner	The Cutter's Edge, hair salon	900 Mississippi St.	signed		
15	Doug Brenn	owner	Payless Laundromat	900 Mississippi St.	unavailable; no on-street parking there		

**9TH STREET MERCHANT POLL (CONTD.)****NORTH SIDE OF 9TH STREET – EAST TO WEST**

	<b>name</b>	<b>title</b>	<b>business name</b>	<b>address</b>	<b>supporting</b>	<b>firmly neutral</b>	<b>opposed</b>
16	Pat Slabaugh	Exec. VP	Douglas County Bank	300 West 9 <sup>th</sup> St.		neutral	
17	Alissa Thurman	Asst. VP	U.S. Bank, drive through location	847 Tennessee St.		neutral	
18	Alissa Thurman	Asst. VP	U.S. Bank, parking lot, ATM	846 Ohio St		neutral	
19	Delmar White	Pastor	9th Street Missionary Church	847 Ohio St.	unavailable		
20	John Immel	owner	Petefish Immel Heeb & Hird, attorneys	842 Louisiana St.		neutral	
21	Patrick Presta	owner	Presto Phillips, gas station	602 West 9 <sup>th</sup> St.	unavailable		
22	Rachel Churchill	owner	I Stamp, hand stamped greeting cards	616 West 9 <sup>th</sup> St.	supportive, but deferred to Ralph Smith		
23	Jeff Jensen	owner	Jensen's Liquors	620 West 9 <sup>th</sup> St.	signed		
24	Sharon Reynolds	owner	Owens Flower Shop	846 Indiana St.	signed		
25	Susan Davis	owner	Water's Edge	847 Indiana St.	signed		
26	Carlton Howell	owner	Mississippi at 9 <sup>th</sup> Center, professional off.	708 West 9 <sup>th</sup> St.	unavailable; no on-street parking there		

<b>TOTALS</b> - 24 merchants (less NA)	supportive & neutral consenting – opposed unavailable – <b>20.8%</b>	- - - - <b>67.0%</b> - - - -	<b>12.5%</b>
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**ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT – 9TH STREET BICYCLE LANES**

	<b>name</b>	<b>title</b>	<b>business name</b>	<b>address</b>	<b>supporting</b>	<b>firmly neutral</b>	<b>opposed</b>
1	Mike Wildgen	Pres.	Old West Lawrence Neighborhood Assn.	801 Louisiana St.	signed on; letter attached		
2	Ellie LeCompte	District Rep	Oread Neighborhood Association	P.O. Box 442065	signed on; letter attached		
3	Matt Lehrman	delegate	Sustainability Advisory Board, Lawrence	P.O. Box 708	signed on; letter attached		

*Old West Lawrence Neighborhood Association  
Lawrence, Kansas*

*June 13, 2009*

*Re: Bicycle Lane on 9<sup>th</sup> Street*

*Lawrence City Commission  
Lawrence Traffic Safety Commission*

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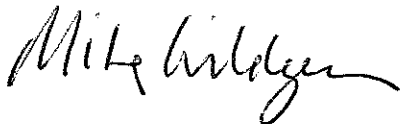
**CITY MANAGERS OFFICE  
LAWRENCE, KS**

*This letter is being sent to you to advise that the Old West Lawrence Neighborhood Association continues to support the proposed bicycle lane on the south side of 9<sup>th</sup> St. between Mississippi and Tennessee. This support was originally noted in 2000 when similar safety proposals were being considered. Little has changed except that the community as a whole and many of the residents of OWL are using bicycles more often than ever before. This is only going to continue to increase.*

*As you know the proposal is only for the south side of 9<sup>th</sup> and the striping can be done with the mill and overlay project that recently started on 9<sup>th</sup> St. Please support this important bicycle safety project.*

*Thank you*

*Respectfully,*



*CC: Mayor Chestnut ✓  
Eric Struckhoff*