

**Bobbie Walthall**

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**From:** noreply@civicplus.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 03, 2016 5:50 PM  
**To:** pedbike@charliebryan.com; mhull1011@gmail.com; Bobbie Walthall  
**Subject:** Online Form Submittal: Ped-Bike Issues Task Force Report Support

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First Name	James
Last Name	Bresnahan
Email Address	<a href="mailto:jbresnahan@ku.edu">jbresnahan@ku.edu</a>
Phone Number	7857669625
Street Address	1910 Marvonne Rd
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66047
Message	I bicycle in Lawrence and have bicycled in many areas that have excellent paths. This has included Boulder, Colorado and Edwardsville, Illinois, where Southern Illinois University is located. THEY HAVE EXCELLENT BIKE PATHS. People can actually commute to the University from surrounding neighborhoods and do. In Edwardsville underpasses and overpasses have been retrovitted to allow bicycle and pedestrian traffic. These go over busy highways, like interstate 70, and Illinois 157. I think it would be fantastic if we could make pedestrian and bicycle traffic safe and accessible here. We could certainly be as progressive as the communities I have mentioned.
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First Name	Dot
Last Name	Nary
Email Address	<a href="mailto:dotn85@att.net">dotn85@att.net</a>
Phone Number	785-218-6837
Street Address	205 Tumbleweed Drive
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66049

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**Message**

I am writing to express my sincere thanks and strong support for the work of the Ped/Bike Task Force. I believe it is critical to the future of Lawrence as a progressive city that we address sidewalk gaps, bring curb ramps into compliance with the ADA as a minimum standard, maintain existing sidewalks equitably, and build bikeways that are safe. This has so much to do with the health of Lawrence residents and visitors in so many ways—increased physical activity for all (including people with disabilities, one of the most sedentary groups in U.S. society), safer sidewalks, less traffic and pollution---so many benefits. To plan for Lawrence's role as a retirement destination and to respond to the needs of our aging society, we need to work NOW to create a more walkable community that is welcoming to those who do not or cannot drive personal vehicles. Again, I

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appreciate Marilyn Hull's leadership and the hard work of all the Ped/Bike Task Force members—they have made a very significant contribution and I now urge our City Commission to implement their recommendations.

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First Name	Tim
Last Name	Miller
Email Address	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Phone Number	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Street Address	620 Indiana
City	Lawrence
State	Kansas
Zip	66044
Message	<i>Field not completed.</i>
LiveWell Newsletter	No, thank you.

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**From:** Pesinclair@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 03, 2016 12:53 PM  
**To:** Bobbie Walthall  
**Subject:** rest of reg item 1

My side of the street has sanitary sewer, power poles, etc. at the end of our back yards, no alley.

I suggest that maintenance is again a big issue. For example, at KU, I was always calling them to have someone shovel the area of the sidewalk that goes down into street, so that wheeled vehicles can get through as I called for downtown bus stop to shovel so that people could enter and exit bus without falling or stepping into deep slush. Again, codes enforcement only works weekdays and is complaint-driven, so that there could be one business getting cited or having to shovel while the one next door was not. I have seen this, with First Management telling me that they had too many places to clean them all, or at that time,

Some suggestions regarding bicycle safety and etiquette., Please share paths with pedestrians. safely. Please use more lighting and reflectors. City, please get more lighting and hold events where this safety gear is free or at cost. Police officers, using their computer systems, could report burned out street lights to Westar and follow up on if it's fixed. I have done this personally, and it's hard as they don't respond and there's no longer a live person to talk to about it and they assume you are calling about your house. Sometimes you don't even know where the street light is. I have had many close calls with bikes in the dark, but drive carefully, looking out for them.

I'm sorry that this is not written better, but I spent so much time trying to understand the text amendment on agriculture and that had my email disappear twice.

For whichever item had the using the ROW to grow vegetables, etc., please think this through carefully due to above concerns and visibility and fairness,

Thank you,

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**From:** Pesinclair@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 03, 2016 12:36 PM  
**To:** Bobbie Walthall  
**Subject:** regular agenda item 1

To: City Commissioners  
From: Patricia Sinclair  
Re: Consent Agenda 1  
Date: May 3, 2016

I am writing partially in support of and partially against the proposed ped/bicycle report and suggestions. I commend the members for their hard work, but feel that all cannot or should not be done as suggested. I'm also making a few suggestions.

I support safe sidewalks, particularly for the disabled and children and you can start with the roundabout at 19th and Barker.

I do not support a program of fixing up sidewalks generally, at the owner's expense or not, and you can look at my block for an example. Johnson Ave. has houses on the south side with sidewalks, which leaves a very tiny yard. I am a disabled senior and yet I shovel and sweep, and try to divert the runoff from my neighbor's property by broom. It is slanted and they used a lot of ice melt and she, a city staffer, got special permission to have a license and build a walled area in the ROW which does not allow for cars to park in front easily, and does not allow runoff from her property to go anywhere but onto my property.

Across the street, most of the area between the street and the house is actually public ROW, but owners use it as their own private yards, even putting up fencing, plantings which serve as fencing, etc., which is not allowed per code. We are told that to even put a foot onto this area is trespassing, yet it is a public ROW, and so they enjoy the benefits, without any of the costs of having a sidewalk. I was once told that the city does not enforce this section of code. There are also buried utilities, sanitary sewers, etc. in this area.. One begins in the middle of the "street" and measures the same distance -- on my sidewalk to my property line at the end of the sidewalk, and in their case, the same distance from the end of the street.

Traffic is another concern, as our little block has an enormous increase in cut-through traffic, as does Learnard at the corner and it will only get worse when 19th street is opened up at the east end and the SLT opens, Right now, we have an incredible number of vehicles speeding down L, often business vehicles, small trucks, trucks with trailers, larger trucks and a large increase in parked cars, some up on the ROW. I try to stay to the side, but there is no sidewalk, only an open ditch with some raggedy pipes from time to time. I have had two hard falls walking in this area, falling onto the street. I believe that L did not want sidewalks as it would mean the loss of many mature trees and its history of being a nice place to take a walk.

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First Name	Aaron
Last Name	Paden
Email Address	<a href="mailto:aaronpaden@gmail.com">aaronpaden@gmail.com</a>
Phone Number	7858406400
Street Address	1208 Delaware
City	Lawrence
State	Kansas
Zip	66044
Message	I think this is one of the most important investments that the Lawrence can make for the health and well being of the residents and visitors. I would prefer you to allocate resources to this than the ever more increasingly expensive 9th street project. (Scale back 9th street and build better resources around the entire community.) Thank you! Aaron
LiveWell Newsletter	No, thank you.

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First Name	Nicole
Last Name	Herrera
Email Address	<a href="mailto:herrera.nicole.ashley@gmail.com">herrera.nicole.ashley@gmail.com</a>
Phone Number	8164194573
Street Address	1116.5 Connecticut
City	Lawrence
State	Kansas
Zip	66044
Message	In order to promote the good health of our community, it is necessary for the city to make repairs and installations that make our sidewalks accessible to everyone. Sidewalk injuries resulting from chipped pavement and cracks can be prevented with maintenance. Building bikeways will protect our commuters and drivers from accidental injuries, along with promoting healthier lifestyles for those who choose to utilize their bikes.
LiveWell Newsletter	That sounds awesome! Please add me to the LiveWell email list.

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First Name	Keith
Last Name	Skillman
Email Address	kcskillman@gmail.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66044
Message	As an avid cyclist and walker, and as a parent, I encourage you to support the Pedestrian-Bicycle Issues Task Force report. Let's invest in continuing and enhancing Lawrence's walkability. And let's make it easier and safer for citizens to enjoy running and cycling avenues.
LiveWell Newsletter	No, thank you.

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First Name	Elizabeth & Greg
Last Name	Burger
Email Address	eestewart1971@sbcglobal.net
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lecompton
State	KS
Zip	66050
Message	We technically don't live in Lawrence, but we do all our shopping, many recreation and social activities, and certainly take all visitors to Lawrence... because it's AWESOME. And one of the reasons it's awesome is the growing emphasis and interest on developing/sustaining safe, accessible avenues for walking, running, biking, rolling, etc. Just this weekend we took an out-of-state visitor through town and they saw the existing sidewalks and bike lanes loaded with users of all ages, sizes and abilities and their exact words were, "Man, I wish I could live here." KEEP UP THE MOMENTUM! Support the task force recommendations. I spend money in Lawrence in hopes that some tax dollars will go to support these recommendations. Thank you.
LiveWell Newsletter	No, thank you.

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First Name	Allen
Last Name	Levine
Email Address	allen.levine@gmail.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66049

**Message** I urge you to support the recommendations by the pedestrian-bicycle issues task force. The improvements will enhance public safety and quality of life for a broad range of people in our community.

I would also urge the commission to look at creating stiffer municipal penalties for drivers of motorized vehicles who are found to be at fault when involved in a collision with bicyclists or pedestrians. Being aware and sharing the road is important.

Thank you for your work on this important matter.

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First Name	Susan
Last Name	King
Email Address	king@ku.edu
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66044
Message	I am a physical educator and I care about the health and wellness of Lawrence children and their parents. I am in favor of any measure that will promote walking and biking in Lawrence.
LiveWell Newsletter	No, thank you.

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First Name	Joe
Last Name	Douglas
Email Address	joemdouglas@yahoo.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	Kansas
Zip	66049
Message	We need sidewalks for children, strollers, wheelchairs, all walkers. The present system of relying on the property owner to maintain sidewalks is not working and really seems unfair. We need to start committing community funds to start rebuilding our sidewalk system.
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First Name	Debra
Last Name	Karr
Email Address	debra.k2r@gmail.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	Kansas
Zip	66044
Message	I am very concerned seeing young families who have to move their strollers into the streets because the sidewalks aren't navigable.
LiveWell Newsletter	No, thank you.

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First Name          Emily

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Last Name          Feingold

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Email Address

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Phone Number

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Street Address

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First Name	Gwen
Last Name	GeigerWolfe
Email Address	wolfe.gwen@gmail.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66047
Message	Pedestrian and Bicycle issues affect many aspects of our city's health and safety. As a community, it is vital that we catch up to the standards upheld by similar communities for basic transportation infrastructure. Lawrence has a responsibility to its citizens to provide safe, functional, and healthful venues for mobility within the community.
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First Name Ritisha

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Last Name Chance

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Email Address

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Phone Number

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Street Address

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City

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State

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Zip 66044

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Message Improvement means happier and safer pedestrians, including children! Young children practicing riding bikes in Old West Lawrence is particularly difficult with sidewalks that are hard to navigate.

Also, any way to beautify Lawrence just means improved living for all residents.

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First Name	Matt
Last Name	Tucker
Email Address	mdt.matttucker@gmail.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	Kansas
Zip	66044
Message	Unfortunately I have to work and will be unable to attend the May 3rd meeting. As a bicyclist and pedestrian- for transportation, recreation and health reasons- I urge you to please support the Pedestrian-Bicycle Issues Task Force report. The health and well-being, as well as current and future transportation needs of this town depends on the continual support for improved bikeability and walkability in Lawrence. Connecting existing trails/paths, creating new pathways, repairing sidewalks for walking and wheelchair use are all critical parts in creating a healthy, safe community. Thank you for your time and support!
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First Name	David
Last Name	Hamby
Email Address	davidhamby2000@yahoo.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66049
Message	As a member of the Lawrence-Douglas County Bicycle Advisory Committee I support the recommendations of the task force. I ask that the City approve a dedicated funding source for Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure. The formation of a dedicated Transportation Commission with authority is an important aspect of this report. This infrastructure is a vital part of having a growing and vibrant city. Thank you for considering these recommendations.
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First Name	Susan
Last Name	McCarthy
Email Address	susanmccarthy283@gmail.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66044
Message	I walk around downtown and the OWL neighborhood a lot and I bike too. Keeping sidewalks walkable and streets bikeable is important to me.
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First Name Shelly

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Last Name McColm

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Email Address

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Phone Number

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Street Address

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City

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State

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Zip

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Message Lawrence should take steps to make it easier for our citizens to be active and lead a healthy lifestyle.

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First Name	Kathy
Last Name	Porsch
Email Address	kporsch@ku.edu
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66044
Message	Filling sidewalk/walkway/bikeway gaps and ensuring access through curb cuts is important, and perhaps even more critical is maintenance of existing pedestrian and non-motorized vehicle paths and sidewalks. The cost of replacing or even repairing a crumbling sidewalk, let alone replacing the crumbled curbing is prohibitive for most residential property owners in Lawrence. It is particularly unfair to have to pay out-of-pocket to replace the city's curbing in order to replace a sidewalk. We need to ensure that all of our sidewalks and paths have a long-term regular maintenance plan and the funding to support it. What is built must be maintained or the infrastructure crumbles.
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First Name	Alison
Last Name	Roepe
Email Address	allieroepe@gmail.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	Ks
Zip	66044

**Message** There's much talk of Lawrence being a great place to retire, but our sidewalks are a danger to walk on, so easy to fall down with many cracks and uneven segments. Most homeowners can't possibly afford to fix sidewalks in front of their houses so they don't get fixed. Sidewalks should be the city obligation to take care of, just like the streets are. Also biking is dangerous because bike lanes just disappear midstream. It's safer to ride on sidewalks.

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First Name	Charles
Last Name	Higginson
Email Address	charles.higginson@gmail.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	Kansas
Zip	66044
Message	I am lucky in that I can walk to many places on safe, mostly well maintained sidewalks, and I'd like to think everyone in Lawrence could do the same. On the other hand, I don't ride my bike around town much because there are too many places where I don't feel safe, and I hope the problems that keep me (and probably many others) off the streets can be addressed.
LiveWell Newsletter	No, thank you.

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 3, 2016 10:54 AM  
**To:** Charlie Bryan; Marilyn Hull  
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First Name	Douglas
Last Name	McKay
Email Address	dwmckayphsx@aol.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66044
Message	Good sidewalks and bikeways promote good health and good spirits. Alternatives to car congestions and parking headaches make a lot of sense. It's a long term program that should be part of Lawrence's "livability" progress.
LiveWell Newsletter	No, thank you.

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2 May 2016

Lawrence City Commission  
City Hall, 6 East 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lawrence, Kansas 66044

Mayor and City Commissioners:

I am very pleased to be writing to support the vision and the recommendations of the Lawrence Pedestrian Bicycle Issues Task Force Report.

As you may know, my husband and I are active walkers and bicyclists in this community. We enjoy our proximity to downtown and the campus of the University of Kansas and make walking and bicycling a regular part of our transportation.

I was proud to be a member of the City Commission in 1979 when that Commission adopted a policy of not regularly granting exemptions for the construction of sidewalks as part of a development proposal (it was explained to me that the commission had been making exemptions from the sidewalk policy for developments that were more than 500 feet from a school facility, a practice that may have been going on since 1956) and a city bicycle transportation plan. I was also proud to support many of the recommendations from the Community Development Block Grant Advisory Board for funding sidewalk construction and repair as a member of that Board.

I appreciate all the work that City Commissions have undertaken since that time to support pedestrian and bicycle improvements in our community. However it would certainly help to formally recognize pedestrian and bicycle facilities as a vital part of the city's transportation infrastructure. And although I understand the difficulties of establishing an equitable and practical sidewalk repair program, we have avoided that responsibility for far too long.

I recognize the importance of investments in transportation. Especially as we are struggling to make those investments at the state level, I lend my full support to coordinated and consolidated transportation planning and funding at our local level.

*marci francisco*

Marci Francisco

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First Name	Dan
Last Name	Nagengast
Email Address	nagengast@earthlink.net
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS 66047
Zip	
Message	Please increase funding for bike related infrastructure. I bike all the time in Lawrence and hope to make more of my trips on a bike.
LiveWell Newsletter	

**Sent:** Thursday, April 21, 2016 5:07 PM  
**To:** Charlie Bryan; Marilyn Hull  
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First Name	Carolyn
Last Name	Crawford
Email Address	ccjava2cups@yahoo.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66049
Message	My husband and I enjoy bike riding with friends around Lawrence and strongly support the ped-bike issues.
LiveWell Newsletter	That sounds awesome! Please add me to the LiveWell email list.

**Sent:** Friday, April 22, 2016 12:40 AM  
**To:** Charlie Bryan; Marilyn Hull  
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First Name	Sean
Last Name	Williams
Email Address	iloveLawrence@icloud.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66044
Message	I support an effort to encourage folks to walk to school, work, shopping and for fun and recreation. I support the City's efforts to promote walkable neighborhoods. I was born and raised walking or riding a bike to school and felt safe -- now, walking or riding a bike is an endangered pastime and has proven to be dangerous.
LiveWell Newsletter	That sounds awesome! Please add me to the LiveWell email list.

**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2016 1:44 PM  
**To:** Charlie Bryan; Marilyn Hull  
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First Name	Kelly
Last Name	Barth
Email Address	ludditekel@earthlink.net
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	Kansas
Zip	66044-3949
Message	I'd like to thank the City of Lawrence Public Works Department for the vast improvements made to the hill between Maine and Iowa on 9th Street. Because the road has been put on a diet and reduced to two lanes for car traffic, one middle turn lane, and a bicycle lane on either side, I can now safely ride my bicycle to KU and to the Merc, two of my nearly daily destinations. For example, while I wait to turn north onto Michigan off of 9th, I no longer have to worry that car traffic heading east will plow into me from behind. Also, though this is purely anecdotal, I notice far fewer accidents at the formerly dangerous intersection of 9th and Maine, where I live. This is a fine example of how a Complete Streets policy can make roads accessible to all.
LiveWell Newsletter	That sounds awesome! Please add me to the LiveWell email list.

**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2016 3:31 PM  
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First Name      barbara

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Last Name      watkins

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Email Address

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Phone Number

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Street Address

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City

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State

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Zip

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Message      This will help Lawrence in many ways--good exercise and safety, for example.,

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LiveWell      That sounds awesome! Please add me to the LiveWell email list.  
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**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2016 3:49 PM  
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First Name Peony

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Last Name Allen

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Email Address

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Phone Number

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Street Address

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City

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State

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Zip 66049

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Message Sidewalk maintenance is a problem, even on the west side of town. I've seen two kids fall off their bike in the past week due to large crack or holes in the sidewalk / sidewalk-street.

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LiveWell  
Newsletter No, thank you.

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**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2016 6:06 PM  
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First Name	Shannon
Last Name	Spradling
Email Address	Srspradling@gmail.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	Kansas
Zip	66049
Message	I am a person that walks a lot. I am a mother of 6 children that walk and bike through out Lawrence. This is a necessity for our town to grow.
LiveWell Newsletter	That sounds awesome! Please add me to the LiveWell email list.

**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2016 7:05 PM  
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First Name	Brenna
Last Name	Buchanan Young
Email Address	Brenna.buchanan@me.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	Ks
Zip	66049
Message	It is imperative that people of all ages and abilities be able to walk, bike, and otherwise to and from our neighborhoods. The empirical evidence is compounding by the day which shows that the health benefits and financial gains from having safe and pedestrian friendly walkways is imperative for cities to provide a quality of life for its residents.
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First Name Sarah

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Last Name Hartsig

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Email Address Shartsig@khi.org

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Phone Number

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Street Address

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City

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State

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Zip

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Message

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**Sent:** Tuesday, April 26, 2016 9:04 AM  
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First Name Mary

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Last Name Orem

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Email Address

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Phone Number

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Street Address

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City Lawrence

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State Kansas

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Zip 66049

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Message I am both an avid runner and cyclist. My preferred form of transportation is anything except my car. However, there are several areas in town that I am either forced to walk or run in the street, through someone's lawn or across areas of often unkempt tall grass because there is no sidewalk on either side of the street. I would like to safely be able to commute by bicycle from my home in west Lawrence to my place of employment in east Lawrence. Unfortunately, my best route includes using sidewalks that are in need of repair along a busy, high speed street and roads that are not clearly marked. If there were a safer, easily accessible alternative I would be able to commute by bicycle more regularly and feel more comfortable while doing so.

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LiveWell Newsletter No, thank you.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, April 26, 2016 9:16 AM  
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First Name	Angela
Last Name	Castorena
Email Address	angiecastorena@yahoo.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66049

**Message** We live in the Sunset hills area and this year they are taking the bus to East Heights which means we have to walk to the bus stop. There is no sidewalk on my street and there is no sidewalk on the way to the bus stop. This means my children and I are walking on the street with cars that seem to not know what the speed limit is, or not care. Or we can walk through the neighbors yards if it isn't muddy or in the winter covered in snow. I would like to feel safe doing this, and right now I don't. we NEED sidewalks EVERYWHERE.

I also have a husband and 18 year old who take a bicycle to work. Every day I'm scared that they will be get hit by cars because of the limited bike lanes in this town.

This town is full of people who actually like to be outdoors. Please make it safe for them to do so

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**LiveWell Newsletter** That sounds awesome! Please add me to the LiveWell email list.

