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Mr. Dave Corliss, City Manager
City Hall
P.O. Box 708
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RE: Pedestrian Crosswalks at 11th Street and West Campus Road

Dear Mr. Corliss:

The University recently received another request to install a pedestrian crosswalk at 11th Street and West Campus Road to improve pedestrian safety, and we recognize this issue has a significant history of prior study by the University and City.

You may recall, in 2004 KU received a request through the Campus Safety Advisory Board to construct a lighted pedestrian path to the west of the Sudler House and Triangle Fraternity to connect to a crosswalk at the corner of 11th Street and West Campus Road. After discussions with the City regarding legal issues with an easement, light pollution for neighbors, and the lack of a safe alternative for a crosswalk alignment, the issue was placed on hold.

Again in 2008, meetings were held with representatives from City staff, the University, and the neighborhood to discuss possible options along the entire corridor from the intersections of Stratford and West Campus Road to the 11th Street KANU entrance drive. As an outcome of these meetings, KU pursued the completion of a pedestrian count along this corridor in the spring of 2009. A CD of the study materials is attached for your use.

Based upon the new request that we have received, we would ask that the City undertake a study of this city street corridor to determine safe alternatives for pedestrian crossings at West Campus Road and Stratford, the corner of West Campus Road and 11th Street, and 11th Street at the entrance to KANU.

We recognize that any pedestrian safety improvements will require the University to work with the City to consider joint funding options within the limits of budgetary constraints.

We appreciate your assistance and we look forward to working with you on this issue.

Sincerely,

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Director of Facilities Operations and Planning

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