

Dear Mayor and City Commissioners,

Cc: David Corliss; Chuck Soules; Scott McCullough, City of Lawrence

The Lawrence Pedestrian Coalition is a diverse group of individuals and organizations. Our primary purpose is to make Lawrence, Kansas a city where non-motorized transportation is safe and accessible to every citizen.

We understand that this a complex and multi-dimensional issue. For example, there are neighborhoods in Lawrence that were built without sidewalks, leaving people to walk in the streets, and sidewalks built but never maintained with cracked, crumbling and dangerous surfaces. We also know it is not an easy fix.

We appreciate the interest and support that we have seen in the last few months from the City Commission and staff, evidenced by the recently completed inventory of city sidewalks.

We have also seen what can be accomplished when citizens are brought together to work on issues of importance to our community. Three recent city sponsored task forces, which focused on a new city library, solid waste management, and a cultural arts district, have had positive results for our community. We can see first hand those efforts, a new library is nearly completed, curbside recycling is about to begin and a thriving cultural arts district is part of our downtown landscape.

Therefore we request that a task force be established to study the issues of non-motorized transportation resulting in a plan of action which would include a secure and stable source of funding for the establishment, improvement, and maintenance of city sidewalks and bike paths.

Sincerely,

Tess Banion, Lawrence Pedestrian Coalition