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First Name	Sorcha
Last Name	Hyland
Email Address	sorcha.d.hyland@gmail.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	Kansas
Zip	66046
Message	Lawrence is a DANGEROUS city for bikers, wheelchair users and anyone who operates in a mobile, physical, outdoor domain without a car. The speed and ignorance with which cars and vehicles operate in this city are of significant concern to any parent, anyone with a physical disability - anyone who attempts to share the road. I believe the money that Law Enforcement want to invest in expanding a prison would be far better spent or re-imagined in terms of how to make the City safer for those who are actively operating to make Lawrence green, bicycle-friendly, and most critically - ADA compliant.
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First Name	John
Last Name	Casey
Email Address	jdcasey@commonjava.org
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66049

**Message** I don't know if you've noticed, but there are a lot of students in this town. Students aren't always known for their good judgement and impulse control (not to single them out; far too many older adults seem to have these problems too). Over the past three years, there have been numerous occasions when I was forced to haul my dog up onto a lawn and out of the street to avoid an oncoming car that was texting, or driving hideously fast in neighborhoods. My daily dog walk is perhaps 50% covered by sidewalks, and I've taken to wearing a surveyor's vest in the winter when it gets dark early, for the 50% that's not covered.

I also have two kids: a 4-year-old and a 2-year-old. We're very much interested in making use of the parks and playgrounds that are within walking distance, since this is MUCH healthier than driving to a playground. However, it's a harrowing prospect trying to keep them safe in this neighborhood.

And I would NEVER consider myself safe riding a bike down the lane on one of these overlapping-use streets that have the bike lane stencil in the middle of auto traffic, as you find on Monterrey Way. That's just a stupid sign; it in no way helps ensure safety. It's just a waste of white paint. Numerous studies have shown that only physical separation of bike lanes (just a simple, small barrier) actually keeps bicyclists safer. But too often, our "bike lanes" are in the middle of the road, with only the token stencil to even give a hint that we expect bike traffic there! How, exactly, does that mark Monterrey Way as being any different at all from any other non-interstate road?

There is no reason we should prioritize automobile traffic over pedestrian or bicycle traffic as a matter of course, but that's what our street architecture does.

I want my family to be able to use this city's many walkable destinations safely. Please act to make them accessible.

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First Name	Leslie
Last Name	VonHolten
Email Address	leslievonholten@gmail.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66044
Message	<p>As avid walkers and cyclists, my family supports the budget increases necessary to improve sidewalks and bike lanes throughout the city. It's good for our health--physical and mental--and good for the environment.</p> <p>My thanks to everyone who has worked hard on this endeavor.</p>
LiveWell Newsletter	That sounds awesome! Please add me to the LiveWell email list.

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First Name	David
Last Name	Childers
Email Address	brodave@gmail.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	Kansas
Zip	66049
Message	All transportation that does not rely on fossil fuels is important to support. As fossil fuel supplies are limited, running out will, eventually, happen. We should support city infrastructure that provides safe travels for all.
LiveWell Newsletter	That sounds awesome! Please add me to the LiveWell email list.

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 26, 2016 4:14 PM  
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First Name	Eula
Last Name	Lang
Email Address	eulalang@att.net
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66049-2024
Message	I walk for exercise and enjoyment, I appreciate the sidewalks and trails. I would like to see a sidewalk on Kasold from 5th street going north to fill in the gap there where there is none. I regularly walk from 5th to Riverview on Kasold and a sidewalk would be very useful.
LiveWell Newsletter	That sounds awesome! Please add me to the LiveWell email list.

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First Name	Cortney
Last Name	McKay
Email Address	cortney.mckay@gmail.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	Douglas
Zip	66046
Message	
LiveWell Newsletter	No, thank you.

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First Name Andrea

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Last Name Steele

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Email Address tcctmickey@yahoo.com

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Phone Number

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Street Address

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City Lawrence

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State Kansas

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Zip 66049

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Message There is a large portion of central Lawrence not currently served by sidewalk/biking/running trails. This puts residents from those neighborhoods at an increased risk for being overweight, which is directly related to diabetes and heart disease.

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First Name	Marianne
Last Name	Wille
Email Address	Mwille@sunflower.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66047
Message	My neighborhood around Holcolm Park is in good shape...but when I tried to walk in Old West Lawrence with Mandy Enfield, Anthony, and baby Frankie (in the stroller) we had to walk in the street. Sidewalks were overgrown or damaged. Boo! We can do better in this beautiful older neighborhood.
LiveWell Newsletter	That sounds awesome! Please add me to the LiveWell email list.

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First Name	Lori
Last Name	Kemme
Email Address	lkemme@gmail.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	LAWRENCE
State	DG-DOUGLAS
Zip	66046
Message	Walkability is one of the things that we love most about living near downtown Lawrence. Please help make the streets safer for all of our families by funding sidewalks, bikeways, and curb ramps!
LiveWell Newsletter	That sounds awesome! Please add me to the LiveWell email list.

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First Name	Kristen
Last Name	Myers
Email Address	Kristenleighmyers@gmail.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66044
Message	
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**To:** Charlie Bryan; Marilyn Hull  
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First Name	Connie
Last Name	Fitzpatrick
Email Address	Conniefitzp@gmail.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66044
Message	<p>This is very important for me for two reasons.</p> <p>1) In 2012 I was hit by a car while crossing a crosswalk. It took me several years to recover. I cannot stress how the gaps and uneven sidewalks made my daily commute almost impossible at the time of my recovery. Not just for my physical body, which doing my recovery, struggled to lift my legs. But, also for my rolling bag. (At the time I could not wear a backpack because it would hurt my back to lift). Using a rolling bag to prevent further back injury is pointless without ramps and even sidewalks. I now understand the struggle the elderly and disable encounter.</p> <p>2) Now that I am healthy. I am very grateful for my health. I now commute to work on bike. I do this to both keep my health and encourage other women to get out and ride for health. Bicycle riders need safer spaces to recent accidents. Accident-recovery-time and health take too much out of ones life.</p> <p>Help us by keeping us safe and healthy please.</p>
LiveWell Newsletter	That sounds awesome! Please add me to the LiveWell email list.

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 27, 2016 6:34 AM  
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First Name Daniel

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Last Name Zimney

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Email Address dan@dpzimney.com

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Phone Number

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Street Address

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City Lawrence

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State KS

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Zip 66046

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First Name	Jim
Last Name	Taylor
Email Address	jetaylor@sunflower.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	Kansas
Zip	66049
Message	I believe that shared walking/biking paths are important in our efforts to improve our health and that of our community. I do not believe that "road diets" are the way to accomplish this goal. I use Lawrence Avenue and Princeton Blvd on a daily basis and come across bike riders who use the auto lane instead of the bike lanes provided by the city.
LiveWell Newsletter	No, thank you.

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First Name	George
Last Name	Brenner
Email Address	gbrenner919@gmail.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66046
Message	It's great to see the progress on sidewalks, trails, and bicycle-friendly routes in Lawrence. Let's keep up the good work. We have a long way to go to make this a truly bicycle-pedestrian friendly community. I encourage the city to continue to support better sidewalks and bicycle routes for our kids and families to get to school and to shopping destinations in Lawrence.
LiveWell Newsletter	No, thank you.

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First Name	Melissa
Last Name	Meyer
Email Address	melrmeyer@gmail.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	Kansas
Zip	66049
Message	I get around by bike and on foot more often than by car. The biggest reason people don't make the switch to walking or biking is because they are scared. It's time to give some attention to alternate modes of transportation to encourage an active lifestyle and reduce driving/gas usage. Please consider improvements to paths and sidewalks.
LiveWell Newsletter	That sounds awesome! Please add me to the LiveWell email list.

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First Name Lisa

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Last Name Grossman

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Email Address

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Phone Number

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Street Address

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City Lawrence

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State KS

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Zip 66044

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Message Dear commissioners,  
thank you for your attention to the issue of ped/bike accessibility! I have loved living in Old West since 1996, primarily because I can walk, ride my bike, or bus about anywhere from home. That doesn't mean it's easy. We have a brick sidewalk that I'm embarrassed to say is in terrible shape. We've debated over the years about fixing it, but it's just a small piece of the entire messed-up block, and we couldn't have afforded it anyway. We'd love to retain this historic brick but also make the entire neighborhood walkable, indeed all sidewalks in town! And I ride my bike everywhere, but some places are too dangerous or inaccessible. Thanks for helping us make these improvements! We truly only need to take our car out about once a week or so, and I'd love it if more people could do the same.

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First Name	Leigh
Last Name	Keck
Email Address	leighkeck@gmail.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66046
Message	I would ride my bike around town more often if there were more established bikeways.
LiveWell Newsletter	That sounds awesome! Please add me to the LiveWell email list.

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First Name	Martha
Last Name	Bachert
Email Address	hsmom@sbcglobal.net
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66047
Message	Please make the sidewalks safe for everyone. All parts of town deserve well-maintained sidewalks - keeping folks, especially kids, off the street.
LiveWell Newsletter	No, thank you.

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First Name	Emily
Last Name	Casey
Email Address	eamcasey@yahoo.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KANSAS
Zip	66049-2708
Message	I have two small children (ages 2 and 4) and we walk a lot. We often have to walk in the street because of the lack of sidewalks. We live just a few blocks south of the Merc and we have just two small stretches of sidewalk between us and Centennial park. Recently we tried walking from Ryan Gray Playground to Centennial park and I was horrified to learn (the hard way) that there weren't enough sidewalks to get us from one to the other. We wound up walking through parking lots and gas stations. It's tremendously frustrating, not to mention unsafe.
LiveWell Newsletter	No, thank you.

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First Name	Sheldon
Last Name	Weisgrau
Email Address	sweisgrau@gmail.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66044
Message	Staying healthy affects all aspects of our lives. Making it easier for Lawrence residents to walk and bike will enhance their health and enhance the overall health of the community.
LiveWell Newsletter	That sounds awesome! Please add me to the LiveWell email list.

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First Name	Marci
Last Name	Leuschen
Email Address	leuschen@gmail.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66047
Message	I would love to see the City of Lawrence support initiatives that strive to get people outside and help them stay active. My family rides bikes all over Lawrence and there are numerous times my children have to get off their bikes to navigate around cracks or bumps. It is not safe. Making Lawrence a more bike friendly city would be awesome. Thank you for your time and please support the Pedestrian-Bicycle Issues Task Force recommendations. - Marci Leuschen
LiveWell Newsletter	No, thank you.

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First Name	Sarah
Last Name	Trowbridge-Alford
Email Address	seta5580@gmail.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	Kansas
Zip	66046
Message	I would love to see the City Commissioners borrow wheelchairs and try to navigate their way around Lawrence to get a better idea of the struggle faced by those whose independence is sustained by access to reliable and safe sidewalks and curb ramps. Or try pushing a stroller with a toddler in tow while keeping an eye out for gaps in the sidewalk and know ahead of time where there are curb cuts to safely cross the street.
LiveWell Newsletter	That sounds awesome! Please add me to the LiveWell email list.

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First Name	Erika
Last Name	Kramer
Email Address	
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	Kansas
Zip	66049
Message	We need to support cleaner, greener ways of transportation to offset climate change.
LiveWell Newsletter	No, thank you.

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First Name	Laura
Last Name	Dahnert
Email Address	Lauradahnert@sbcglobal.net
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	Ks
Zip	66049
Message	When I see Tooeka getting ahead of Lawrence in upgrading pedestrian and bike use options, I know there is a problem in Lawrence. I'm an avid cyclist, runner, walker, all around outdoors person. I travel frequently as well, and communities who place importance on these issues are easily spotted and appreciated. Please Lawrence, let's stay ahead of the curve on this issue, which is only growing in importance in these times. Thank you for your support and consideration!
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First Name	Shari
Last Name	Meyer
Email Address	heartmeuer@yahoo.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	Kansas
Zip	66049
Message	I would love to see Lawrence have bike lanes or sidewalks to ride on that cover our entire community. Safe ways to ride for health, leisure or to get to the store and work! It's time to include our whole community not just cars.
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First Name	Allan
Last Name	Jackson
Email Address	allanj37@gmail.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	
State	
Zip	
Message	I try to use a bicycle for transportation whenever possible. There are many areas of Lawrence where I don't feel safe riding in traffic -- let alone allowing my children to ride with me. One area of town that I am especially concerned with is the area around campus. There are no streets adjacent to campus that feel safe to ride on. Whether it's Iow, 9th, 19th, or the one-ways, there are no safe and convenient routes for bicycle travel.
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First Name	Tonie
Last Name	Barnett Bruns
Email Address	barnett.tonie@gmail.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66044
Message	It is important to me to constantly enhance our pedestrian/bicycle pathways in order to bring our city closer to a walkable community. Offering safe and secure pedestrian and bicycle pathways will enhance our community by encouraging cycling and walking. Walkable communities are considered safer and they offer residents more opportunities to socially interact.
LiveWell Newsletter	That sounds awesome! Please add me to the LiveWell email list.

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First Name	Rachel
Last Name	Hunter
Email Address	rhunt@ku.edu
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	Kansas
Zip	66044
Message	One of the wonderful things about Lawrence is how many people walk and bicycle. Let's make fostering this a big priority!
LiveWell Newsletter	That sounds awesome! Please add me to the LiveWell email list.

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First Name	Nicole
Last Name	Negley
Email Address	nimolsiskye@yahoo.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66046
Message	Please keep Lawrence Safe! I would love to learn about what the city is doing to keep our streets safe for bicyclers, skateboarders and walkers!
LiveWell Newsletter	That sounds awesome! Please add me to the LiveWell email list.

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First Name	Vicki
Last Name	Pepperdine
Email Address	chldcrdir@yahoo.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66044
Message	My ten year old rides these streets.
LiveWell Newsletter	That sounds awesome! Please add me to the LiveWell email list.

**Sent:** Thursday, April 28, 2016 3:14 PM  
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First Name	Melody
Last Name	Henning
Email Address	littlelody@gmail.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66044
Message	I really appreciate having walkable neighborhoods and paths across town as I take my little boys on bike and stroller rides and runs. It makes all the difference in the upkeep of our community and in the well being of our friends and families. Also, it's so important that we make public spaces accessible for those with disabilities. Investing into sidewalks and bikeways makes Lawrence even more attractive a place to live and grow! Thank you!
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First Name          Joseph

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Last Name          Yoder

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First Name	Tom
Last Name	King
Email Address	tomwking@yahoo.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66046
Message	We should all know the social benefits of walking and biking by now.
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First Name	David
Last Name	Crawford
Email Address	dcraw4d@hotmail.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	
State	
Zip	66044
Message	In my opinion cars, parking garages, and general parking issues are overwhelming issues here in Lawrence that monopolizes way too much of the cities resources. Walking, biking, and alternative means of transportation are marginalized in comparison. In addition, these are issues of class equity. If the city would invest as much in our homeless and working class as we invest in parking garages we would have a proud day.
LiveWell Newsletter	No, thank you.

**Sent:** Friday, April 29, 2016 2:13 AM  
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First Name      Maureen

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Last Name      Cole

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Email Address      maucole@gmail.com

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Phone Number

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Street Address

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City      Lawrence

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State      KS

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Zip      66047

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**Sent:** Friday, April 29, 2016 6:59 AM  
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First Name	Helen
Last Name	Schnoes
Email Address	Helenaschnoes@gmail.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	
Message	I live in Lawrence without of car and have faced the steep learning curve of navigating the varying levels of bikeability on our roads and with in neighborhoods. I have had my bike damaged by biking on unkept sidewalks of arterial roads where no parallel connector offers bikers a safe alternative. The process of fostering a more bikeable city can only progress with intentional and sustained changes to out built environment. Lawrence is too small a town to have such an imposed culture of car dependency. We can and should do better. It will better our health, it will better our air, it will save families money and cultivate more human-scale connections in Lawrence. I applaude the work of the Taskforce and hope we act in vision and foresight to more forward wth their recommendations.
LiveWell Newsletter	No, thank you.

**Sent:** Friday, April 29, 2016 7:08 AM  
**To:** Charlie Bryan; Marilyn Hull  
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First Name	Kevin
Last Name	Prather
Email Address	Khprather@gmail.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66044
Message	Complete and maintained sidewalks and bike routes provide opportunity for citizens to stay active and more connected with their community. This is equally important to maintaining roads and a fraction of the cost.
LiveWell Newsletter	

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First Name Diane

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Last Name Wang

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Email Address Gnawenaid@gmail.com

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Phone Number

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Street Address

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City

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State

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Message My grandparents like going for walks but they're afraid to venture very far from the house because the paths become less friendly and there aren't a lot of places or benches to rest on the way...would it be possible to install benches or resting areas as well?

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First Name	Ben
Last Name	Byers
Email Address	bboutonbyers7@gmail.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	Kansas
Zip	66044
Message	<p>I've lived in Lawrence for nearly five years, and have always relied on a car to get around. Only recently have I committed myself to living a healthier, cleaner lifestyle. I bought a bike, hoping to eventually make it my primary mode of transportation. Riding around town, I feel almost new to the city again; I'd never realized how inhospitable the roads were to bikers and pedestrians alike.</p> <p>Several of the major thoroughfares either have crumbling, unsafe sidewalks, or not sidewalk at all. Those that do have sidewalks often aren't accompanied by dedicated biking lanes, forcing cyclists to either share the narrow walkways with pedestrians or brave crowded streets and busy intersections with no real safeguards. Only a week after I bought my bike I was hit by a car. I had the right of way, but the driver simply wasn't looking for a cyclist on the street. And why would they?</p> <p>I've always been proud to consider Lawrence a bastion of progressive thinking and community-centered opportunities. Improving and maintaining our pedestrian infrastructure is crucial to remaining dedicated to the ideals of civic progress.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration.</p>
LiveWell Newsletter	That sounds awesome! Please add me to the LiveWell email list.

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First Name	Noel
Last Name	Rasor
Email Address	noelrasor@gmail.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66046
Message	Bike and pedestrian safety and accessibility are often treated as side issues, not as important as other infrastructure considerations. I urge the City to bring the focus on these issues into its annual discussions and budget. They aren't just amenities. We need to treat them as part of the transportation infrastructure for both millennials and the elderly. Further, it's central to economic development in that a high quality of life, including rich, vibrant neighborhoods and exercise opportunities are key to attracting and keeping businesses because they know these elements are crucial for attracting and keeping employees.
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First Name Rachel

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Last Name Levy

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Email Address rlevy@ldchealth.org

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Phone Number

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Street Address

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City

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State

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Message

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First Name      Andrew

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Last Name      Lewis

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Email Address      andylewis1@juno.com

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Phone Number

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Street Address

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City      Lawrence

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State      Kansas

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Zip      66044

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Message

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LiveWell  
Newsletter      No, thank you.

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**Sent:** Friday, April 29, 2016 5:09 PM  
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First Name	teresa
Last Name	bray
Email Address	judamama@juno.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	Kansas
Zip	66044
Message	
LiveWell Newsletter	That sounds awesome! Please add me to the LiveWell email list.

**Sent:** Friday, April 29, 2016 5:22 PM  
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First Name	Dana
Last Name	Atwood-Blaine
Email Address	dlab309@gmail.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66046
Message	I support expanded funding for filling sidewalk gaps, maintaining sidewalks and bikeways, and installing curb ramps. These things significantly improve the livability of Lawrence.
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First Name	Marjorie
Last Name	Cole
Email Address	nobledog@aol.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66044
Message	I wish to join those urging you to increase funding for filling sidewalk gaps, installing ADA-compliant curb ramps, maintaining existing sidewalks equitably and building bikeways. In my neighborhood sidewalks are dangerous for anyone with balance problems, in a wheelchair, or otherwise incapacitated. The walk from my neighborhood to Cordley school is not safe for young children. The crossing of Kentucky Street is particularly dangerous, as is 19th Street, since even at lights, cars make turns carelessly, many driven by novice high school drivers. We need better sidewalks and crossing guards at intersections when children are walking/biking to and from school.
LiveWell Newsletter	No, thank you.

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First Name	Monica
Last Name	Farrell
Email Address	mfarrell@sunflower.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	Kansas
Zip	66047
Message	
LiveWell Newsletter	That sounds awesome! Please add me to the LiveWell email list.

**Sent:** Friday, April 29, 2016 6:58 PM  
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First Name	Drew
Last Name	McDaniel
Email Address	rossamcdaniel@gmail.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66049
Message	My daughters and I get great exercise riding our bikes on the streets, sidewalks, and trails. But we need more options of access from our house in the Deerfield neighborhood. Dedicated paths, lanes, and trails are crucial for transportation, commutes to work and downtown, health, fitness, recreation, and safety of our community.
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First Name	Kate
Last Name	Campbell
Email Address	ccampbell@sunflower.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66047
Message	As a relatively new Lawrence resident, I have been frustrated by the lack of continuous sidewalks and safe bike paths in the neighborhoods and on routes from my home to nearby strip malls and grocery stores. Assisting my elderly mother in and out of public places has been a problem more than once due poor sidewalk maintenance and curb cuts that do not meet ADA standards. I urge the City Commission to adopt the recommendations of the Ped-Bike Issues Task Force.
LiveWell Newsletter	That sounds awesome! Please add me to the LiveWell email list.

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First Name	Ronald
Last Name	Miller
Email Address	rjmillerchampion@gmail.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	Kansas
Zip	66049
Message	I am a wheelchair user and need the sidewalks to be in good repair along with the necessary curb cuts to keep me safe while traveling in Lawrence.
LiveWell Newsletter	That sounds awesome! Please add me to the LiveWell email list.

