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Subject: RE: agenda items comments reg number 2

To: Lawrence City Commission
From: Patricia Sinclair
Re: Regular Agenda Item 3
Date: March 8, 2016

Please do not waste our time and money pursuing the placement of a transit hub in a K.U. parking lot. Just because the money is available to apply for a federal grant does not mean that it's free money. It is money raised from taxpayers, and this project is a bust, in my opinion.

The city and K.U. have to live together, but that does not mean that the city has to give K.U. everything that they want. The transit administration's dogged insistence on making K.U.'s transit needs the primary factor in planning our system is hard to understand. Anyone who has ever used, or tried to use, this parking lot, or even been in the area of K.U. at game time knows how unworkable this idea is. What's great for K.U. is not necessarily what's great for the city as a whole.

Perhaps the city would do well to look at the mood of the electorate in the upcoming elections. People are angry and fed up with "business as usual" and the rule of a few powerful entities.

We need to look at our entire transit system, and look at the what people want or need for routes and design a system around that. One can hardly say how well a route does if that route does not exist.

I already attended a meeting way last year where the Transit system tried to ram their plan down the throats of the city. That plan involved another piece of K.U. land the the City Commission rejected that.

If we can't plan a transit system with K.U., then I suggest that they plan their own system and let the city as a whole have their own.

Please at least postpone this item as it appears that a meeting was going to take place just prior to the City Commission meeting and this hardly gives people time to react.

We are due to get a new City Manager sometime this month, I believe. Why are all of these decisions being rushed through now when it is clear that they have been in the works for a long time?

Please see comments on previous item.

Thank you.