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To: David L. Corliss
Subject: RE: New ideas for hub.

From: John Seal [<mailto:jdbigwave@msn.com>]
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2013 1:52 PM
Subject: New ideas for hub.

To all concerned,

Thank you for delaying the final decision for temporarily locating the transit hub. I am confident smart choices will eventually be made.

Finding a temporary solution, before deciding on a permanent hub, will cause hardships and cost the city and businesses in many ways.

From my experience as a cost accountant at Cooperative Farm Chemicals Association (formerly Farmland east of Lawrence), I look at all numbers in a different way.

First, I think locating the hub on Vermont Street will "cost" all the businesses many thousands in dollars in lost business for many months or years.

The city will surely have "expenses" involved in locating the hub on Vermont. Exactly what that would be has not been shared with the public. Maybe close to the amount for the 10th and Kentucky location, which could end up being a permanent location. That would result in savings, not extra expenses.

Also "paying" consultants to find a location for the permanent hub might be money wasted. The City

Commission could have made that decision with support from in house studies. Also, the consultants recommendation may not even be used.

Another expense for the city may involve claims or lawsuits from accidents that surely will happen at the Vermont street location.

Thank you for looking into finding temporary parking for employees, but taking away parking, either for employees or customers still seems counterproductive. Especially in the most populated block in downtown Lawrence.

Thank you

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To all concerned,

I know the parking situations are difficult to find the proper solutions.

I suggest, since the hub looks like it will move temporarily to Vermont Street, that the parking meters on the west side of Vermont in the 800 block be changed to 5 hour meters temporarily. Maybe even changing the meters on the south side of 8th street between Vermont and Kentucky. I assume temporarily could mean 1-2 years.

Or maybe a deal could be reached with Douglas County Bank, for downtown business employees to get passes and use their parking lot.

I think we have been looking at losing parking for customers and ignoring parking for employees. Employee parking affects customer parking and vice versa.

Contrary to prior studies, moving the hub to Vermont Street WILL conflict the surrounding business activities.

Hopefully a permanent home for the transit hub will be decided SOON.

Thank you

Dave Seal

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