**Sent:** Friday, April 29, 2016 10:31 PM  
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First Name	Kelli
Last Name	Bates
Email Address	kukelli@yahoo.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	Kansas
Zip	66044
Message	The sidewalks in Old West Lawrence could definitely benefit from maintenance. I completely support this issue.
LiveWell Newsletter	No, thank you.

**Sent:** Friday, April 29, 2016 10:43 PM  
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First Name Sandy

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Last Name Beverly

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Email Address

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Phone Number

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Street Address

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City Lawrence

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State Kansas

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Zip 66049

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Message I believe in biking and walking. Biking allows you to make your "short trips" without using a car. Walking builds community. But both walking and biking (with kids) require good sidewalks or bike paths. It's such a good use of money! People \*want\* to live in walkable, bikeable neighborhoods and cities. Lawrence is progressing on this, but we can do even better!

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**Sent:** Saturday, April 30, 2016 12:18 AM  
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First Name	Melissa
Last Name	Fahrenbruch
Email Address	meljofah@gmail.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66044
Message	In our neighborhood we don't have sidewalks and have to walk in the street. It's not safe as the cars are not looking and go too fast for the streets. Please include sidewalks so our kids and neighbors can be safe. Adding more street lights would also be helpful.
LiveWell Newsletter	No, thank you.

**Sent:** Saturday, April 30, 2016 6:30 AM  
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First Name	Steph
Last Name	Zelnick
Email Address	
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	
State	
Zip	
Message	
LiveWell Newsletter	No, thank you.

**Sent:** Saturday, April 30, 2016 7:01 AM  
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First Name	Ann
Last Name	Wilhelm
Email Address	kansasduckie@gmail.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66049
Message	Biking and walking is an important part of being healthy for life. Without proper side walks and bike paths my life and health are inn jeopardy. Because the city of Lawrence is so hilly biking on the road ways causes majors problems with traffic and endangers lives. Please expand public walkways and bike paths for the safety of everyone in our community.
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First Name	Eric
Last Name	Kirkendall
Email Address	kirkendall1@gmail.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	Kansas
Zip	66044
Message	<p>I support the recommendations of the Pedestrian-Bicycle Task Force. A good walking-bicycling infrastructure is vital to economic development, and the state of Lawrence's infrastructure is woefully inadequate.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Eric Kirkendall</p>
LiveWell Newsletter	That sounds awesome! Please add me to the LiveWell email list.

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First Name	Karin
Last Name	Denes-Collar
Email Address	kdenescollar@gmail.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66044

**Message** I love living in the Barker neighborhood, but the sidewalks are frequently precariously maintained. I would love for the city to take a stronger lead in funding sidewalks. when my daughters were learning to ride bikes we had to be careful where we rode lest their tires get stuck or they fall. And, as a person with an aging parent who is now wheelchair bound, I am acutely aware of how important it is for all citizens to have access to sidewalks with safe curb breaks/ramps. Large strollers can go around or on the grass, but wheelchairs really can't. Thank you for considering this measure!

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First Name Jackie

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Last Name Stafford

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Email Address

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Phone Number

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Street Address

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City

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State

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Message I cannot attend the meeting, but I feel strongly that the city must maintain our sidewalks and build bikeways. We live in the central part of the city, so we can bike and walk to many of our daily activities. This was a big part of our decision when we chose where to live in town. I walk to work, my children walk to school, we walk to our grocery store, hardware store and neighborhood businesses. We ride our bikes, as often as possible, to the library, city pool, post office, etc. All citizens in Lawrence should have the same opportunities and feel safe to do so.

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First Name	Dayna
Last Name	Lee
Email Address	Dayna38@sbcglobal.net
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	Kansas
Zip	66046
Message	Why do we have a pothole hotline, but no sidewalk hotline. I believe the city should maintain the sidewalks. They claim to own them but make property owners maintain them. Do you understand how much cheaper the city can keep up compared to individual residents?
LiveWell Newsletter	That sounds awesome! Please add me to the LiveWell email list.

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First Name	Ann
Last Name	Baker
Email Address	mabjasper@yahoo.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66044

**Message** I do not own a car and so I walk and ride my bike to get around Lawrence, Kansas. I am totally in favor of the city doing its best to keep all of us pedestrians and bicyclists safe by funding the building and maintenance of sidewalks and bikeways. Thank you for your attention and support of this matter.

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First Name	John
Last Name	Wilson
Email Address	johncwilson06@gmail.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66046
Message	
LiveWell Newsletter	No, thank you.

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First Name	Chuck
Last Name	Wehner
Email Address	cwehner@mac.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66049
Message	Its important for the health and safety of our citizens as well as making a cleaner environment by getting cars off the streets.
LiveWell Newsletter	No, thank you.

**Sent:** Saturday, April 30, 2016 1:55 PM  
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First Name	Sharon
Last Name	Ashworth
Email Address	sharon.ashworth@sbcglobal.net
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	Kansas
Zip	66044
Message	Many reasons to support the Task Force recommendations. First, I have a mother who uses a walker and she is barely able to navigate downtown sidewalks and of course neighborhood sidewalks in central and east Lawrence are impassable. Second, I would never let my 13 year old bike alone around town, except the short distance to school. I believe sidewalks are for pedestrians, but the road conditions make biking unsafe, and at a minimum jarring. Biking at night is risky if you don't know where the potholes are. Please support the task force recommendations so that the residents of Lawrence can safely move about without a car. Thank you.
LiveWell Newsletter	No, thank you.

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First Name	Michael
Last Name	Fraley
Email Address	Fraley0001@yahoo.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	Ks
Zip	60044
Message	The ability to bike and walk safely to any location should be fundamentally just as safe as the ability to drive to any location within the city limits. It would be unacceptable for auto traffic lanes to be interrupted and non-continuous within the city limits. I urge the Lawrence City Commission to approve this request for funding to insure the rights of pedestrians and bicyclists are given the same importance as the rights of automobile drivers.
LiveWell Newsletter	No, thank you.

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First Name	Kirk
Last Name	Larson
Email Address	4thlarson@gmail.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66044
Message	I am 52 and a frequent bicycle rider. In fact, it is my primary vehicle in town. Promoting walking and cycling will ease traffic and encourage healthier living.
LiveWell Newsletter	No, thank you.

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First Name      Suzan

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Last Name      Hampton

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Email Address

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Phone Number

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Street Address

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City

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First Name	Mike
Last Name	Engel
Email Address	coachmde@yahoo.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	Ks
Zip	66044
Message	I am disabled and really need the ADA Compliant items to be completed and kept up to standards.
LiveWell Newsletter	

**Sent:** Sunday, May 1, 2016 9:37 AM  
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First Name	Melissa
Last Name	Warren
Email Address	melissawarren9201@gmail.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	
State	
Zip	
Message	I am very much in favor of dedicated bike/pedestrian paths. There are many streets that have too many cars to be safe for cyclists. Crossing intersections is esp. Dickey. I urge the commissioners to try riding a bike somewhere themselves so they may better appreciate the needs of cyclists.
LiveWell Newsletter	No, thank you.

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First Name	Carey
Last Name	Maynard-Moody
Email Address	careymm@sunflower.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66044

**Message** Please see my letter of April 1, 2016. I have pasted below for your convenience.

Dear Commissioners:

I have read and I am encouraging you to accept the Ped/Bike Task Force report.

AARP and the Walkability and Living Community Institute (WALCI) conducted an Active Living Workshop in Lawrence July 28-29, 2014. With support from KS AARP and the Barker Neighborhood Association, the workshop focused on the Barker neighborhood. I attended the workshop along with about 70 members of the Barker neighborhood. I have attached the report from that workshop.

Encouraged by the workshop and the findings reflected in the report, several members of my neighborhood association formed a working committee with the goal to advance promising recommendations contained on pages 19-26 of that report. While I chair that committee and look forward to more meetings to refine a plan to pursue projects, today I am writing you as a long time resident of the Barker neighborhood.

Please note that several of the WALCI's report recommendations include accommodations for bicyclists and pedestrians. Their short, mid range and long-term projects and solutions are in keeping with the report from Lawrence's Bicycle/Pedestrian Task Force report that you are now considering.

They include re-striping key Barker neighborhood streets to reduce vehicle speeds and to give more space to bicycles. They also recommend roundabout(s) at key intersections to reduce speed, increase safety and, at the same time, keep traffic flowing.

The WALCI team found that Mass St., a gateway to our city from the south, currently carries about 7,000 vehicles per day in each direction. See page 25 of the report. The classic four-adjacent-lane design of Mass St in the Barker neighborhood with under-utilized parking lanes is capable of handling well over 30,000 vehicles per day, over four times the amount of actual traffic. Therefore in

its current build, Mass St encourages speeding, and produces excessive noise for the Barker neighborhood. Furthermore, it intimidates and poses unnecessary danger to bicyclists, and pedestrians, especially children crossing from the Barker neighborhood to get to school. I know, because I walk with these children every day when I cross Mass St to get to Cordley to work (volunteer).

I understand that by reducing the number of lanes on this street, it would calm traffic, lower noise levels and allow for designated bike lanes. It would produce a safer pedestrian realm. Massachusetts Street is an historic, signature street in Lawrence with a beautiful tree canopy. With a redesign that focuses on livability, it could become a higher quality destination, enhance the businesses of the Barker neighborhood and become a gateway to our city that Lawrence could be proud of.

As an active resident and member of the Barker Neighborhood Association, I am pleased to find that the Ped/Bike Task Force report prioritizes the Mass St Sidewalk/Bikeway. I urge the City Commission to accept the task force's report.

Furthermore, I urge the commission to designate funding that will make this project as well as other Barker neighborhood projects, like a South Mass St "Road Diet" possible.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Carey Maynard-Moody

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**Sent:** Sunday, May 1, 2016 11:34 AM  
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First Name Janet

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Last Name Majure

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Email Address

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Phone Number

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Street Address

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City Lawrence

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State KS

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Zip 66044

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Message As a regular walker, I'm well aware of the various gaps and maintenance problems with city sidewalks. I strongly support these proposals to make walking a safe, convenient and healthy mode of transportation.

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First Name	Tobin
Last Name	Neis
Email Address	tobin.neis@gmail.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66049
Message	Making it easier was get around Lawrence by walking or bike will help the city in so many ways. We need to continue to improve on existing and future infrastructure!
LiveWell Newsletter	That sounds awesome! Please add me to the LiveWell email list.

**Sent:** Sunday, May 1, 2016 3:43 PM  
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First Name	Gary
Last Name	Webber
Email Address	gwebber@sunflower.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66049
Message	Dear City Commission, Please implement the recommendations included the the PBITF Final Report! The residents of Lawrence deserve to have safe sidewalks, ADA ramps, a consolidated Transportation Committee to advise the Commission, a completed multi-use loop, and the rest of the recommended improvements. We have talked about the unsafe and incomplete sidewalk system in Lawrence for long enough! It is time to act to fund these improvements!
LiveWell Newsletter	That sounds awesome! Please add me to the LiveWell email list.

**Sent:** Sunday, May 1, 2016 4:42 PM  
**To:** Charlie Bryan; Marilyn Hull  
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First Name	Clinton
Last Name	Idol
Email Address	clintonidol@yahoo.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66044
Message	Safer and more accessible pedestrian and bicycle resources will improve life for all in the City of Lawrence.
LiveWell Newsletter	

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First Name      Andy

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Last Name      Booth

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Email Address

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Phone Number

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Street Address

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City              Lawrence

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State             Kansas

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Zip                66047

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Message            Its been nice to see Lawrence becoming a bike friendly community over the last few years. The addition of the hike/bike path has really been a blessing. Unfortunately, commuting to work or other activities in town have become difficult to do with the deterioration of city sidewalks. This makes it dangerous for not only the bicyclist but also for people running and walking. Motorists get frustrated when bikes need to use the street including roads that have the designated bike emblem. Please keep up the bike friendly progress the City of Lawrence needs and deserves.

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First Name	Ellen
Last Name	Paulsen
Email Address	elnpaulsen@sbcglobal.net
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66044
Message	Please consider these recommendations. One concern I have is, also consider carefully when thinking about sidewalks on both sides of the streets in residential areas. We need good well kept sidewalks but want to cover the least amount of land with cement possible. Thanks.
LiveWell Newsletter	That sounds awesome! Please add me to the LiveWell email list.

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First Name	Laurie
Last Name	Marienau
Email Address	Lmarienau@sbcglobal.net
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	Ks
Zip	66047
Message	This is a no brainer, everyone needs to be able to walk or ride their bikes safely. It's sad that today's children cannot freely ride their bikes. Less cars, more walking and riding!
LiveWell Newsletter	That sounds awesome! Please add me to the LiveWell email list.

**Sent:** Sunday, May 1, 2016 8:12 PM  
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First Name	Clare
Last Name	Doveton
Email Address	claredoveton@gmail.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66049
Message	The report addresses many glaring holes in our current system. As a progressive college town - with many residents without cars or those who would prefer to bike or walk, we should be encouraging walking and biking throughout our city and not just in a few select blocks. Complete the Lawrence Loop, extend the sidewalks through neighborhoods and to commerce, and please add more crosswalks and other safe pedestrian crossings.
LiveWell Newsletter	No, thank you.

**Sent:** Sunday, May 1, 2016 9:09 PM  
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First Name	Erica
Last Name	Smith
Email Address	Ericasmithdesign@gmail.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	Kansas
Zip	66044
Message	As a paraplegic who uses a wheelchair to get around town the condition of the sidewalks is very important to me. An accessible town makes all citizens feel as though they belong.
LiveWell Newsletter	

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First Name	Ann
Last Name	Hossler
Email Address	annhnc@yahoo.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66047
Message	I would really like to see biking and walking become a bigger part of Lawrence. My children's school is 1.5 miles from our home. Biking would be great, but does not feel safe. We sometimes walk to school.
LiveWell Newsletter	No, thank you.

**Sent:** Monday, May 2, 2016 6:55 AM  
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First Name	Justin
Last Name	Douglas
Email Address	justindo@gmail.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66044
Message	Though I am sure there are many important issues facing the city council in these turbulent times, I believe that filling sidewalk gaps, installing ADA-compliant curb ramps, maintaining existing sidewalks equitably and building bikeways are an important function of city government. Please give serious consideration to the recommendations of the Ped-Bike Issues Task Force.
LiveWell Newsletter	No, thank you.

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First Name	Nina
Last Name	Van Schmus
Email Address	equinelover1985@hotmail.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	ks
Zip	66046
Message	
LiveWell Newsletter	No, thank you.

**Sent:** Monday, May 2, 2016 8:23 AM  
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First Name	Shannon
Last Name	Oury
Email Address	soury714@gmail.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66047
Message	Please priorities the completion of the bike trail that circles Lawrence. Additionally, biking has become more dangerous with the use of cell phones and safe routes that can protect bikers are more important so biking is still an option and that an active lifestyle in Lawrence is accessible. Thank you.
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First Name	Amy
Last Name	Sanchez
Email Address	amsanchez74@hotmail.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	Kansas
Zip	66046
Message	Proper upkeep and expansion of the sidewalks in the community if vital. It allows all residents to enjoy safe and functional for their daily activities. Everyone benefits when we have nice sidewalks.
LiveWell Newsletter	No, thank you.

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First Name	David
Last Name	Thompson
Email Address	herbie53@sunflower.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66046
Message	Sidewalk, bikeways and curb ramps are so important to the quality of life in our community. I believe it promotes health and well being to have accessible and safe pathways.
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**To:** Charlie Bryan; Marilyn Hull  
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First Name	Ray
Last Name	Petty
Email Address	raypetty@aol.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66046
Message	Improving accessible routes for pedestrians, bicyclists and people using wheelchairs is important -- but so is MAINTAINING accessible sidewalks. This plan enhances Lawrence as a city with sustainability in mind -- as well as ADA compliance. [I'm a bit frustrated by the 2030 goal for ADA compliance. Now 25+ years after the ADA became civil rights law in the USA -- I'd expect at least 90% compliance by 2020 and 100% by 2025.] This is certainly a step in the right direction in terms of recreation, fitness, health-promotion, and sustainability -- so please support this LiveWell Lawrence initiative! Thank you rp
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First Name	Kathy
Last Name	Tuttle
Email Address	knemethuttle@ku.edu
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66044
Message	As President of the Old West Lawrence Association, I write to strongly support the recommendations of the Ped-Bike Issues Task Force. Our neighborhoods and our community will be healthier and safer if these recommendations are approved and implemented. Make Lawrence an even better place to live, work, and play! Kathy Nemeth Tuttle President, Old West Lawrence Association
LiveWell Newsletter	That sounds awesome! Please add me to the LiveWell email list.

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First Name	Beth
Last Name	Whittaker
Email Address	bethmwhittaker@yahoo.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	
State	
Zip	
Message	Lawrence deserves safe sidewalks and routes for bicyclists. It's shocking how a town so progressive in so many ways struggles with sidewalks to nowhere, missing curb cuts, and streets where you take your life into your own hands if you dare to choose a bike over a car. Please direct additional funding to continue chipping away at this major, systemic problem.
LiveWell Newsletter	That sounds awesome! Please add me to the LiveWell email list.

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First Name	Stacey
Last Name	White
Email Address	staceyswhite@gmail.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66044
Message	Dear Commissioners, I think all of you are committed to the idea of Lawrence as a healthy community, and for that I thank you. Still, there is more to be done. Getting more people to walk and bike in our city requires safe and convenient infrastructure for that. I hope you will support the request for additional funding for these needs. Sincerely yours, Stacey White

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Message      Along with my wife and children, walk and bike for a large portion of our transportation and recreation needs. Lawrence has a solid bike/walking infrastructure but it could - and should - be much, much better! Please support the entire funding request of the PBITF report.

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First Name	Jean
Last Name	Schumaker
Email Address	jschumaker@edgeenterprisesinc.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66044
Message	Please do all you can to promote exercise in our community. I take two walks a day and very much appreciate the ability to walk safely and easily throughout my neighborhood.
LiveWell Newsletter	No, thank you.

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First Name Nancy

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Last Name O'Connor

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Email Address cmef@themerco.coop

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Phone Number

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Street Address

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City Lawrence

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State KS

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Zip 66044

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Message As a Nutrition Educator in our community I know that it takes all of us working together to promote healthy lifestyle choices - healthy food, exercise that is part of our daily lives, support for all people of all ages and incomes to live vibrant, healthy lives. Making movement around our community easy and accessible is a critical to our community's health. I ask you please to support the efforts of the Pedestrian-Bicycle Task Force.

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First Name	Steven
Last Name	Bergdall
Email Address	steven.bergdall@gmail.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66044
Message	Biking is a healthy, clean, and efficient mode of transportation, but the lack of bike lanes in Lawrence makes it the least bike-friendly place I've ever lived. Pedestrians around OWL also have to contend with severely cracked and uneven sidewalks in certain areas. A person in a wheelchair would be better off opting for the cobblestone streets, but that's not really an acceptable solution. For the health, safety, and convenience of Lawrencians, we need to improve our network of sidewalks and bike routes.
LiveWell Newsletter	No, thank you.

**Sent:** Monday, May 2, 2016 11:02 AM  
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First Name	Carol
Last Name	Pilant
Email Address	carolpilant@gmail.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66044
Message	A community that walks and bikes is a healthy community. I support city maintenance of and creation of safe sidewalks and bikeways for the Lawrence community. I support sales tax allocation and city funding of these projects. Carol Pilant
LiveWell Newsletter	No, thank you.

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First Name	Jenny
Last Name	Skillman
Email Address	jbyrdskillman@gmail.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66044
Message	I am strongly in favor of increasing ongoing investment in infrastructure to make Lawrence an even more walkable and bikeable city—for both the immediate safety and the long-term health of our citizens. While our family lives in a very pedestrian-oriented neighborhood, obvious improvements could be made to sidewalks and additional bike-friendly roadways throughout the city. Thank you for your consideration and dedication to making Lawrence the best it can be.
LiveWell Newsletter	That sounds awesome! Please add me to the LiveWell email list.

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First Name	Deena
Last Name	Burnett
Email Address	dlburnet@yahoo.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	Kansas
Zip	66044
Message	Lawrence needs to improve and maintain bike and pedestrian opportunities to allow citizens and our community to remain healthy and viable.
LiveWell Newsletter	That sounds awesome! Please add me to the LiveWell email list.

**Sent:** Monday, May 2, 2016 11:32 AM  
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First Name	Emily
Last Name	Winters
Email Address	ecsack@gmail.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66044
Message	In order to be a bike and pedestrian friendly community there has to be monetary support. Lets be that city that shows they have their priorities right!
LiveWell Newsletter	That sounds awesome! Please add me to the LiveWell email list.

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First Name	Gene
Last Name	Wee
Email Address	genemarwee@gmail.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66049
Message	The task force has come up with a good plan and recommendations after a lot of hard work. I sincerely hope the budget you oversee will be able to cover their recommendations. This is not for the sports riders but the commuters and families using our streets and sidewalks.
LiveWell Newsletter	No, thank you.

