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Mr. Corliss:

I would like to thank you again for meeting with myself and other KDOT officials earlier this month. I enjoyed hearing your thoughts on how to best approach a planning effort on West Sixth Street (US-40).

KDOT recognizes the significant development potential in the vicinity of the US-40 & K-10 interchange. As with any commercial development a variety of transportation challenges will eventually come about; therefore, we feel it is important the government stakeholders have a strategy in place that enables growth to occur without compromising safe & efficient traffic movement.

Please consider this letter as an invitation to partner with KDOT, Douglas County, and the Lawrence-Douglas County MPO to create an Interchange Management Plan for this critical highway junction. The proposed Interchange Management Plan will, at a minimum:

1. Include an area of study beginning at the eastern aspect of the George Williams Way intersection, proceeding west, and terminating at the western aspect of the 800 Road intersection. The area of study shall also include an appropriate distance either side of the highway centerline.
2. Identify necessary improvements to highway facilities and local streets.
3. Delineate future highway access points to new development.
4. Establish an ongoing partnership between the government stakeholders through execution of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement. This Agreement essentially creates a "moral obligation" to consider the Plan in our respective decision making processes, however, in no way binds any party to strict adherence of the Plan's recommendations.

We recommend the four partner agencies hire a consultant that specializes in developing plans of this nature. We would request the consultant be hired using KDOT's procurement process since it can be reasonably assumed state funds will finance a significant portion of the Plan. Naturally, the overall Plan development process will be jointly administered by the partner agencies.

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Per your request, I followed up with a number of consulting firms and determined an Interchange Management Plan could be completed for approximately \$100,000. KDOT's proposed cost share matrix is as follows:

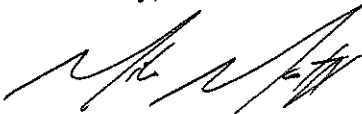
Agency	Percentage	Dollar Amount
KDOT	67%	\$67,000
Lawrence	11%	\$11,000
Douglas County	11%	\$11,000
Lawrence-Douglas County MPO	11%	\$11,000

I realize the economic slowdown has curtailed government spending and it may be difficult to secure local funding. I would offer the following three points that may be helpful in the decision making process.

1. The local shares can be repaid up to two years after the study is initiated.
2. Completion of an Interchange Management Plan and execution of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement would make the city eligible to apply for KDOT Corridor Management funds.
3. Being eligible for Corridor Management funds would certainly offset the initial expense of \$11,000 many times over.

Please contact my office with your thoughts on KDOT's proposal. I have included my contact information with this correspondence and look forward to hearing from you or your designee.

Sincerely,



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