

December 5, 2011

Mayor Aron Cromwell  
Lawrence City Commission  
6th and Massachusetts Street  
Lawrence, KS, 66044

Re: Peak Oil Response Plan for Lawrence

Dear Mayor Cromwell:

As I am unable to attend the December 13th City Commission meeting, I am writing this letter in support of the Peak Oil Response Plan for Lawrence prepared by the Mayor's Peak Oil Task Force. I am a member of that Task Force and greatly appreciate having been appointed to it. Working on the report increased my understanding of the need for such a plan as well broadened my knowledge of the numerous diverse, innovative, and economically viable measures Lawrence can undertake to address the problems forecast in the report.

Lawrence already has strong record of proactively planning for energy conservation as evident in the many programs and policies the city has implemented or is working on such as: fuel reduction and route management for city vehicles; new alternative fuel-efficient buses; new flexible zoning supportive of mixed-use development; acceptance of the Climate Protection Plan, including appointment of a Sustainability Coordinator; and the drafting of a "Complete Streets Policy".

Other communities that have developed similar plans or policies include Austin, Portland, San Francisco, Bloomington, Indiana, and Bellingham, Washington. These communities are now actively implementing many of the same strategies that have now become regarded as "Best Practices" and that the Task Force has also recommended in our report to you.

I am optimistic that you will accept the report, but more importantly, I am hopeful that you will soon consider and implement the strategies recommended.

Sincerely,

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