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First Name	Bill
Last Name	Kinnersley
Email Address	billk@sunflower.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66047
Message	<p>I've been following with great interest the progress of the task force studying greater bicycle and pedestrian access in Lawrence.</p> <p>Myself, I am a runner. I belong to the running club runLawrence. A great deal of traffic going by my house consists of runners and joggers. I am especially interested in any improvements that will benefit our part of the community. I ask that the task force take us into account!!</p> <p>I've been told that the word "pedestrian" in the report is meant to include runners and joggers, but few people, I think, have that understanding.</p> <p>Whereas Lawrence focuses on bike paths, other towns have built a network of explicitly designated jogging trails. Bike paths and jogging trails are not the same. The connection to Burcham Park, for example, is said to be for walkers, while Lawrence Loop is meant for biking. The path along the south side is named the "SLT Hike and Bike Path." I use it a lot, but I neither hike nor bike!</p> <p>Speaking for those who enjoy running and jogging, I think we deserve explicit mention, and consideration in the planning. Thanks.</p>
LiveWell Newsletter	No, thank you.

**Sent:** Monday, May 2, 2016 12:09 PM  
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First Name      Brian

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Last Name      Edie

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Street Address

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Message

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LiveWell      No, thank you.  
Newsletter

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First Name	Matthew
Last Name	Schwabauer
Email Address	schwabauer@gmail.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66044
Message	I fully the city of Lawrence spending \$1 Million per year for the next three years to start to make improvements to the most basic and important of our transportation infrastructures. I work in construction, and exceptionally hazardous industry, and the dangers I face everyday on public property while commuting to work on my bicycle far exceed the dangers I face on the job. Obviously money is limited, and I would encourage cuts be taken out of police weaponry and subsidies for the real estate speculation of millionaires. My safety, and the safety of my family depends on improvements to bicycle infrastructure in this community.
LiveWell Newsletter	That sounds awesome! Please add me to the LiveWell email list.

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First Name	Kevin
Last Name	Liu
Email Address	gkevin.liu@gmail.com
Phone Number	
Street Address	
City	Lawrence
State	KS
Zip	66049
Message	This will help make the city accessible to those who do not have ready access to cars. Having accessible sidewalks, including ADA compliant curb cuts, will make it easier for all people to get around town and access public transit.
LiveWell Newsletter	That sounds awesome! Please add me to the LiveWell email list.



# Sustainability Action Network

Local Solutions for Transition to a Sustainable Economy

P.O. Box 1064, Lawrence KS 66044  
a Kansas 501(C)(3) not-for-profit

Lawrence City Commission  
City Hall, 6 East 6th St.  
Lawrence KS 66044

3 May 2016

re: City of Lawrence 2017 Budget  
Implementation of the Pedestrian-Bicycle Task Force Recommendations

Mayor Amyx, and Commissioners:

22 June 2016 will mark 40 years from when Lawrence adopted the first bicycle plan, *The Pedalplan for Lawrence*.

*The Pedalplan for Lawrence* contained not only facility design standards, origin-destination metrics, and specific project prioritization, but also a five year capital plan. Suffice it to say, if Lawrence had the political will 40 years ago to begin a bicycle transportation network, the cost would have been pennies on the dollar of what is required today. The more delay, the more the cost.

Lawrence now has under its belt, at least 18 bicycle plans, either singly, or as part of another planning document such as the Bicycle Compatibility Index Study, Transportation 2040, the Multi-Modal Studies, or the Lawrence-Douglas County Bicycle Plan. It is telling of the previous 40 years that none of these plans, other than *The Pedalplan for Lawrence*, had a capital plan.

The *Pedestrian-Bicycle Task Force Report* now adds another plan to our catalog. And the Task Force did well by including a five year capital plan, 2017-2021. They request that the Commission commit to implementing that plan, by \$500,000 per year for bicycle tracks, boulevards, and lanes, and \$500,000 per year for sidewalks, ADA ramps, and intersection improvements. The Sustainability Action Network finds this recommendation to be the most important element of the Report, and ask that you budget for these amounts, and no less, in the stated time frame.

Of equal importance is the creation of a City staff position to "provide a coordinated approach to pedestrian-bicycle planning [and] engineering" (TF Report, p. 28). Every comparable community that has built fully functional bicycle facilities has a position of Bicycle-Pedestrian Coordinator/Engineer. Budget funds are scarce, and we will want such a professional who is knowledgeable enough to target funds for the most effective projects. That person will also be effective in bridging the "silo factor" at City Hall by regularly convening "an interdepartmental city staff team for facilities planning, budgeting, construction, [and] routine maintenance" (IBID).

Finally, Sustainability Action recommends that, when allocating bicycle spending, the annual capital funds be spent in a narrow, focused manner, rather than by a shotgun approach to scatter small amounts of money in many neighborhoods all at once. If built by cutting corners without all the necessary elements, and if not contiguous, bicycle facilities will serve little of the potential ridership, and prove to be ineffective spending. Rather than scattering "bike route" signs or "sharrows" on as many streets as possible, it's far better to build one two-mile bicycle boulevard that connects key destinations.

We feel the previous City Commission put the Pedestrian-Bicycle Task Force in an unfair position by instructing them to find sources for budget funds. It was as though to say "Your report has some great ideas, but if you can't show us the money, we're so sorry".

Public Works and Management staff and prior City Commissions have apologized year after year, decade after decade, that they just can't seem to find the money in the budget for people who bicycle and walk. Yet at the same time, they always have managed to find adequate budget funds for motor vehicle transportation (about 1% of which was attendant funds for bicycles and sidewalks, most from Federal Highway).

It is not so much a matter of "finding new funding sources". It's more a matter of reallocating the funding – realigning our priorities. That's what a budget is all about – to work with the revenue streams as they are, to weigh the needs against the preferences, and to make the hard choices. After 40 years of deferred spending, it's time to choose \$1,000,000 a year to spend on bicycles and pedestrians.

It's about political will. It's about time.

Sincerely,

Michael Almon, Chair  
Bicycle & Alternative Transportation Program  
Sustainability Action Network



Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods

Lawrence Mayor and City Commission  
City Hall  
6 East 6th Street  
Lawrence, Kansas 66044

April 7, 2016

RE: Lawrence Pedestrian-Bicycle Issues Task Force Report

Dear Mayor and Lawrence City Commissioners:

As the Chair of the Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods, I am writing to express our support for the final recommendations and of the Pedestrian-Bicycle Issues Task Force. These recommendations have demonstrated community-wide support.

The Task Force offers a vision of a safe, easily accessible network of pedestrian and bicycle facilities that connect neighborhoods to priority destinations like school, transit stops, work, shopping, and recreation. We are encouraged by this vision, as many Lawrence neighborhoods lack adequate infrastructure to support safe, convenient and comfortable travel for everyone—those on foot, on bike, on transit, in wheelchairs, young, old or disabled.

Actions of most urgency:

1. We ask that you direct staff to draft a resolution, before year's end to establish a Transportation Commission that advises the city commission and staff on developing and maintaining systems for all means of travel- walking, biking, public transit and driving.
2. We ask that you direct staff to designate a single staff member to serve as a public point-of-contact on all walk, wheel and bike-related issues.
3. We ask that you direct staff to begin work to establish an equitable and practical sidewalk repair program by 2017 that will bring all sidewalks and curb ramps up to code by 2030.

We are grateful for the work of the Pedestrian-Bicycle Issues Task Force and by your efforts to make active transportation and recreation safer and more convenient for people of all ages and abilities in neighborhoods across Lawrence. We urge you to fully implement the 6 recommendations of the Pedestrian-Bicycle Issues Task Force.

Sincerely, Candice Davis LAN Chair



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Lawrence, KS 66046-5616  
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www.lawrenceshelter.org

March 22, 2016

Lawrence City Commission  
City Hall  
P.O. Box 708  
Lawrence, KS 66044

Re: Pedestrian Bicycle Task Force  
Report

Dear Commissioners,

As you know, the Pedestrian Bicycle Task Force has released a report that establishes a vision and plan for a Lawrence that is a safer, more convenient and more enjoyable place for residents to walk, bike and wheel. I write to express Lawrence Community Shelter's support of the Task Force's recommendations.

Homelessness in Douglas County is a multifaceted phenomenon that is typically caused and exacerbated by some combination (or even all of) the following factors:

1. Loss or lack of access to adequate and affordable housing options
2. Loss or lack of employment opportunities
3. Health challenges, whether mental or physical, and the inability to connect with physical and mental health care resources
4. Struggles with addiction and alcoholism and the difficulty in connecting with treatment and recovery options
5. Physical and psychological isolation resulting from the stigma caused by being homeless, combined with the physical isolation of our facility

One of the primary goals of our case management process is to identify the root causes of a person's homelessness and then to be very intentional and proactive in connecting him or her with resources designed and intended to address those root causes. Whether it's pursuing a housing or job or educational opportunity, attending a health care appointment, getting to a group therapy or 12-step meeting, or learning (or perhaps re-learning) how to move around in our community in the ordinary course of one's life, one must have access to reliable and affordable

The mission of the Lawrence Community Shelter is to provide a safe shelter and comprehensive services and programs that provide a path to a positive future for people who are currently experiencing or are at risk for homelessness.

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transportation. As such, access to reliable and affordable transportation options is a critical component of our case management process.

One should also not underestimate the value of a simple walk or bike ride in terms of physical and psychological health. We frequently work with guests who suffer from high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes, depression, and other physical and mental health issues. There is a great body of research that supports the notion that physical exercise can be an efficacious and very cost-effective mode of treatment for these maladies.

I would be remiss if I failed to mention the potential benefits to our child population. We typically have 20-25 children here at LCS at any given time. We are fortunate to have a very nice playground and some are for kids to play and ride their bikes, but we enthusiastically support any measure that might give our kids more access to outside play options. I support that both in my capacity at LCS and also the father of three boys who spend a lot of time with electronic devices.

At LCS, we are able to provide access to some transportation with the annual allotment of bus passes that we receive from the City and by facilitating rides via local taxi services, Uber, and other similar sources. Our resources, however, are limited. One of our core beliefs is that, wherever possible, we should attempt to model what the world looks like outside of LCS in order to properly equip our guests to move out and live on their own in a health and sustainable way. One of the important tools in a person's toolbox is the ability to move around our community by procuring and using her own transportation.

Accordingly, LCS supports anything that we can do as a community to provide safe and reliable transportation options that make these various resources, processes, and opportunities more convenient and accessible for our guests. We believe that adoption of the Task Force's recommendations will:

- Provide our guests with greater access to safe and affordable transportation options.
- Encourage the use of safe routes of access for pedestrian and bicycle traffic, thereby reducing the need to traverse routes on or near private property.
- Promote health by making physical activity accessible to all, whether one resides at Lawrence Community Shelter or elsewhere.
- Help address rising rates of chronic disease by providing thousands of citizens who suffer from high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes, depression and other common diseases access to the best possible intervention – daily physical activity.
- Promote the health of children by making it easy and safe for kids to get to school and around their neighborhoods on foot or bike. Children who walk or bike to school are far more likely to get the 60 minutes of physical activity recommended for their health.

- Improve safety of roadways, creating conditions that will reduce the number of crashes involving motorists and pedestrians or bike riders. This is especially important considering that LCS is located so near to K-10.
- Reduce demands on city infrastructure by reducing reliance on motor vehicles, which will reduce parking needs and create less wear and tear on streets. This would help us stretch out our supply of bus passes.
- Promote affordable lifestyles by making it possible for residents to rely less on cars to get to work, school, grocery stores and other daily destinations.

Thank you for considering the Task Force's recommendations and for your support of LCS and our mission. If I can be of further assistance, please contact me.

Very Truly Yours,

Trey Meyer  
Executive Director  
Lawrence Community Shelter



## **ANDERSON RENTALS**

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1312 West 6th • Lawrence, Kansas 66044-2219  
913-843-2044 • Fax 913-843-0045

March 31, 2016

Dear Commission Members:

I am writing this letter to thank you for forming the Lawrence Pedestrian Bicycle Issues Task Force. This was a very visible and important step towards our city achieving the common goal of a safer, more walkable, rideable and livable community. After reviewing the task force's report I enthusiastically support their findings and ask that you implement their recommendations.

Please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Bill Anderson, President

Anderson Rentals – 2016 Bicycle Friendly Business

**From:** Becky <bmcclure@sunflower.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2016 8:55 PM  
**To:** Charlie Bryan  
**Subject:** Support recommendations from the bike/pedestrian task force

To whom it may concern:

Please let the city commissions know that I as well as many other citizens of Lawrence support the recommendations of the bike/pedestrian task force.

I know the task force members spent a lot of time and energy to give the city recommendations on how to make "our town" more safe for bike riders as well as pedestrians and runners.

Please vote YES to make these recommendations possible.

Becky McClure  
108 Lawrence Ave.  
Lawrence, KS 66049

**From:** Bob Schumm <schummfoods@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2016 5:47 PM  
**To:** Charlie Bryan  
**Subject:** Support for the findings of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Issues Task Force Report.

Dear Mayor and Commissioners, I sincerely ask all of you to support the findings of our Pedestrian and Bicycle Issues Task Force. This is work that I was involved with when I was on the commission. I know how important it will be for our city to have a more comprehensive sidewalk and shared use path system as well as safe streets for non-motorized uses. There are equal parts of recreation value as well as transportation value in this equation. A city where a person can easily walk and ride affords our citizens great health opportunities, alternative transport options, and stimulating recreation activities. To this end I encourage you to fund the report's recommendations with an ongoing permanent line item amount that allows for the completion of this plan. Best to all of you. Bob Schumm

1645 Barker Avenue  
Lawrence, KS 66044  
April 1, 2016

Lawrence City Commissioners:  
Mike Amyx, Stuart Boley, Matthew Herbert,  
Lisa Larsen, Leslie Soden  
City Hall  
PO Box 708  
Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear Commissioners:

I have read and I am encouraging you to accept the Ped/Bike Task Force report.

AARP and the Walkability and Living Community Institute (WALCI) conducted an Active Living Workshop in Lawrence July 28-29, 2014. With support from KS AARP and the Barker Neighborhood Association, the workshop focused on the Barker neighborhood. I attended the workshop along with about 70 members of the Barker neighborhood. I have attached the report from that workshop.

Encouraged by the workshop and the findings reflected in the report, several members of my neighborhood association formed a working committee with the goal to advance promising recommendations contained on pages 19-26 of that report. While I chair that committee and look forward to more meetings to refine a plan to pursue projects, today I am writing you as a long time resident of the Barker neighborhood.

Please note that several of the WALCI's report recommendations include accommodations for bicyclists and pedestrians. Their short, mid range and long-term projects and solutions are in keeping with the report from Lawrence's Bicycle/Pedestrian Task Force report that you are now considering.

They include re-striping key Barker neighborhood streets to reduce vehicle speeds and to give more space to bicycles. They also recommend roundabout(s) at key intersections to reduce speed, increase safety and, at the same time, keep traffic flowing.

The WALCI team found that Mass St., a gateway to our city from the south, currently carries about 7,000 vehicles per day in each direction. See page 25 of the report. The classic four-adjacent-lane design of Mass St in the Barker neighborhood with under-utilized parking lanes is capable of handling well over 30,000 vehicles per day, over four times the amount of actual traffic. Therefore in its current build, Mass St encourages speeding, and produces excessive noise for the Barker neighborhood. Furthermore, it intimidates and poses unnecessary danger to bicyclists, and pedestrians, especially children crossing from the Barker neighborhood to get to school. I know, because I walk with these children every day when I cross Mass St to get to Cordley to work (volunteer).

I understand that by reducing the number of lanes on this street, it would calm traffic, lower noise levels and allow for designated bike lanes. It would produce a safer pedestrian realm. Massachusetts Street is an historic, signature street in Lawrence with a beautiful tree canopy. With a redesign that focuses on livability, it could become a higher quality destination, enhance the businesses of the Barker neighborhood and become a gateway to our city that Lawrence could be proud of.

As an active resident and member of the Barker Neighborhood Association, I am pleased to find that the Ped/Bike Task Force report prioritizes the Mass St Sidewalk/Bikeway. I urge the City Commission to accept the task force's report. Furthermore, I urge the commission to designate funding that will make this project as well as other Barker neighborhood projects, like a South Mass St "Road Diet" possible.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Carey Maynard-Moody



# Walkability and Complete Streets: Opportunities for the Barker Neighborhood of Lawrence, KS

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*Photos on the cover depict scenes in and near the Barker neighborhood as observed by the AARP and WALC Institute project team in July 2014. This page, to the right: with several traffic-calming projects already implemented, the Barker neighborhood is poised to take the next steps toward walkability and “complete” streets.*

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# The AARP and WALC Institute *Active Living Workshop*

Various trends are changing the projections for future travel demands in North America; that is, they are changing our understanding of the type of transportation systems and neighborhoods people want now and will want in the future. Aging populations, rising fuel prices, growing traffic problems, increasing health and environmental concerns, and changing consumer preferences are all increasing demand for active modes of transportation, such as walking, cycling and public transit.

The benefits of active transportation, placemaking and “complete” streets—herein, collectively referred to as “walkability”—are numerous. They improve public health and reduce healthcare costs. They contribute to a sense of “place” and community, and reduce the need for parking spaces. They help alleviate pressure on roadways that are nearing saturation and have very little “grow room.” In fact, walkability is the lowest-cost way to keep car dependency from growing and, therefore, keep motorized traffic moving. Beyond that, more than 25 percent of all daily trips made in the U.S. are within walking distance and 60 percent are within bicycling distance. Having the option to walk or bike—or move naturally—just makes sense. It also is particularly important to aging populations, knowledge workers, Millennials and other groups that often make up the target demographics for city-building efforts.

The walkability and livability of a community—whether urban, suburban or rural—is heavily influenced by land-use and transportation planning, design and policies. Where walkability is supported through policies, programs and projects that favor active living, the entire community benefits.

As described in other parts of this report, it will be the rebuilding, re-purposing, retrofitting and infilling of land and infrastructure in places like the Barker neighborhood and surrounding areas—along with the redesign of critical intersections and corridors throughout town—that will improve prosperity, health and well-being.

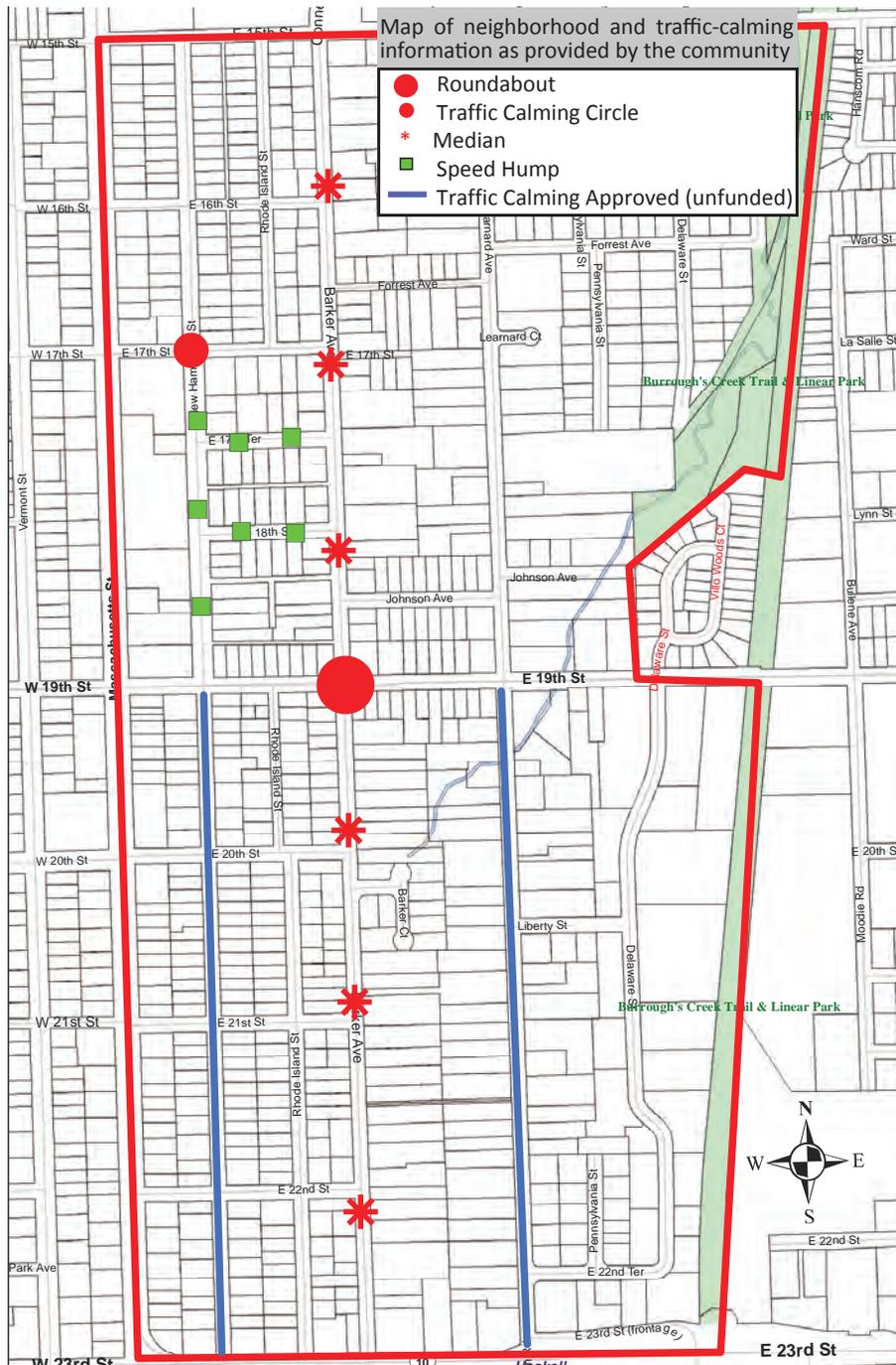


### **Engaging Community Members in a Meaningful Way**

Achieving such goals anywhere in the country, however, requires that community members are engaged in a meaningful way in assessing their built environment and prioritizing changes. A group of community members who are vested in this way helps build further support for the plans to be adopted and projects to be undertaken.

