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January 31, 2014

Mayor Mike Dever
City of Lawrence
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The Douglas County Commission, as a joint applicant with City of Lawrence, fully supports the grant application for the Multi-Use Path from Hobbs Park to Constant Park.

As proposed, the project will connect the East Lawrence neighborhood to Downtown, providing a pedestrian route to the Lawrence Memorial Hospital. The proposed route will also connect the Arts District to Downtown, further enhancing the pedestrian connectivity of Lawrence.

It is in the interest of the public health to have a pedestrian and bicycle friendly community. This project builds upon the community's growing commitment to creating a healthier built environment for its citizens. Additionally, this project has the added benefits of providing erosion control underneath the Kansas River bridges and increasing traffic through Robinson Park and Pioneer Monument which helps to prevent vandalism and littering. For these reasons, the Douglas County Commission supports the City of Lawrence's application for the Multi-Use Path from Hobbs Park to Constant Park.

Sincerely,

Nancy Thellman
Chair of the Board of County Commissioners

East Lawrence Neighborhood Association

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February 1st 2014

To: Kansas Dept of Transportation
c/o David Cronin, City Engineer
Mayor Dever
PO Box 708,
Lawrence, KS 66044

Re: KDOT Transportation Enhancement Grant / Burroughs Creek Trail Expansion

To Whom it may concern,

The East Lawrence Neighborhood Association strongly supports the City of Lawrence's application for the Multi-Use Path from Hobbs Park to Constant Park.

The expansion of the Burroughs Creek trail further to the north, connecting Hobbs Park, nearby New York Elementary school, the Amtrak station, Vango Mobile Arts, the Kansas River, Downtown Lawrence, the Pinkney neighborhood, and Constant Park, would be of great benefit to our children, visitors, bicycle commuters, and the entire Lawrence community.

New York Elementary attendees already use the existing trail for safely travel to our neighborhood school. Extending the path along the current alignment would allow students to get much closer while avoiding multiple street crossings. It also allows families a safe and healthy travel alternative for family outings to the public library, public pool, post office, businesses, community buildings, museums, and multiple parks. It is healthier way to get downtown and it reduces parking congestion.

It is important to note that this investment would significantly increase the value of already multiuse paths by connecting people with places they want to go.

The neighborhood is excited to see the trail safely connect multiple neighborhoods to the downtown area - as well as providing a beautiful route to New York Elementary School, local area businesses, the Kansas River, Lawrence's Cultural Arts District and multiple parks. The East Lawrence Neighborhood Association strongly encourages the funding of the City of Lawrence's application request.

Thank you,
East Lawrence Neighborhood Association
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Mayor Michael Dever
City of Lawrence
6 East 6th Street
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January 31, 2014

Dear Mayor Dever:

The recently established Cultural Arts District supports efforts by the City of Lawrence to continue the Burrough's Creek Trail (multi-use path) from Hobbs Park bordering the East Lawrence and Brooke Creek neighborhoods through Downtown Lawrence connecting it to the Pickney neighborhood.

The Cultural Arts Task Force defined as one of its' major goals to be the establishment of this trail extension because the trail will provide an opportunity to tie together many different cultural sites of our newly established cultural district while providing a means of transportation and recreation for our citizens.

The trail ties together the historical sites of Hobbs Park, the Murphy-Bromelsick House, the Sante Fe Station, the Bowersock Dam and Hydro-electric plant, Robinson Park and Constant Park. The Task Force envisions substantial art work, markers, and artistic amenities placed along the pathway thereby enhancing the cultural district's theme.

Thanks for the opportunity allowing the Cultural Arts District Task Force to support the City of Lawrence T.A. grant application offered through Kansas Department of Transportation.

Sincerely,

Bob Schumm
Chair
Cultural Arts District Task Force



PINCKNEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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February 2, 2014

The Honorable Michael Dever, Mayor
Lawrence City Commission
6 East 6th Street
Lawrence KS 66044

Re: Burroughs Creek Trail Extension

Dear Mayor Dever and members of the City Commission:

I am writing on behalf of the Pinckney Neighborhood Association to express our strong support for an extension of the Burroughs Creek Trail system connecting Hobbs Park to Constant Park in Lawrence, Kansas. Constant Park sits at the eastern edge of our neighborhood and close to Lawrence's downtown. A walking and bicycle path connecting the Pinckney neighborhood to the Burroughs Creek Trail at Hobbs Park will allow our residents to more easily and safely access the new Lawrence Arts District and other downtown Lawrence's amenities.

The extension of the path up to the Pinckney neighborhood will also have added health and recreation benefits by providing Pinckney and other north-side Lawrence neighborhoods access to Lawrence's growing multi-use trail system. This trail extension will also provide other Lawrence residents better access to parks in the Pinckney neighborhood, including Burcham Park and the new ADA compliant Outside for a Better Inside Nature Trail being constructed on the former VFW property.

Pinckney neighborhood is host to the local hospital, the mental health clinic, a no-cost health clinic, and many other medical service providers and local businesses. Our built environment, however, does not provide convenient and safe pedestrian or bicycle access for Lawrence residents between the Pinckney area and eastern Lawrence. Construction of this proposed path will address this transportation problem and will enhance the lives of our residents.

Mayor Dever
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For the reasons discussed above, the Pinckney Neighborhood Association strongly supports the collaborative efforts of the City of Lawrence and the Kansas Department of Transportation to extend the Burroughs Creek multi-use trail from the Hobbs Park area to Constant Park.

Sincerely,

Patricia G. Miller
President, PNA

cc: Mike Myers