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**Petition concerning Kansas Department of Transportation
alternatives for the Clinton Parkway-Kansas Highway 10
Interchange**

WHEREAS the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) currently is evaluating alternatives for changes to the Kansas Highway 10 interchange at Clinton Parkway when the West leg of the South Lawrence Trafficway is expanded to four lanes, and

WHEREAS KDOT plans to have its recommendations made by the end of the year, and

WHEREAS one alternative would be to close the Clinton Parkway/K-10 interchange, and

WHEREAS KDOT acknowledges that such closure would force significantly more traffic onto Bob Billings Parkway, making it in effect the gateway to Clinton Lake, and

WHEREAS the so-called Bob Billings Parkway in Lawrence originally was 15th Street and was only renamed a “parkway” to honor the late Robert “Bob” Billings, and

WHEREAS, in reality, Bob Billings has more than 50 non-signalized intersections and curb cuts, providing access to residential neighborhoods and serving offices, churches, schools, small businesses, retirement communities and private residences, and

WHEREAS the so-called parkway is not a controlled-access roadway or “parkway,” has no access roads, only 5 signalized intersections, limited sidewalks and intermittent bicycles paths, and

WHEREAS, Bob Billings, as it presently exists, is unnecessarily dangerous because of the numerous non-signalized intersections with inadequate site lines, and because of inattention to the safety needs of pedestrians and bicyclists, and WHEREAS, KDOT projects a huge increase in traffic on Bob Billings as a result of the opening of the Bob Billings interchange and the completion of the East leg of the South Lawrence Trafficway in 2016, and

WHEREAS KDOT acknowledges that closing the Clinton interchange would further increase traffic on Bob Billings by 15 percent over time, and

WHEREAS increased traffic on a street originally intended to serve businesses, schools, churches and residential areas will exacerbate the existing dangerous conditions for pedestrians, bicyclists, and vehicle drivers, and

WHEREAS KDOT also acknowledges a strong preference by respondents to its online survey to keep the Clinton Interchange open, and

WHEREAS Clinton Parkway, in complete contrast to Bob Billings, is a divided highway, with limited, signalized, access points, having access roads, and with wide multi-use paths to accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists safely, and

WHEREAS representatives of businesses, churches, schools and hundreds of homes in neighborhoods served by the Bob Billings street have been meeting with Lawrence city officials about traffic-related issues since at least January of 2014, and

WHEREAS those representatives of more than 16 Homeowners Associations and neighborhoods informally became the Billings Safety Group to speak on behalf of the thousands of residents who will be negatively impacted by increased traffic if KDOT closes the Clinton Parkway interchange, now THEREFORE

For all the reasons set out above, we the undersigned, representing ourselves and those Homeowners Associations and neighborhood groups whose residents will be affected by KDOT's recommendation:

- Do strongly oppose closing the Clinton Parkway interchange with Kansas Highway 10 when the West leg of the South Lawrence Trafficway is expanded to four lanes, and
- Do positively and forcefully urge retaining the Clinton Parkway/K-10 interchange rather than forcing additional traffic onto Bob Billings Parkway.

Dated this ___ day of October, 2015.



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