Toward that end, AARP and the WALC Institute have developed the Active Living Workshop to engage communities in making their streets and neighborhoods more walkable, livable, healthy and sustainable. The goal of the workshop is to build capacity by promoting a shared language amongst residents, government staff and elected officials; to illustrate through examples and audits how walkability and livability benefit a community and how they can be achieved; and to inspire each participant to become involved in the movement towards active living.





An Active Living Workshop was held in Lawrence, KS on July 28 and 29, 2014 to focus on opportunities in and surrounding the Barker neighborhood, an older residential area about one mile south of downtown and southeast of the University of Kansas campus. The workshop was hosted by AARP Kansas with support from the Barker Neighborhood Association and local community volunteers.

The neighborhood spans roughly a half-mile east to west, and about a mile north to south. It includes about 750 homes. The neighborhood association has helped bring residents' voices to City Hall in recent years, resulting in part in several recently built traffic-calming projects. (See the inset map provided by the community.)

About 70 people—mostly neighborhood residents—participated in the Active Living Workshop events the evening of July 28 at Babcock Place, a senior-housing center in the Barker neighborhood. The evening included an educational presentation on walkability and walking audits led by WALC Institute team members Dan Burden and Kelly Morphy. Lawrence Mayor Mike Amyx also attended and spoke briefly with the residents.

Workshop activities on July 29 were based at Lawrence High School, which is across Massachusetts St. from the Barker neighborhood. Many neighborhood residents and local advocates returned, along with several officials from the City of Lawrence, including planners, traffic engineers, and a police officer.

Tuesday's schedule included an in-depth walkability presentation and initial recommendations, a bus tour of the neighborhood with several stops to get out and walk, and a small-group planning/prioritization activity.



# Why Walkability Matters

Throughout the country, we have applied advanced engineering to move *more* cars and to move them *faster*. The result too often has been streets that accommodate cars but deter people from active modes of transportation such as walking, biking and using transit. Land uses like strip malls, cul-de-sacs, poorly sited schools, and single-use zoning tend to compound the problem and perpetuate a dependency on automobiles. Further, transportation engineering often places focus on vehicle mobility at the expense of others. These factors matter greatly because the built environment plays a significant role in health and well-being by either encouraging or discouraging physical activity.

Today, two out of three American adults 20 years and older is overweight or obese. In 2008, about half of all adults 18 years and older in the U.S. had at least one of six chronic illnesses: cardiovascular disease, arthritis, diabetes, asthma, cancer or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

While we know that physical activity is good for us, 60 percent of Americans do not meet the daily recommendations set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Yet, people who have sidewalks in their neighborhoods reported more minutes of recreational walking. And adults living in highly walkable neighborhoods engage in 41 minutes more of total physical activity per week than those in low-walkability neighborhoods.

Further, consider that:

- A study in the *Journal of the American Planning Association* in 2006 found that for every five-percent increase in walkability, a community could expect more than a 30-percent increase in “physically active travel” and nearly a quarter-point reduction in individual body mass index, which is a common indicator for obesity and health. The increase in walkability was also correlated with more than a five-percent reduction in air pollutants that are associated with vehicle travel.
- Analysis published in *Preventive Medicine* in 2010 indicates that installing sidewalks on all of a city’s streets would increase physical activity enough to offset weight gain in about 37 percent of the population, leading to healthcare savings likely to be enough to repay the cost of installing the sidewalks.

*Complete Streets are designed to serve everyone: pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and motorists, regardless of age or ability....*

*- From the Lawrence Complete Streets Policy*



*Residents, students and visitors display a desire to use active modes of transportation in and around the Barker neighborhood of Lawrence, KS.*

## There are many reasons to support active living and walkability.

- Active transportation incorporates exercise into one's daily schedule and eliminates the stress of driving on congested streets.
- Health care costs are reduced when people lead active lifestyles.
- A five- to 10-mph reduction in traffic speeds increased adjacent residential property values by roughly 20 percent. Reduced traffic volumes on residential streets increases home values by an average of 18 percent.
- Active transportation infrastructure is far less expensive than building new roads and parking.
- Active transportation provides opportunities for social connections and community building.
- A 10-point increase in Walk Score increases commercial property values by 5 percent to 8 percent.
- An EPA study indicates compact infrastructure is up to 47-percent less expensive than conventional development patterns.
- Active transportation is good for tourism. In 1992, an estimated 32,500 visiting cyclists spent \$13.1 million in Vermont.<sup>23</sup> Similarly, 680,000 visitors bicycle in North Carolina's Outer Banks yearly, generating \$60 million annually. About 1,400 jobs are supported locally in North Carolina from expenditures made by bicyclists.

The built environment also reflects our social inequities. Seniors are over-represented in intersection fatalities by a factor of more than two-to-one. Seniors also are at great risk for social isolation once they lose their ability to drive. In fact, half of all non-drivers 65 years and older—about 4 million Americans—stay at home on a given day because they lack transportation.

But improved health and social equity are not the only reasons to modify the built environment to be more supportive of active transportation. Forty percent of baby boomers say they don't have enough savings for retirement. This means seniors will continue to work and transportation choices will become critically important. As the senior population grows faster than any other age group, towns that are addressing walkability are better suited to meet their needs.

When cities and towns provide equitable access to a complete transportation system, they send the message that people—not just cars—belong. No matter one's age, income, ability, or mode of transport, the place works and the benefits are tremendous. Our street design can minimize those things that halt productivity (congestion, accidents) because users know where they belong, how to navigate and how to interact with others.

In too many parts of the U.S., bicycling and walking are considered recreational activities. However, when we focus on walkability and its economic benefits, we build strong communities that are more prosperous and that work for all.

Factors improving walkability include:

- Destinations within walking or biking distance of each other, such as retail shops located near offices and housing, and schools located within neighborhoods.
- Street connectivity, ideally in a fine-grain grid without unnecessary cul-de-sacs. Also, sidewalks or trails that allow people to move comfortably and safely.
- Road widths that foster lower vehicle speeds. The wider a road or a vehicle travel lane is (or appears to be), the faster the driver tends to travel. The faster cars are traveling, the less safe and comfortable a person feels walking or bicycling.
- A sense of security and "eyes on the street." This feeling of comfort is created by orienting the homes and buildings toward the street, and providing transparency—occupied buildings and homes with windows and doors at the street level—so occupants can watch over the street.

# Key Walkability Concepts

\* Also, see the *Active Living Toolbox* attachment for a series of fact sheets by AARP and the WALC Institute addressing several of the most common misconceptions about the tools of livability.

**Active Transportation:** Also known as non-motorized transportation, this includes walking, bicycling, using a wheelchair or using “small-wheeled transport” such as skates, a skateboard or scooter. Active modes of transportation offer a combination of recreation, exercise and transportation. (See Victoria Transport Policy Institute, [www.vtpi.org](http://www.vtpi.org).)

**Aging in Place:** Also called, “Living in Place.” The ability to continue to live in one’s home safely, independently and comfortably, regardless of age, income or abilities. Living in a familiar environment and being able to participate in family and other community activities. (See National Aging in Place Council, [www.ageinplace.org](http://www.ageinplace.org).)

**Charrette:** [pronounced, “shuh-RET”] A collaborative session to solve design problems that usually involves a group of designers working directly with stakeholders to identify issues and solutions. It is more successful than traditional public processes because it focuses on building consensus. (See Walkable and Livable Communities Institute, [www.walklive.org](http://www.walklive.org).)

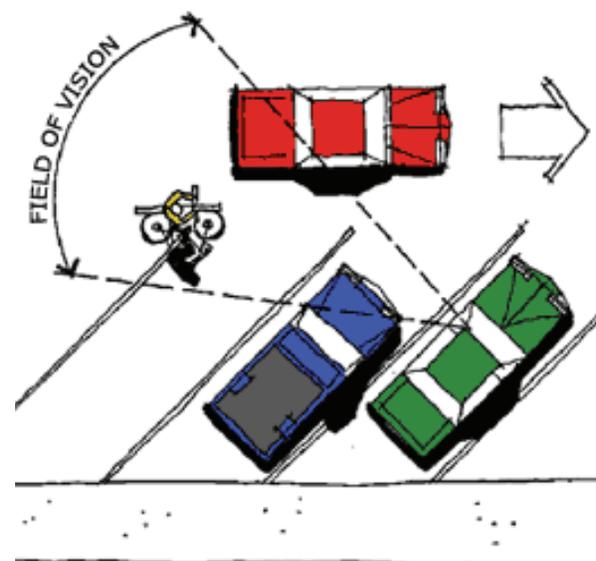
**Complete Streets:** Roads that are designed for everyone, including people of all ages and abilities. Complete Streets are accessible, comfortable for walking and biking, and include sidewalks, street trees and other amenities that make them feel “complete.” (See National Complete Streets Coalition, [www.completestreets.org](http://www.completestreets.org).)

**Head-Out Angled Parking:** Also called “back-in” or “reverse” angled parking, this is arguably the safest form of on-street parking. It offers multiple benefits, including creating a sight line between the driver and other road users when pulling out. Additionally, head-out parking allows the driver to load their trunk from the curb, instead of adjacent to the travel lane. And for drivers with young children, seniors or others who need extra help, the open car doors direct passengers to the safety of the sidewalk behind the car, not into traffic. The process of parking in a head-out angled spot is simple – a driver signals their intention, slows, pulls past the spot and then backs into it, which is roughly equivalent to making only the first maneuver of parallel parking.

**Livability:** In the context of community, livability refers to the factors that add up to quality of life, including the built and natural environments, economic prosperity, social stability and equity, educational opportunity, and culture, entertainment and recreation possibilities. (See Partners for Livable Communities, [www.livable.org](http://www.livable.org).)



Above: Head-out angled parking is safer for all people, including those driving, biking and walking. Below: This diagram from the City of Northampton, MA illustrates one of the benefits of head-out angled parking: a driver’s ability to see oncoming traffic as they pull into the travel lane from their parking spot.



**Median Crossing Island:** A short island in the center of the road that calms traffic and provides pedestrian refuge. They can be six to 12 feet wide and 20 to 80 feet long. They should be landscaped with low, slow-growth ground cover, and tall trees without branches or leaves at ground height that help motorists see the islands well in advance but don't obstruct sight lines.

**Mini Circles:** Also called "mini traffic circles," these are intersections that navigate vehicles around a small island about eight to 15 feet in diameter that is either lightly domed or raised. When raised, a mini traffic circle should be visible from hundreds of feet away, creating the feeling of a small park in the neighborhood. The circles should be designed to reduce speeds to 15 to 18 mph at each intersection. A proper number of them will reduce vehicle speeds to 22 to 25 mph along the corridor while helping traffic flow more smoothly due to the decreased number of complete stops.

**Rotaries:** Also sometimes called traffic circles, rotaries are a form of an intersection that navigates cars around very large circulating islands. An entire traffic circle can be as big as a football field. And can include stop signs and signals. They are not the same as roundabouts or mini circles. Rotaries are cumbersome and complicated and can induce higher speeds and crash rates. Many rotaries in North America and Europe are being removed and replaced with the preferable roundabout.

**Roundabouts:** Also called "modern roundabouts," they navigate cars around a circulating island, usually up to 60 feet in diameter. Roundabouts are ideal for collector and arterial roads, and at freeway on-off ramps. They eliminate the need for cars to make left turns, which are particularly dangerous for pedestrians and bicyclists. Properly designed, roundabouts hold vehicle speeds to 15 to 20 mph. They can reduce injury crashes by 76 percent and reduce fatal crashes by 90 percent. (See the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety's website at <http://www.iihs.org/research/topics/roundabouts.html>) Roundabouts also can increase capacity by 30 percent by keeping vehicles moving. When installing roundabouts in a community for the first time, care should be taken to make roadway users comfortable with the new traffic pattern and to educate them about how to navigate roundabouts properly and to yield as appropriate. For more information about roundabouts, see the Federal Highway Administration's educational video about roundabouts, at <http://bit.ly/fhwasafetyvideo>.

**Road Diet:** On an overly wide road that has too many vehicle travel lanes to be safe, lanes can be removed and converted to bike lanes, sidewalks, a buffer between the travel lanes and sidewalks, on-street parking, a landscaped median or some combination thereof. A common road diet transforms a four-lane road without bike lanes into a three-lane road (one travel lane in each direction with a center turn lane or median) with bike lanes and street trees. (See Walkable and Livable Communities Institute, [www.walklive.org](http://www.walklive.org).)



*Above, a mini circle calms neighborhood traffic in the Barker neighborhood, while a modern roundabout handles traffic at 19th.*



**Safe Routes to School:** A national program to improve safety and encourage more children to walk, bike and roll to school. Focuses on improvements through engineering, education, enforcement, encouragement and evaluation. (See National Center for Safe Routes to School, [www.saferoutesinfo.org](http://www.saferoutesinfo.org).)

**Sharrows:** A “shared roadway marking”—usually paint—placed in the center of a travel lane to alert motorists and bicyclists alike to the shared use of the lane. They help position bicyclists away from the opening doors of cars parked on the street, encourage safety when vehicles pass bicyclists and reduce the incidence of wrong-way bicycling.



*A sharrow in Seattle, WA.*

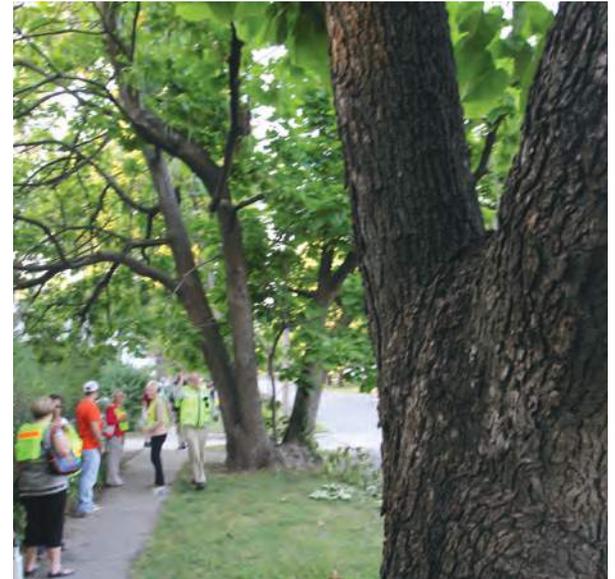
**Sidewalks:** All sidewalks, trails, walkways and ramps should be on both sides of streets. Where sidewalk gaps exist or ramps are missing, they should be fixed on a priority basis, working out block-by-block from schools, medical facilities, town centers, main streets and other areas where people should be supported in walking and biking. Sidewalks in people-rich areas should be at least eight feet wide and separated from the curb by a “furniture zone” that can accommodate planter strips, tree wells, hydrants and benches.

**Smart Growth:** Growing in a way that expands economic opportunity, protects public health and the environment (See U.S. EPA, <http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/>.)

**Street Trees:** Street trees not only provide shade and a nice environment, but also help protect students walking and bicycling. When placed within four to six feet of the street, trees create a vertical wall that helps lower vehicle speeds and absorb vehicle emissions. They also provide a physical buffer between cars and children. On streets with a narrow space between the sidewalk and curb (also known as the “furniture zone”), trees can be planted in individual tree wells placed between parking stalls, which further reduces travel speeds. Depending on the species, they should be spaced 15 to 25 feet apart.

**Traffic Calming:** Using traffic engineering and other tools designed to control traffic speeds and encourage driving behavior appropriate to the environment. Examples include street trees, bulb outs, medians, curb extensions, signage, road diets and roundabouts. Traffic calming should encourage mobility for all modes.

**Walking Audit:** Also called a “walking workshop,” this is a review of walking conditions along specified streets conducted with a diverse group of community members. Participants experience firsthand the conditions that either support or create barriers to walking and biking. (See more about walking audits: Walkable and Livable Communities Institute, [www.walklive.org](http://www.walklive.org).)



*Above: Street trees create a buffer between people and cars, and provide shade and beauty. Below: Walking audits, or “walking workshops,” give participants an opportunity to see streets through a new lens and observe what works and what doesn’t work for active modes of transportation.*



# Community Goals and Priorities

Community input was collected at three points during the workshop: after the Monday evening presentation and walk audit, during interview-style introductions on Tuesday morning, and after the small-group planning and prioritization activity.

Several key themes emerged:

- Desire to “age in place” in Barker neighborhood
- Desire for a neighborhood gathering place
- Desire for better connections to Burrough’s Creek Trail
- Traffic speeds on Barker and Learnard (primary north-south roads inside neighborhood) are too high
- Long thin medians on Barker Avenue are not working to calm traffic
- Desire from a minority of residents to make Barker and Learnard a one-way couplet, to create more pedestrian space
- Roundabout at Barker and 19th does not slow traffic on 19th (primary east-west road cutting through the neighborhood)
- General absence of sidewalks; specific absence of sidewalks on both sides of 19th
- Concern about future increases in traffic on 19th
- Concern about pedestrian safety on New Hampshire behind Dillon’s grocery store
- Concern for safety of neighborhood children/youth crossing Massachusetts to access elementary and high schools
- Too much/too fast traffic on Massachusetts, and limited crossing locations
- Hazard from bicycles on sidewalks along Massachusetts
- The need for more bus service and better shelters and seats at bus stops



*Community members shared their goals and priorities throughout the workshop, including during introductions, walking audits, a bus tour and small-group planning sessions.*

# Existing Conditions

### The Barker neighborhood has many livability and walkability assets

One of the Barker neighborhood's greatest assets is the high degree of engagement of its residents in community issues. The neighborhood association has shown strong leadership and has been successful in advocating for several traffic calming projects over recent years. The Active Living Workshops were well attended and participants generated a lot of positive energy for the next steps.

Just a mile from downtown Lawrence, the neighborhood is in a very desirable location. It is flanked on the western side by Massachusetts St.—which has bus service and wide sidewalks, and connects directly with the downtown business district.

Cut-through traffic has been a problem but traffic calming on several internal streets is helping to channel east-west journeys to 15th and 23rd Streets—the neighborhood's northern and southern boundaries.

A remaining challenge is 19th St., which carries high-speed traffic between Massachusetts St. and eastern Lawrence, and where traffic volumes are expected to increase.



While there is good street connectivity within the neighborhood, 19th St. is the only access from the east, because of limited crossings of Burrough's Creek and former railroad that is now a walking and biking trail. The trail, creek and area of parkland in the north-eastern corner of the neighborhood are additional, but under-utilized assets.

Recent commercial development on Massachusetts has brought a full-service grocery store, hardware store, coffee shop, and bookstore to the edge of the neighborhood, enhancing the ability of residents to access services without a car. In the center of the neighborhood, at 19th and Barker, a former launderette is being converted into a bakery, which has the potential to become a neighborhood gathering place.



Left: Commercial development provides destinations and gathering places. Above: The trail is an important community asset, but seems under-utilized, perhaps due in part to limited connections to it and users being isolated. Below: The Barker neighborhood just feels like a great place.



## Neighborhood traffic-calming projects are having mostly positive results

One of the most successful traffic calming installations is the mini-circle close to Babcock Place at the intersection of 17th and New Hampshire. It creates a strong visual barrier and has a degree of deflection that effectively slows traffic on both streets to about 15 mph on entering the mini-circle.

Several speed humps south of the mini-circle on New Hampshire are designed to slow down vehicles leaving the Dillon's grocery store and cutting through the neighborhood (there is no access into the grocery store parking lot from New Hampshire). Additional speed humps on 17th Terrace and 18th St. are popular with residents because they deter cut-through traffic.

However, unsafe vehicle speeds on Barker St. and Learnard St.—the other two north-south streets that run the entire length of the neighborhood—are a problem.

Median islands have been installed in the center of Barker St. at several mid-block locations both north and south of 19th. While these devices are intended to slow vehicles by creating a visual barrier and narrowing the lanes, vehicle speeds still feel too fast for the area; also, several bicyclists expressed concern about merging with traffic to go through the narrowed portion of the lanes while vehicles still are moving so fast. Incidentally, Barker has a sidewalk on one side only.

Learnard St., on the other hand, is a narrow road with a rural character and no sidewalks. There are currently no traffic-calming devices and the street is used as a cut-through by commercial vehicles, creating significant



*Left: A relatively well-designed driveway for Dillon's helps to slow vehicles down and keeps crossing distances short for people walking. Above: The mini circle near Babcock Place functions very well. Below: a pedestrian prepares to cross at the roundabout on 19th and Barker. Bottom: Transit stops need better amenities.*

hazards for pedestrians and cyclists. Because of the high cost of widening Learnard or adding sidewalks, a few residents support making it a one-way street with a single travel lane. The sections of Learnard and Barker south of 19th St. have both been evaluated for traffic calming, when funds are available.

