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Dear Mr. Corliss:

Thank you for your recent letter of support for our project to replace the K-10 highway bridge over the abandoned railroad near Haskell Indian Nations University (Project No. 10-23 KA-0685-01). This is a significant project for the city of Lawrence and we understand your request for consideration of project enhancements. The project team has begun final design and will continue to coordinate with city staff on project issues, including those items in your letter. Due to the economic situation, the project is not currently funded for construction. Below is the Kansas Department of Transportation's (KDOT) response to your items for our consideration:

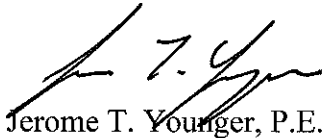
1. Trail Head – the project team, including our design consultant (HNTB Corporation) is considering economical ways to incorporate a trail head into this project. At this time, KDOT cannot commit to providing a trail head but we are looking into it.
2. Medians – KDOT has instructed HNTB to evaluate the length of raised median that could be incorporated into the project, where accommodation of left turns is not needed. A raised median presents challenges to our current construction phasing and traffic handling plan, and they can also present additional maintenance issues and costs over the long term. We are considering additional construction phasing and traffic-handling schemes that could accommodate raised medians.
3. Aesthetic Pedestrian Lighting – KDOT has instructed HNTB to prepare preliminary design and cost estimates for roadway and pedestrian lighting based on the desired aesthetic lighting poles and fixtures provided by city staff. KDOT would require that the city fund the materials and installation costs associated with the aesthetic lighting. KDOT would assume the cost for the preliminary engineering (PE) and construction engineering (CE) associated with the aesthetic lighting.

4. Decorative Pedestrian Fencing on the Bridge – KDOT has instructed HNTB to prepare preliminary design and cost estimates for decorative fencing based on the desired fencing provided by city staff. If incorporated into the project, KDOT would participate in the cost of any decorative fencing up to, but not to exceed, the estimated cost associated with KDOT's typical six-foot-high, chain-link (galvanized and painted) pedestrian fencing.

KDOT will provide the estimated costs associated with including these items in the project to city staff, and we will continue to work with city staff so they can make an informed decision prior to any funding commitments. We understand the significance of this project to the city and we look forward to partnering with the city, if the city is able to participate in these enhancements.

If you have any questions, please contact Kris Norton, KDOT Project Manager, at (785) 368-6429.

Sincerely,



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