Finally, as has been mentioned, 19th St. channels traffic east-west through the heart of the neighborhood. Despite bicycle lanes and a roundabout at the intersection with Barker St., vehicles travel too fast, creating a barrier between the northern and southern portions of the neighborhood.

Even though there are crosswalks at the roundabout, stepping into the crossing feels unsafe due to the high speed of passing vehicles and the reduced likelihood a vehicle will stop—as required by law—the faster it's going.

Traffic volumes on 19th (currently, 6,000 to 8,000 daily vehicle trips including both directions) may be exacerbated as a result of new development in east Lawrence.



## The Burrough's Creek Trail is an under-utilized neighborhood asset

The Burrough's Creek Trail forms the entire eastern boundary of the Barker neighborhood. Occupying a former railroad easement, the walking and biking trail is part of a wide linear park. It runs alongside Burrough's Creek in the north-eastern corner of the neighborhood, where a larger area of park land exists and the City of Lawrence has constructed an attractive pedestrian bridge connecting Maryland St. to the trail and to the neighborhood to the east. South of 19th St., the trail runs behind warehouses and manufacturing buildings and many residents report feeling isolated and unsafe on this section of the trail.

The pedestrian bridge at Maryland St. is the only true neighborhood connection to the trail. There are access points on 15th and 23rd St. (the northern and southern boundaries of the neighborhood) and at 19th St. in the center, but none of these are neighborhood streets. Immediately north of 19th St. is a more recent, higher-density sub-neighborhood of about 40 homes, but—again—there is no trail access.



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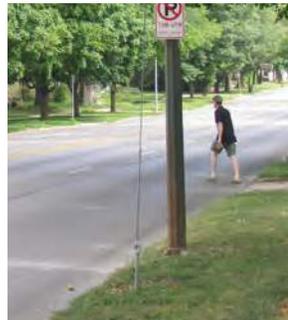


## Massachusetts St. serves as a barrier on the western edge of the neighborhood

Massachusetts St. is a four-lane major arterial road that connects State Highway 10 with downtown Lawrence and forms the western edge of the Barker neighborhood.

There are numerous important destinations on both sides of the street, including stores, restaurants, places of employment, schools, and bus stops. However, there are very few safe places for pedestrians to cross and they are spaced widely apart, thereby discouraging residents of the Barker neighborhood on the east side and those living on the west side from walking for utilitarian journeys.

During the walk audit, the pedestrian crossing system at the intersection of 17th St. and Massachusetts was tested and found to be problematic.



First, pedestrians have to request the “walk” light by pressing a button, which in a people-focused area shouldn’t be required.

Second, and more concerning, is that the time allotted for people to cross the street isn’t adequate.

Unfortunately, permission for pedestrians to cross is often subordinate to making the intersection operate as efficiently as possible for vehicles. Thus, the amount of time afforded for people crossing streets is frequently determined by relative traffic volumes.

East-west traffic on 17th is relatively light, so vehicle-green-light periods are shorter, and therefore “walk” periods for people to cross Massachusetts also are short, even though it is a long way to cross.

*At 17th St. and Massachusetts St., left, the pedestrian signal requires manual activation; below left, two pedestrians within minutes of each other choose to cross mid-block instead of at a marked crossing; and below, people aren’t given enough time to cross in the crosswalks.*



*People vote for a good design or a poor one with their feet .... Generally, we don’t obey the system when the system is failing us.*

*- Dan Burden, WALC Institute Co-Founder, addressing pedestrian behavior on streets that don’t have frequent crossing locations, adequate crossing signals, or safe vehicle speeds*

Conversely, north-south traffic on Massachusetts is relatively heavy, so vehicle-green-light periods are longer, and therefore “walk” periods for pedestrians to cross 17th *should* be long and people should be allowed to cross during the duration of that long period. (This would be different if there was a dedicated left-turn green arrow for north-south traffic, which there is not.) However, when the pedestrian signal is activated and cycles the light to allow people to cross, it stays on “walk” for only a few seconds; it then counts down and returns to the “don’t walk” light, even though the vehicle light may still be green for north-south traffic on Massachusetts for additional time.



Even though there is a large university campus less than one mile away, there are no bike lanes on Massachusetts, and thus many cyclists ride on the sidewalks. This creates hazards for pedestrians (especially seniors and those with disabilities) and for the bicyclists themselves when they cross side streets.

Since Massachusetts St. carries just 12,000 to 14,000 trips per day, only one through lane in each direction is needed. Further, the “passing” lane in each direction is often clogged with vehicles waiting for a gap in oncoming traffic so they can turn left into driveways and side streets, increasing the risk of collisions.

A safer and more efficient design would be to stripe three lanes—one through lane in each direction and a central left-turn storage lane—leaving enough space to include bike lanes. This design is commonly referred to as a “road diet” and the City of Lawrence is currently implementing a conversion like this on 9th St.

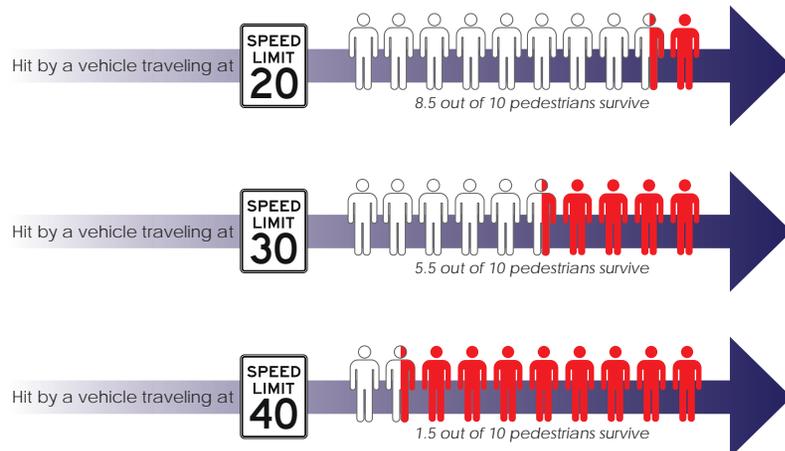
Finally, the traffic flows faster and louder on Massachusetts than is appropriate for a street bordering a small-scale retail and residential neighborhood. By replacing traffic signals with modern roundabouts, traffic flow can be improved and collisions reduced, while creating a more pedestrian-friendly ambience.



*Top: A bicyclist along Massachusetts St. chooses the sidewalk over the roadway. Right: Its traffic volumes make Massachusetts an ideal candidate for a road diet that would help make the street more supportive of business, people and community.*

## Vehicle speeds generally feel too fast in the neighborhood

Although the Active Living Workshop doesn't create an opportunity for a comprehensive speed study, multiple walking audits left participants feeling that vehicle speeds are too high in various parts of the Barker neighborhood. Of particular concern are the residential streets of Learnard, shown below, and Barker. Many communities throughout the U.S. are reducing posted speed limits to 20 mph on residential streets and are refocusing efforts on traffic-calming and redesigning streets to achieve safe "target" speeds. The chart below helps illustrate the importance of lower vehicle speeds.



SOURCE: *Killing Speed and Saving Lives*, UK Dept. of Transportation, London, England. See also Limpert, Rudolph. *Motor Vehicle Accident Reconstruction and Cause Analysis*. Fourth Edition. Charlottesville, VA. The Michie Company, 1994, p. 663.



## Celebrating "the Good"

In and near the Barker neighborhood, there is much to be proud of. In addition to the traffic-calming initiatives, the trail, high levels of civic engagement and other assets described previously in this report, the WALC Institute team also noted the following best practices already in place in the study area.



*Indeed, this is just a rock, but it was placed here to solve a critical problem: drivers had been cutting the corner, which damages the curbing and can be dangerous to others, especially people walking and biking. The rock is an inexpensive solution that fits just fine into the context.*



*Street trees throughout the neighborhood not only improve aesthetics and provide shade during hot months, but they also create a needed buffer between people on the sidewalk and cars passing by. For more about the benefits of street trees, see the fact sheets in the appendix.*



*Community gardens are an important tool of livability, as they create a community gathering place, can engage people of all ages in an ecologically-friendly practice, provide food, and enhance a neighborhood's sense of community and place.*

# Recommendations and Next Steps

A project is more likely to succeed if motivated individuals set a course to accomplish their goals immediately. Early successes provide the hand- and toe-holds needed to pull the group from one achievement to the next.

Toward this end, the WALC Institute team has grouped its recommendations for improving walkability in Barker into three categories: short-term goals, many of which could be accomplished in 100 days or less; mid-range projects; and long-term solutions. With the strong showing of residents and community leaders at the Active Living Workshop, the neighborhood should be able to mobilize quickly to implement many of these recommendations.



## The 100-Day Challenge for Barker

The 100-Day Challenge sets goals that can be accomplished within 100 days to show a genuine commitment to active living. The following three short-term goals are presented here collectively as the Barker neighborhood's 100-day challenge.

- Review this report with neighborhood leaders and then call a full meeting of the neighborhood association. At this meeting, work to reach consensus on a specific action plan for the first 100 days and the first six months, based on these recommendations but including changes and additions that have strong community support.
- Work with the City to reduce the posted speed limit in the neighborhood to 20 mph. The speed limit in Lawrence is 30 mph unless otherwise posted. This is far too fast for the Barker neighborhood. Although simply posting a lower speed limit does not guarantee all drivers will slow down (enforcement and traffic-calming are also needed), many drivers will obey the new limits and it is important to communicate your neighborhood values to residents and visitors.
- Get onto the Traffic Safety Commission's agenda to discuss a road diet for Massachusetts Street. During the workshop, City traffic engineers mentioned that all traffic projects have to be reviewed by the Traffic Safety Commission, as a first step. Visit <http://www.lawrenceks.org/boards/traffic-safety-commission> for more information and email [traffic@lawrenceks.org](mailto:traffic@lawrenceks.org) to find out when the next meeting will be held and request time on the agenda. Develop a list of priorities to share.

## Short-Term Goals

### **Correct the timing of pedestrian crossing signals at 17th and Massachusetts**

Pedestrians walking north or south on the sidewalk on the east side of Massachusetts St. must push a button to request a “Walk” signal to cross 17th St., even when the traffic signal is red for vehicles on 17th St. Additionally, when they are permitted to cross, a countdown timer appears almost immediately and counts down quickly; then, the “Don’t Walk” signal

reappears, even when the traffic signal for vehicles on 17th St. is timed to remain red for a much longer period of time.

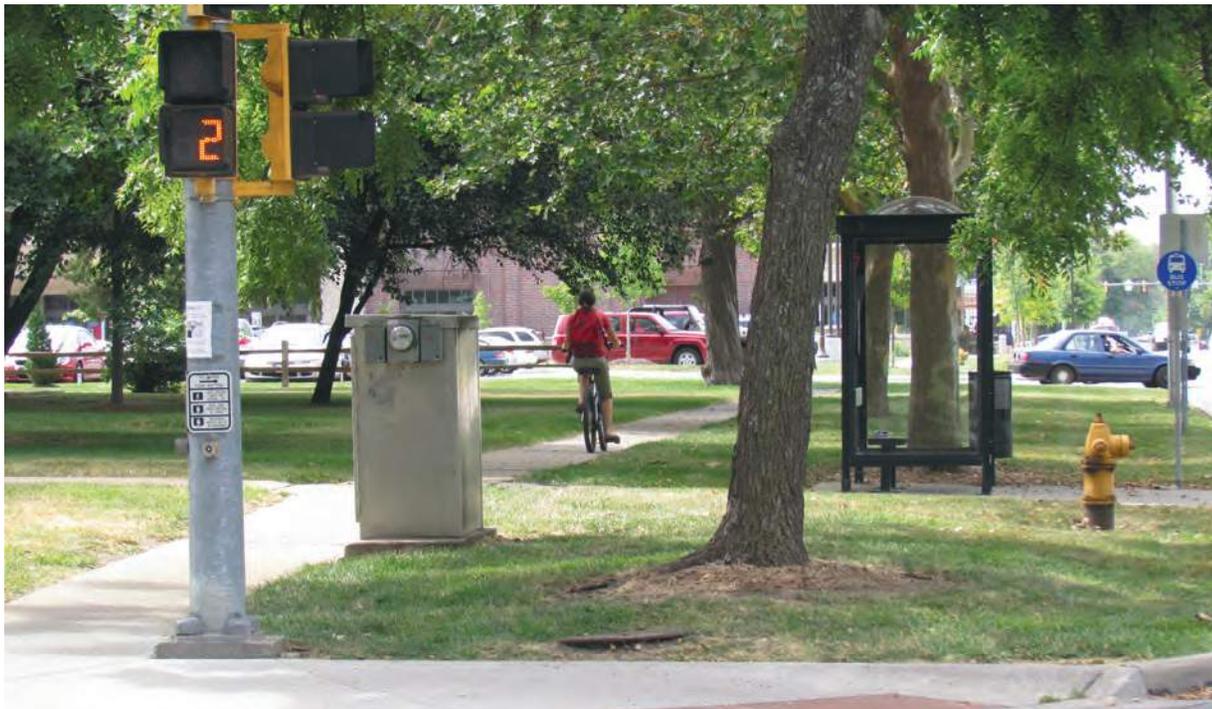
Request that the timing be corrected so that pedestrians have the “Walk” light at all times when the traffic signal is red for vehicles on 17th St., except when there is a dedicated left turn signal for traffic on Massachusetts. This is a small change in the culture of traffic management, which honors pedestrians.

### **Conduct a study of traffic speeds and volumes on Barker St. and Learnard St.**

Barker and Learnard have very different street designs and yet both serve as cut-through streets for north-south traffic avoiding Massachusetts. A speed study would provide information on whether the median islands on Barker are effectively calming traffic or not, and provide baseline data for traffic calming interventions on Learnard. The section of Learnard south of 19th St. (along with the parallel section of New Hampshire) has been approved for traffic calming (pending funding), so a traffic study may have recently been completed at that location. These measurements could also provide baseline data for testing the effectiveness of reducing the posted speed limit, as recommended earlier.

### **Launch a citywide campaign to reduce all neighborhood speed limits**

All people should be able to move safely throughout their neighborhood, but that freedom is threatened when vehicles are routinely traveling at 30, 35 or even 40 mph, as too often is the case in 30-mph zones. In many cities, residential speed limits are 25 mph or 20 mph; these areas are more walkable, livable, and safer. Some Lawrence neighborhoods have established lower speed limits. Reach out to them, and others that want to follow the lead, and start a broader movement.



## Short-Term Goals

### Reduce vehicle speeds on 15th St.

Liberty Memorial Central Middle School, below, is located north of 15th St., which forms the northern boundary of the neighborhood. 15th St. is 30 feet wide, curb-to-curb. Parking is allowed on the south side, but vehicles still tend to move too quickly past the school.

Reduce the posted speed limit from 30 mph to no more than 20 mph in the school area. Additionally, an effective traffic-calming tool in this location would be to apply bold edge stripes, marked 20 feet from each other, essentially allowing 10 feet for each direction of travel. Don't stripe a center line, as leaving it out will help keep vehicle speeds low. Apply "sharrow" markings in both directions of travel so that drivers and bicyclists alike understand the lane is shared. Continue to allow parking on one side of the street. Alternatively, parking could be replaced with bike lanes.



*Concept for 15th Street that retains on-street parking*



*Concept for 15th Street that replaces parking with bike lanes*



*Bold edge stripes and stencils for sharrow in Fairhope, AL where lanes have been narrowed and the center line removed*

## Mid-Range Projects

### Hold a neighborhood visioning event to design a community gathering place

The desire for a community gathering place was raised several times during the workshop. An accessible structure in a pleasant location within the neighborhood, where residents can gather for conversation, companionship, and social activities, is an important component of livability.

Several possible locations were mentioned: a two-acre piece of property on 15th St. that's currently for sale, the existing park south and east of Delaware and Maryland where the City has built a pedestrian bridge, or the new bakery at the center of the neighborhood; there also are a few undeveloped "floodway lots" where Burrough's Creek flows through. Any one of these sites could serve very well as a neighborhood gathering place.

The community can start the process with a facilitated visioning activity to develop a consensus around the form and function of the gathering place, and then select the best location in which to develop it.



Community visioning in Bellingham, WA.

### Build high-emphasis crosswalks across driveways, such as at Dillon's grocery store

Dillon's is a walkable grocery store. It occupies the entire block between Massachusetts, a major arterial, and New Hampshire, a neighborhood street. There are about 1,000 homes within a half-mile (a ten-minute walk), there is a wide sidewalk in front of the store on Massachusetts and it has a moderately sized parking lot.

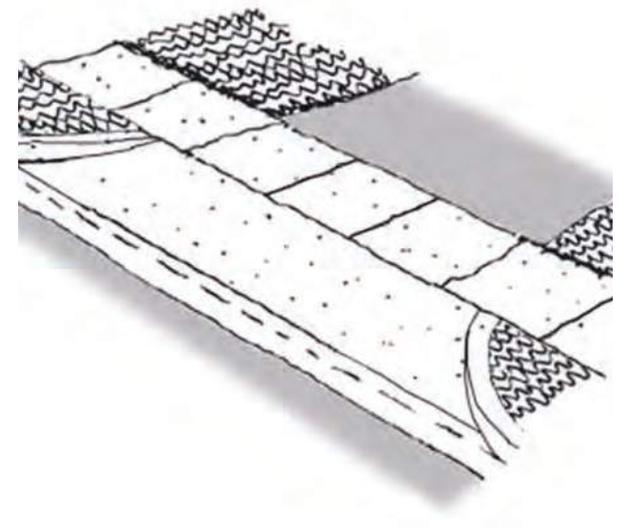
Vehicles are allowed to enter the parking lot from New Hampshire, where a narrow gateway ensures slow speeds, but vehicles cannot leave on that side. On the other end, the exits



from the parking lot onto Massachusetts are very wide and create a hazard for slow-moving pedestrians on the sidewalk.

The construction of raised and textured/colored crosswalks across the two driveways would emphasize the fact that cars must yield to pedestrians and slow the speed of traffic entering the parking lot.

*Below, middle: The Dillon's driveway is narrow, which helps slow cars down and keeps crossing distances short for pedestrians. However, where sidewalks and driveways intersect, the design should favor the pedestrian, such as below.*



## Mid-Range Projects



### Increase safety and security on the Burrough's Creek Trail

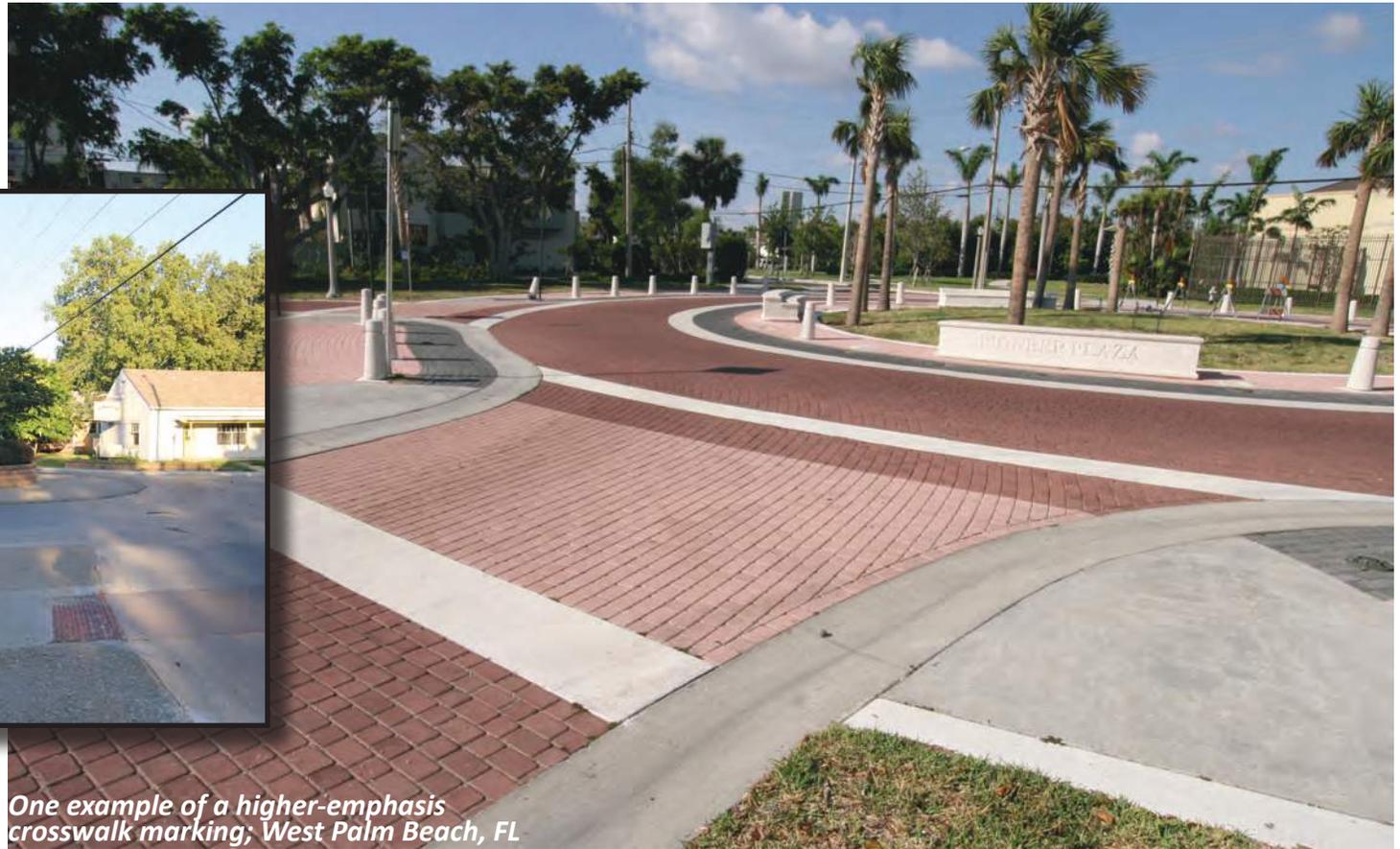
Another frequent comment was that the Burrough's Creek Trail feels unsafe, especially the southern section which runs behind about a half-mile strip of light industrial buildings and warehouses. The feeling of insecurity is caused by an absence of "eyes on the trail" and it can be addressed by cutting back brush that shields the trail, increasing the number of neighborhood access points, and adding amenities that encourage more trail use.

North of 19th St., the trail could be connected to the turnaround at the end of Villo Woods Ct. and, to the south, a link could be constructed across Delaware to Liberty St. New amenities, which (like the trail connections) could be funded through Kansas Department of Transportation's "Transportation Alternatives Program," include benches, maps and way-finding markers, public art, and a pavilion, that might serve as the neighborhood's gathering place.

## Mid-Range Projects



*Existing conditions*



*One example of a higher-emphasis crosswalk marking; West Palm Beach, FL*

### **On 19th Street, calm traffic more effectively**

Barker residents describe 19th St., which runs through the neighborhood in an east-west direction, as a barrier to pedestrians. The street is not unduly wide and includes striped bicycle lanes and a roundabout at the intersection with Barker St. However, traffic hardly slows as it passes through the neighborhood unless there happens to be a vehicle in the roundabout. Drivers tend to flow through the roundabout at speeds that seem unsafe for pedestrians; observing the roundabout for a few minutes revealed that drivers fail to yield to pedestrians, likely because

the vehicle speed is relatively high. The roundabout could be altered to increase the “angle of deflection,” or amount a vehicle must turn to navigate the circle, which helps slow cars down. Also, install higher-visibility crosswalks. Another effective innovation on 19th would be to remove the center line except for the approach to intersections and make the bike lane stripes bolder, so drivers stay away from the bike lanes but have a little uncertainty about the boundary between their lane and that of the oncoming traffic. This uncertainty helps to lower vehicle speeds.

# Long-Range Solutions

## Implement a “road diet” on Massachusetts

A single traffic lane can carry 18,000 vehicles per day. Massachusetts St., which has two lanes in each direction, carries 6,000 to 7,000 vehicle trips per day. Clearly, there is excess road capacity. Just as importantly, Massachusetts is a key street connecting people to places. With calmer traffic, lower noise levels, better accommodations for bicyclists and a safer pedestrian realm, Massachusetts can become an even more important—and higher-quality—destination in Lawrence.

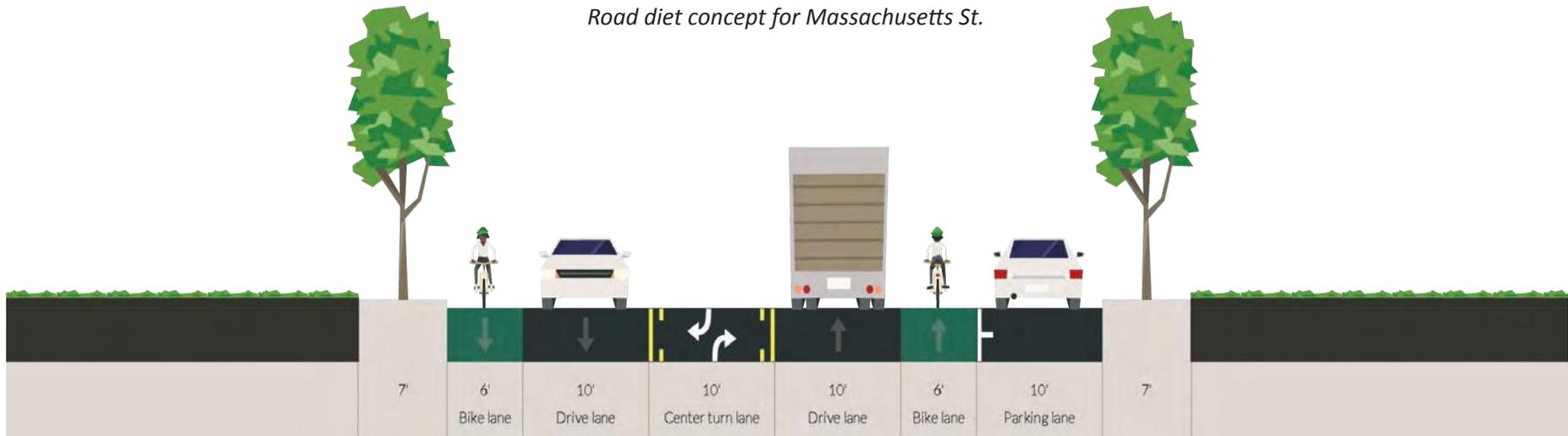
Massachusetts should be converted to a three-lane arterial with bike lanes at least from 15th to 23rd St., which is the extent of the Barker neighborhood, but possibly a lot further in both directions.

By putting Massachusetts on this “road diet,” the 52 feet of roadway width could be reallocated to provide a 10-foot center turn lane, two 10-foot vehicle lanes (one in each direction) and two six-foot bike lanes, leaving 10 feet for parking on one side of the street.

Road diets bring numerous benefits; see the fact sheets in the appendix for more details.



Road diet concept for Massachusetts St.



## Long-Range Solutions



### **Convert the intersection of 19th and Massachusetts to a roundabout**

Like the “road diet,” the conversion of a four-way signalized intersection to a modern roundabout generally improves traffic flow, reduces crashes, costs less to operate, increases walkability and livability, and stimulates economic activity.

The intersection of 19th and Massachusetts is an ideal location for a roundabout with well-marked pedestrian crossings. The crossings should be set back one car length from the entry point to the roundabout and include crossing islands.

See the fact sheets in the appendix for more information about modern roundabouts.

March 25, 2016

Lawrence City Commission  
City Hall, PO Box 708  
Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear Commissioners:

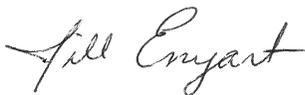
Douglas County Coalition on Aging (DCCOA) wishes to express our support of the Pedestrian Bicycle Task Force recommendations. The task force report establishes a vision and plan for a Lawrence that is safer, more convenient and more enjoyable for residents and visitors to walk, bike and wheel.

DCCOA is a coalition created to assist in bringing awareness to issues affecting older adults. An accessible community allows older adults more options to stay engaged and promote healthy aging, which in turn addresses economic development, health and a more affordable lifestyle. Everyone benefits from changes to our community that promote health, accessibility and safety. The recommendations provided by the task force support the aging community by providing individuals the opportunity to independently travel to desired destinations, at the same time promoting healthy aging lifestyles. Maintaining the personal safety of our community members is a goal we all share.

As a support to my 75 year old mother, these recommendations make Lawrence a more attractive place for her to move when she feels she needs to be closer to family.

Please help assure that citizens and visitors to Lawrence have a safer, more convenient and more enjoyable place to walk, bike and wheel.

Sincerely,



Jill Enyart  
Co-Chair DCCOA



Megan Poindexter  
Co-Chair DCCOA



April 1, 2016

City Commissioners  
City Hall  
Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear City Commissioners:

Charlie Bryan, Chair of the Pedestrian Bicycle Task Force, has invited me as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Douglas County Senior Services (DCSS), to write a letter in support of the Task Forces report. I am happy to address some of the recommendations that pertain to seniors and to the senior campaign, ReINVENT Retirement: Live the Lawrence Life.

ReINVENT Retirement is a marketing campaign to encourage baby boomers to relocate and to remain in Lawrence upon retirement. In its second year, the volunteers who work with the campaign through DCSS are very aware that seniors are interested in daily physical activity to promote good health, and to help address rising rates of chronic disease such as high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes, and depression.

Our seniors like the idea of promoting affordable lifestyles by making Lawrence a place that is a safe, more convenient and more enjoyable for residents to walk, bike and wheel. Additionally, the report states that their recommendation will improve transit ridership experience by providing safe, convenient sidewalks for people to access bus stops. This, of course, would be of interest to our senior population.

I want to commend the Task Force for their efforts and appreciate your consideration of this information.

Sincerely,

Judy L. Wright, Chair  
Douglas County Senior Services

**From:** Dee Boeck <boeckdee@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 7:52 PM  
**To:** Charlie Bryan  
**Subject:** Letter in Support of Bicycle/Ped Task Force Report

Dear City Commissioners,

I encourage you to put your full support behind the recommendations of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Task Force Report.

Improving a city's bike & pedestrian friendliness is necessary to attract active young families and retirees alike. Lawrence is lacking in infrastructure that supports safe biking & walking. It is well known that these activities promote physical as well as mental well-being.

One has only to take a short walk or bike ride from City Hall to the newly completed Burcham Park river trail and the Inside for a Better Outside Trail in Shaw Park to see that such facilities will be well used if built!

I have visited many peer cities whose facilities are much better and Lawrence will lose out if it continues to lag behind in these areas.

Please give this report your full consideration and support.

Thank you and hope to see you out biking or walking soon.

Dee Boeck  
2223 Westchester Road  
Lawrence KS 66049

March 30, 2016

Dear Lawrence City Commission,

We are writing this letter with enthusiastic support for the Lawrence Pedestrian Bicycle Issues Task Force and its recommendations to make Lawrence a more walkable, bikable, “wheelable” place.

In full disclosure, we don’t technically live in Lawrence – we are outside city limits, closer to Lecompton, and both work fulltime in Topeka. Given our long workdays, we could easily do all our shopping and errands and “recreating” in Topeka and spend our money in that city. However, we make the conscious choice to do everything we can in Lawrence and spend our money here. Why? Because we love this city, and we love the fact that Lawrence values a culture of health. A culture that celebrates the great outdoors, physical activity and equity of movement for all residents.

There are so many positive benefits associated with communities that place a priority on green spaces and a built environment conducive to walking and biking. One of the most important benefits are improved physical and mental health – factors directly related to the overall vitality of a community. We are both healthcare professionals who are confronted every day by high cost of obesity and inactivity, not just through direct medical care, but the loss of overall productivity. Residents who are fighting chronic lifestyle diseases often do not have the capacity to hold a full-time job or participate in community service or volunteer work. Study after study have shown that a community’s built environment has a greater impact on a population’s ability to be healthy over individual factors or special programming. Cities that are designed to facilitate healthy behaviors reap the reward with healthy, productive residents.

A healthy city is a vibrant city. A vibrant city attracts people who want to live, work or play in that city – or in the case of my husband and myself, spend money and volunteer. People want to spend time in a city that seems to value a high quality of life; that is, ample opportunities for outdoor physical activity in settings that are safe, convenient, accessible and equitable. Case in point: my company is headquartered in Topeka, but we hold a minimum of two board of director meetings and retreats in Lawrence every year. Why? One reason: Lawrence appears to exemplify our value of healthy, active communities. From the sidewalks of Massachusetts St. to the gorgeous new trail along the river, Lawrence is a place where people want to visit, and our board and their families are no exception. I realize this is a small example, but I suspect there are hundreds if not thousands of such examples of people and companies who choose Lawrence because of its culture of health and vitality. When you see residents and families of all shapes, sizes, ages and abilities outdoors walking or biking for recreation or commuting purposes, it’s hard not to be inspired.

I am sure you will receive many well-written letters detailing the data about how cities who invest in the walking and biking infrastructure see improvements in population health; attract high-earning and well-educated residents; provide safe and wholesome environments for growing children; allow individuals of all abilities to flourish and contribute; and finally – reduce wear and tear on the roadways! So this letter will say it simply from a couple that lives in rural Douglas County but considers Lawrence home.

**We love Lawrence, and especially the efforts to make this city walkable, bikeable and wheelable for all.**

Thus we fully support the recommendations by the Task Force. We will continue to bypass shopping and dining and recreating in Topeka (sorry T-Town!) in favor of Lawrence because 1) It’s more pleasant, and 2) We want to spend our dollars in a city whose values so clearly match our own.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. And thank you in advance for your consideration of the task force recommendations that will continue to improve this community in so many important ways.

Best Regards,

Elizabeth & Greg Burger

Lecompton, KS

**From:** runlawrence@gmail.com on behalf of Gene Wee <genemarwee@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2016 9:50 PM  
**To:** Charlie Bryan  
**Subject:** RE: Letter in Support of Ped/Bike Task Force Report

Dear City Commissioners,

I would appreciate your support behind the recommendations of the Pedestrian/Bicycle Task Force Report.

As a member of the runLawrence club I see a lot of groups who run their workouts around town. As many as 40 people leave from the Ad Astra Running store for group runs. Red Dog's Dog Days has had about 300 on some morning doing workouts all over town. The sidewalks along Tennessee and Kentucky are especially challenging. Both groups and many other running groups and workouts take advantage of recreational trails. To connect between those gems of safe running/biking/walking routes, the task force has proposed plans to make it simpler for people wanting to be active outdoors not only recreationally but as a means of commuting to retail businesses.

Please give the Pedestrian/Bicycle Task Force Report your full consideration and support.

Thank you.

Gene Wee  
email:[genemarwee@gmail.com](mailto:genemarwee@gmail.com)



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April 9, 2016

Dear Lawrence City Commissioners:

I'm writing to pledge my strong support for the recommendations of the Lawrence Pedestrian Bicycle Task Force.

As a health care administrator who also happens to have a background as an architect with formal training in town planning, I am keenly aware of the power and importance of physical design principles on the health of individual community members.

A big part of Heartland's work in managing patients with chronic conditions and preventing the onset of same is to orient and implore our patients to take basic steps to get and stay physically active. Readily available research confirms the intuitive: that people are most active in places where there are the fewest physical barriers to regular activity.

At Heartland, we will continue to deliver the highest quality of clinical medical and behavioral health care to the Lawrence community. However, our work will always be shaped by a view through a public health lens since good health is so dependent on sound public policy, not just good clinical care.

Lastly, these recommendation lie at the intersection of my personal interests, my professional goals, and my previous training. I am a 30+ year resident of Lawrence, KS as well as an avid recreational cyclist. These recommendations, if adopted and implemented, will only further cement 'the vibe' that makes Lawrence a fantastic place to sink roots. This 'vibe' is such an important part of what makes Lawrence attractive and offers Heartland a competitive advantage as we engage the hard work of recruiting primary health care providers to Lawrence, KS at a time when there is a dangerous shortage of primary care physicians.

So it is with great conviction that I offer my fullest support for these recommendations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Stewart".

Jonathan Stewart, CEO

**From:** Richard Heckler <rheckler2002@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 26, 2016 8:15 AM  
**To:** Leslie Soden; sboley@lawrenceks.org; llarsen@lawrenceks.org; Matthew Herbert; Mike Amyx; Charlie Bryan; Bobbie  
**Subject:** Support for Pedestrian Bicycle Issues Task Force report

## Support for Pedestrian Bicycle Issues Task Force report

[https://www.lawrenceks.org/assets/boards/pedestrian-bicycle/PBITF\\_Final\\_Report\\_2.29.16.pdf](https://www.lawrenceks.org/assets/boards/pedestrian-bicycle/PBITF_Final_Report_2.29.16.pdf)

After reading the entire above report two things come to mind:

1. If we humans want to keep moving we must keep moving by way of not always being in a "fossil fuel vehicle" = walking, power walking, jogging (not running), wheel chairing, walker assistance or some cycling venture.
2. If we humans want to make Lawrence, Kansas evermore viable for such as the above some dedicated tax dollars will be absolutely necessary.

I do support the findings,

Dickie Heckler  
1217 Prospect  
Lawrence 66044



March 25, 2016

Lawrence City Commission  
City Hall, PO Box 708  
Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear Commissioners:

Independence, Inc. wishes to express our support of the Pedestrian Bicycle Task Force recommendations. The task force report establishes a vision and plan for a Lawrence that is safer, more convenient and more enjoyable for residents and visitors to walk, bike and wheel.

Independence, Inc. is a center for independent living. We provide services that maximize the independence of people with disabilities. Everyone benefits from changes to our community that promote health, accessibility and safety. The recommendations provided by the task force support the disability community by providing individuals the opportunity to independently travel to desired destinations without having to rely on a motor vehicle. Maintaining the personal safety of persons with disabilities and other community members is a goal we all share.

As a mother, both of my sons bike in our community to attend school, social activities and work. Implementing the Pedestrian Bicycle Task Force recommendations will make Lawrence a safer place for my children to continue to grow and thrive.

Please take meaningful steps to assure that citizens and visitors to Lawrence have a safer, more accessible and enjoyable places to walk, bike and wheel.

Sincerely,

Jill Enyart  
Co-Executive Director

Bob Mikesic  
Co-Executive Director

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March 31, 2016

Jayhawk Audubon Society  
P.O. Box 3741  
Lawrence, KS 66046-3741

Dear City Commissioners:

Jayhawk Audubon supports the findings, recommendations and priorities addressed in the Pedestrian and Bicycle Issues Task Force report. I urge the City Commission to accept the task force report to support and fund a Lawrence that is walkable, bikeable and accessible for all ages and abilities.

The mission of the Jayhawk Audubon Society is to provide opportunities for greater understanding and appreciation of birds and other wildlife, to encourage sustainable practices, and to advocate for actions and policies which result in protection and preservation of intact ecological ecosystems. We do believe that this bicycle path coincides with our mission to get people outside and appreciating nature. However, we do feel strongly that great consideration be given to protecting the surrounding landscape during path construction, particularly native ecosystems.

Please make this report a blueprint for solutions. I urge you to find permanent dedicated funding for the findings, recommendations, and priorities addressed in the report.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Gary Anderson  
President, Jayhawk Audubon Society

**From:** jhawk1017@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 6, 2016 9:25 AM  
**To:** Charlie Bryan  
**Subject:** PBITF Recommendations Letter of Support

Dear Lawrence City Commission,

I am sending this email in support of a walk, bike and wheel friendly Lawrence. I walk in this town at least five days a week and truly appreciate nice, wide sidewalks to walk with my friends. We often walk in the early-morning hours and use the streets but certainly prefer the sidewalks. Having a city that provides exercise-friendly initiatives would certainly promote healthier living, reduce chronic illnesses and encourage younger generations to be active.

Please help make the positive changes in Lawrence so we can become a city that is a model for getting people moving physically instead of by car!

Thank you for your service to our community.  
Jennifer Berquist

**From:** judamama@juno.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 12, 2016 8:50 AM  
**To:** Charlie Bryan  
**Subject:** support for recommendations of the bike/ped task force

Hi Charlie, I am writing to express my support for the recommendations of the pedestrian and bicycle task force. I am especially interested in the completion of safe routes to schools, the Lawrence loop.  
Thank you, Juda Lewis

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**Wall Street Daily**

Peter Schiff: China Just Armed its Financial Missile

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**From:** Linda Troxel <ltroxel1@juno.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2016 1:14 PM  
**To:** Charlie Bryan  
**Subject:** Fwd: Pedestrian Bicycle Task Force

Linda Troxel

Date: March 28, 2016

To: The Lawrence City Commission  
From: Kaw Valley OWL - Older Women's League

Kaw Valley OWL supports the recommendations of the Pedestrian Bicycle Task Force.

We believe that a transportation system that works for the most vulnerable users works for us all. Thus, we are pleased that the task force took into consideration the needs of all of our citizens, including children, seniors and people with disabilities. We believe that an effective active transportation network is essential both to maintaining quality of life for current seniors and to attracting other retirees to our community.

We strongly agree with the task force finding that the current sidewalk maintenance policy isn't working. We would like for the city to take responsibility for this essential part of our infrastructure. To not do so would place an unrealistic burden on many of our citizens who can least afford to pay it.

We agree that the national designations of being both a Walk-friendly and Bike-friendly community would be accomplishments worth celebrating.

We believe that now is the time to move forward with an enhanced transportation system that serves all of the community. To do so, we urge you to invest annually through the Capital Improvement Plan.

Thank you for this opportunity to express our thoughts on this matter that concerns us all.

Linda Troxel  
Board Member  
Kaw Valley OWL - Older Women's League.

April 15, 2016

To the City of Lawrence Commission:

I am writing on behalf of the University of Kansas Bicycle Advisory Committee (KUBAC) and Center for Sustainability in support of the recommendations submitted by the Pedestrian-Bicycle Issues Task Force.

The KUBAC, which is made up of students, staff, and faculty from the KU community, works to promote bicycling as a mode of transportation; educate the campus community on bicycle safety; and advise Campus Operations on matters related to infrastructure that supports multimodal transportation. The recommendations of the Task Force support our efforts to strengthen the bike culture on our campus and provide better options for multi-modal transportation. As a major destination for pedestrians and cyclists in our community, improvements to pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure are essential to supporting safe routes to campus for our students, employees, and visitors. And, as more students opt to come to college campuses without a vehicle, this infrastructure is attractive to potential students and supports their connections to our community and the local economy when they arrive at KU.

Furthermore, the recommendations support the Center for Sustainability's mission to help create a healthy, resilient community where everyone has access to the resources needed to achieve a high quality of life without exceeding the capacity of our natural ecosystems. Working to achieve the vision established by the Task Force will help improve the health and well being of our community members, create a more accessible community for all, and reduce the negative impacts on our environment caused by vehicle emissions and traffic congestion.

Thank you for establishing the Task Force to study these important issues in Lawrence. I encourage you to continue investing in this initiative to create a safer, more sustainable community.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey R. Severin  
Chair, KU Bicycle Advisory Committee  
Director, Center for Sustainability



Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods

Lawrence Mayor and City Commission  
City Hall  
6 East 6th Street  
Lawrence, Kansas 66044

April 7, 2016

RE: Lawrence Pedestrian-Bicycle Issues Task Force Report

Dear Mayor and Lawrence City Commissioners:

As the Chair of the Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods, I am writing to express our support for the final recommendations and of the Pedestrian-Bicycle Issues Task Force. These recommendations have demonstrated community-wide support.

The Task Force offers a vision of a safe, easily accessible network of pedestrian and bicycle facilities that connect neighborhoods to priority destinations like school, transit stops, work, shopping, and recreation. We are encouraged by this vision, as many Lawrence neighborhoods lack adequate infrastructure to support safe, convenient and comfortable travel for everyone—those on foot, on bike, on transit, in wheelchairs, young, old or disabled.

Actions of most urgency:

1. We ask that you direct staff to draft a resolution, before year's end to establish a Transportation Commission that advises the city commission and staff on developing and maintaining systems for all means of travel- walking, biking, public transit and driving.
2. We ask that you direct staff to designate a single staff member to serve as a public point-of-contact on all walk, wheel and bike-related issues.
3. We ask that you direct staff to begin work to establish an equitable and practical sidewalk repair program by 2017 that will bring all sidewalks and curb ramps up to code by 2030.

We are grateful for the work of the Pedestrian-Bicycle Issues Task Force and by your efforts to make active transportation and recreation safer and more convenient for people of all ages and abilities in neighborhoods across Lawrence. We urge you to fully implement the 6 recommendations of the Pedestrian-Bicycle Issues Task Force.

Sincerely, Candice Davis LAN Chair

**From:** Laurie Ward <lturrellward@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2016 2:13 PM  
**To:** Charlie Bryan  
**Subject:** Pedestrian Bicycle Task Force

Dear City of Lawrence Commissioners:

I write to lend my full support to the recommendations enumerated in the recently released report of the Lawrence Pedestrian Bicycle Issues Task Force.

At nearly age 68, I do still drive, but, for a number of reasons, prefer bicycling and walking for nearly all of my errands around town. The situation remains the same as when I wrote last year, requesting funding for pedestrian and bicycling planning, infrastructure, and engineering in the 2016 budget: I could cite weekly instances when I personally would have been killed or seriously injured by car drivers, had I not practiced extremely defensive bicycling and walking.

I hope that “safer conditions” under Pedestrian Implementation Priorities might include stop/walk lights timed at some busy intersections, to allow only pedestrian movements, when pedestrians are present. Bikes could be walked across streets at such locations.

I am thrilled with the prospect of completing the Lawrence Loop Trail. The phase after that, I hope, would include “spokes” in from and out to the loop, for transportation access to all parts of the city.

I use the transit system and would use it even more, with additional and more frequent bus routes and safe sidewalks for accessing bus stops.

For a multiplicity of reasons, including the promotion of good health and a sustainable community, thank you for your positive endorsement for addressing this vital issue, Laurie Ward, Lawrence

Lawrence Central  
**Rotary**



March 31, 2015

Lawrence City Commission  
6 East 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lawrence, KS 66044

Re: Lawrence Pedestrian Bicycle Issues Task Force Report

Dear City Commissioners,

As you may know, since its creation more than a decade ago, the Lawrence Central Rotary Club has supported a wide variety of wellness programs, but particularly safe bicycling activities.

From sponsoring the Lawrence Community Bikes Rides to the staffing the Tour of Lawrence Kids Zones; from providing bike racks across our city to promoting RideLawrence.com, Lawrence Central Rotary has been in the forefront of making Lawrence a safer, healthier and more enjoyable place to live, work and play.

So it is our pleasure to lend our support to the Lawrence Pedestrian Bicycle Issues Task Force Report and its recommendations for making our city a safer and more welcoming place for walkers, bike riders and people who use wheelchairs and other mobility devices.

We share the Task Force's goals to prioritize the safety of school children walking and riding bikes to school by filling key gaps in the Safe Routes to School network; improve bicycling safety by recognizing that the bikeway network is a vital part of our transportation system; invest annually in improvements to the infrastructure that supports safety for people riding bikes; and set a goal of zero bike fatalities and serious injuries.

We strongly encourage you to adopt the Task Force's recommendations and offer our support in implementing them.

Sincerely,

Kate Campbell  
President  
Lawrence Central Rotary Club

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# Lawrence Pediatrics, p.a.

March 24, 2016

Dear City Commission:

I am writing in support of the recommendations proposed by the City of Lawrence Pedestrian Bicycle Issues Task Force. As a pediatrician and owner of Lawrence Pediatrics, as well as a member of the boards of directors for TinyK, DCCDA, and Safe Kids, I am very concerned about the health and safety of children in Lawrence.

Many children in Lawrence use their bicycles for both transportation and recreation. There are few dedicated bike lanes, and many intersections lack appropriate lights for pedestrians and bicyclists. Implementing the recommended changes will help address the safety of our pediatric riders.

Additionally, children who bike to school or for fun are far more likely to get the recommended sixty minutes per day of exercise. As you know, obesity is the fastest growing health concern in America, with as many as thirty three percent of the pediatric population now considered obese. Bicycle riding is one of the best ways for our children to be active and less likely to become obese.

I hope you will consider implementing the bicycle pedestrian recommendations for the health and safety of our Lawrence children. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kirsten E Evans".

Kirsten E Evans MD PhD

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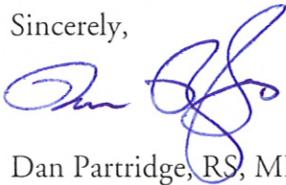
Dear Mayor Amyx and members of the Lawrence City Commission:

I am writing to express my gratitude for the work of the Pedestrian Bike Issues Task Force and to commend the task force for developing a set of recommendations that will promote active transportation and recreation in the city of Lawrence. The built environment plays an important role in promoting health by making physical activity accessible to all, regardless of where people live or the abilities that they possess. The Health Department has been involved in many efforts to promote a healthier built environment in Lawrence, and continues to do so. In particular, staff in our community health program have played an integral role in Lawrence's Safe Routes to School (SRTS) initiative, and have worked collaboratively with many public and private partners in encouraging trail development. Both of these important efforts are highlighted in the report of the task force.

To truly address the growing burden of chronic disease we must move beyond the exam room and pursue community-based strategies. One of the best possible interventions for hypertension, heart disease, diabetes, and depression is daily physical activity. As such, I laud this report and its recommendations that seek to promote activity and safety among the residents of our community.

Thank you for the work you do to create a healthier Lawrence.

Sincerely,



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Director

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Linda L. Cottin  
2244 Vermont Street  
Lawrence, KS 66046

March 25, 2016

Dear City Commissioners,

As a Lawrence business owner who has walked or biked to work nearly every day for the past 25 years, I was extremely excited and proud last year when you approved the creation of the Lawrence Pedestrian-Bicycle Task Force. I am even more excited now that the task force has completed their evaluation and is submitting the report to you.

I am sure I do not have to tell you that sustainability is the key to the future of our city. Providing transportation options that reduce our consumption of fossil fuel and decrease our production of pollution is one of the many important keystones to a sustainable future. Obviously, walking and biking provide innumerable health benefits to everyone and also serve as a means to bridge disparities between various socio-economic groups. Aside from all that, it is just plain fun!

Our community spoke loud and clear when they voted to sustain and build upon all of our neighborhood schools; we value walkability in our community, we support neighborhood development and we want a sustainable future.

I assume you will fully embrace the task force recommendations and make the implementation of each recommendation an immediate priority. If you have any hesitations at all, please rest assured that I and all of the hundreds of customers, who walk or bike to our store, are counting on you to do the right thing and make our community safer and more accessible for all.

Thank you for your service, your efforts do not go unnoticed.

Sincerely,

Linda L. Cottin



March 30, 2016

Dear Mayor and Lawrence City Commissioners:

I am writing on behalf of the 150+ member LiveWell Lawrence coalition to express our strong support for the recommendations of the Pedestrian-Bicycle Issues Task Force.

The mission of LiveWell Lawrence is to make it easier for Douglas County residents to eat healthy foods, be physically active and live tobacco-free. Among LiveWell's accomplishments are creating an annual WorkWell Lawrence symposium, launching Lawrence's first sustainable school garden, forming a Lawrence Complete Streets advocacy group, establishing a Safe Routes to Schools movement, and creating a Tobacco-Free Living work group that advocates for policies such as tobacco-free parks. Additionally, when the first Douglas County Community Health Plan was being established, members of LiveWell Lawrence agreed to tackle the goals and strategies to improve access to healthy eating and active living. The five-year plan was adopted in 2013 by Douglas County and all of the cities within the county as a document that would help guide community decision-making.

The recommendations of the Pedestrian-Bicycle Issues Task Force address several key issues that have been concerns for the LiveWell coalition since our formation in 2008, namely the need to address critical, on-going community challenges regarding planning, funding and building an active and safe transportation system that serves all citizens, regardless of age, ability, income or mode of transportation.

We strongly support the Task Force recommendation to recognize that facilities for walking, wheeling and biking are vital parts of a safe transportation system that require ongoing, annual public investment for maintenance and capital improvements. We also strongly support the recommendation to establish a consolidated Transportation Commission to advise the city commission on developing and maintaining systems for all means of travel.

The Task Force recommendations present a vision, plan and opportunity to create a Lawrence that is safer, more convenient and more enjoyable for residents to walk, bike and wheel. With your support, the City of Lawrence will:

- **Promote health by making physical activity accessible to all**, no matter where you live or what your abilities are.
- **Address rising rates of chronic disease** by providing thousands of citizens who suffer from high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes, depression and other common diseases access to the best possible intervention – daily physical activity.
- **Promote the health of children** by making it easy and safe for kids to get to school and around their neighborhoods on foot or bike. Children who walk or bike to school are far more likely to get the 60 minutes of physical activity recommended for their health.
- **Promote accessibility** by providing people with disabilities the opportunity to independently travel to desired destinations.

Having a vibrant, healthy community accessible to everyone is not only good for those of us who already live and work here but can help our community compete better when it comes to attracting and retaining entrepreneurs, active retirees, young professionals, and the businesses and services that cater to them. To create such a community, we urge you to fully implement the recommendations of the Pedestrian-Bicycle Issues Task Force.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Laurie Comstock".

Laurie Comstock, LiveWell Chair-Elect

**From:** [Lori Norwood](#)  
**To:** [Charlie Bryan](#)  
**Subject:** Pedestrian and Bike Friendly Lawrence  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 30, 2016 8:59:51 AM

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To The Lawrence City Commission;

First of all, thank you for the new trail along the river between Constant and Bircham Parks! The Parks Department does a beautiful job. I have been walking along the river for years and have seen how the Parks Department has turned that area into a beautiful asset. Instead of a sketchy area I would only traverse on dry days and with the protection of my dogs, passing trash and a handful of people passed out beside empty vodka and beer bottles, I now see families on bikes, runners, wheelchair bound people, and a lovely landscape that shows off our beautiful river. The pedestrian traffic is easily ten times what it was. Together with the "Outside for a Better Inside" trail just South of Bircham park, it is quite a jewel! Though not every trail needs to be concrete, obviously it is appreciated and used; I have and have seen others picking up trash along the trail; It already matters to us that it stays nice. The Burroughs creek trail is also a lovely asset. MORE PLEASE!! Now let's get them connected!

To the extent we make our city bike and pedestrian friendly....(no, MORE than friendly....bike and pedestrian focused!) we upgrade the lifestyle one can expect to have living in Lawrence. Young professional people, with and without families, are drawn to towns with a vibrant downtown (check!) and an extensive trail system. Not only are trails and pathways visually enticing, they speak to health and community. Driving down Sixth Street is not when you will meet your neighbors, unwind from the day or make your commute part of your fitness routine. It's not a couple kids riding bikes to school and running group chatting through a morning run. Those things happen on paths, on trails.

My family craves those trails and seeks them out, not only for our mental and physical well-being, but for a healthier planet. We work hard, make a good income and pay our taxes. We are very tempted by cities that have extensive trail and pathway systems!

I ask you to PLEASE support the work of the Pedestrian and Bike Coalition! Let their work be a step toward a more livable, desirable, exemplary Lawrence!

Sincerely,

Lori Norwood and Dr Douglass Stull

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Dear City Commissioners,

I write today to request that you invest community resources in making the vision of the Pedestrian Bicycle Issues Task Force a reality.

As a school board member, it is particularly important to me that our city does everything we can to make it easy and safe for kids to get to school and around their neighborhoods on foot or bike. Children who walk or bike to school are far more likely to get the 60 minutes of physical activity recommended for their health. I'm lucky to live in a quiet North Lawrence neighborhood where I had the pleasure of walking or biking my oldest daughter to and from her elementary school for many of her elementary school days. Not all families live in neighborhoods where safe routes to neighborhood schools are maintained.

Improving infrastructure is a smart investment for many reasons-- primarily because it promotes health by making physical activity more accessible to our residents, no matter what neighborhood they reside.

My family also enjoys quick access to the beautiful levy trails along the river, and we spend a good deal of our time walking these trails. We are fortunate that sidewalks connect the levy trails to downtown Lawrence, so we are able to safely walk to our library, and to downtown activities, parks, and restaurants.

It's important to me that our community provide opportunities and infrastructure for all citizens to be able to engage in this kind of safe, physical activity that contributes to the health of our community.

Thank you for your work to make Lawrence a great place to live!

Vanessa Sanburn  
School Board President  
Lawrence Public Schools

**From:** Marcel Harmon <marcelharmon@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2016 7:41 PM  
**To:** Charlie Bryan  
**Subject:** Support for Lawrence Pedestrian Bicycle Issues Task Force Report  
Recommendations

Charlie, here's my email of support for the Ped Bike issues task force report recommendations.

Marcel

Dear City Commissioners,

As a community member, parent and school board member, I wanted to express my strong support for the recommendations made in the recently completed Lawrence Pedestrian Bicycle Issues Task Force Report. There are a great many reasons to support the recommendations. Here are a few that have meaning to my family and myself, and also have importance to our community.

They promote the health of children by making it easy and safe for kids to get to school and around their neighborhoods on foot or bike. My son, who is an 8th grader, makes his way to and from LMCMS, and all over town via a combination of walking, skate boarding and public transportation. As he enters high school, he'll likely bike more as well, though up to now his mother and I have limited that due to concerns we have through various stretches of town. Implementing these recommendations will ease our concerns for him, as well as for our daughter who will be entering middle school next year.

As a school board member I know that implementing these recommendations and making it easier and safer for kids to walk or bike to school not only increases their health, but also their academic performance. By also reducing the amount of vehicular traffic around our schools at pickup and drop off, we also reduce the congestion that often occurs at those times, increasing safety in the process. Reducing vehicular traffic at those times also has a domino affect - parents perceive having their kids walk/bike to school as being safer with less vehicular traffic, more kids then end up walking with even less cars are dropping off/picking up, and so on. In addition, less vehicular traffic at pickup and drop-off also translates into less emissions and better air quality around our schools at those times.

Related to the last benefit, they also promote a sustainable community by reducing fossil fuel consumption and decreasing emissions of greenhouse gasses. The threat to human civilization, and really our species, that climate change poses is very real. While nation level changes must occur, household changes are also a necessary component for addressing the threat. These recommendations will allow us to move in this direction as a community.

Sincerely,

Marcel Harmon, PhD, PE, LEED AP O+M  
Vice President, Board of Education, USD #497  
Lawrence, KS

March 26, 2016

Dear City Commissioners,

I have a bike and a bike helmet. I drive to Rock Chalk and other spots in or near lovely Lawrence, Kansas to park my car and ride because I don't feel safe on the streets to get to the paths. Others probably feel the same way.

Please invest in our community by supporting a long range vision of transportation choices that can positively impact our economy, ecology, health and psychological well-being.

Let's strive for a community where residents live in neighborhoods and can walk, ride or roll with access to community facilities and resources for social and practical benefits and feel safe doing it.

Thank you!

Mary Jo Mason  
430 Eisenhower Dr. Apt #H-3  
Lawrence, KS 66049

**From:** Matt Tucker <mdt.matttucker@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2016 9:44 AM  
**To:** Charlie Bryan  
**Subject:** Pedestrian/Bicycle Issues

Dear City Commission-

I am writing to ask that you please support the recommendations provided to you via the report from the Pedestrian/Bicycle Issues Task Force. I moved to Lawrence from Homer, Alaska last summer. At first I was very excited to be living in a town where I could bike and/or walk as my primary means of transportation. However, with the lack of trails that connect to each other and the lack of connecting sidewalks, I have been quite disappointed. Communities that provide bike/walk friendly options are healthier communities. These trails should also not only be accessible to individuals with higher socioeconomic status. Adequate sidewalks for walking and paths for biking should be accessible to everyone, even individuals living in lower income parts of town.

Oftentimes since moving here I find myself biking on busy roads where drivers either aren't accustomed to bicyclists, or either they act irritated about my presence and try to intimidate me. It is unsafe and would be completely avoidable if you follow the recommendations provided by the Task Force.

Thank you for your time. Have a great day!

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Matt Tucker

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3/31/2016

Dear City Commission,

I am writing to voice my support for the Pedestrian Bicycle Task Force recommendations.

As a family physician, my life's work is to manage people's health issues to best possible outcome. Despite amazing advancements in technology and medicine, modern medical care has its limits. In many circumstances, lifestyle changes, such as increased physical activity, is far superior to any medical intervention I can offer.

I see the ill health effects of a sedentary lifestyle and improvements with physical activity every day. While many factors influence a persons activity levels, there is a preponderance of evidence that having easy and safe paths for foot and bike travel improves the chances of people getting outdoors and moving. Lawrence having better options for leg-powered travel will certainly make my recommendations for activity easier to accomplish for patients.

If you have further questions about the medical or public health aspect of these proposals, please feel free to contact me to discuss.

Sincerely,  
W. Ryan Neuhofel, DO, MPH  
Owner/Physician, NeuCare Family Medicine



Old West Lawrence Association  
Kathryn Nemeth Tuttle, President  
knemethtuttle@gmail.com

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March 29, 2016

Mayor Mike Amyx	mikeamyx515@hotmail.com
Vice Mayor Leslie Soden	lsoden@lawrenceks.org
Commissioner Stuart Boley	sboley@lawrenceks.org
Commissioner Matthew Herbert	matthewjherbert@gmail.com
Commissioner Lisa Larsen	llarsen@lawrenceks.org

Re: Lawrence Pedestrian/Bicycle Issues Task Force Report

Mayor and Commissioners,

I am writing on behalf of the Old West Lawrence Association to register our strong support for the Lawrence Pedestrian/Bicycle Issues Task Force Report. The report recommendations are in strong alignment with Old West Lawrence neighborhood goals to ensure safe pedestrian and bicycle routes throughout our city. In particular, we support the Safe Routes to Schools priorities, developing a sidewalk repair program, establishing a consolidated Transportation Commission, and including funding for implementation through the Capital Improvement Plan and annual City budgets.

Many Old West Lawrence residents are committed to improving health and sustainability and choose to walk or bike as much as they can. I walk through the neighborhood and downtown on a daily basis and personally experience issues that arise due to lack of pedestrian safety, poor sidewalks, and the lack of a walk-friendly environment. Of particular concern are safety issues for children, seniors, and people with disabilities.

Lawrence is a wonderful community, but our pedestrian and bicycle systems are lacking, as compared to similar university towns in our region. Taking the lead to implement the report recommendations will only enhance our economic viability and ensure a better future for all Lawrence residents.

Yours truly,

Kathryn Nemeth Tuttle, President  
Old West Lawrence Association

Lawrence City Commissioners  
City Hall  
6 E 6th St  
Lawrence, KS 66044

John Paden  
1910 Marvonne Rd  
Lawrence, KS 66045

Dear Mayor and City Commissioners,

I strongly support the Pedestrian Bicycle Task Force report recommendations. Good active transportation options are valuable to our community. Active transportation promotes good physical and mental health, conservation, and a sense of community.

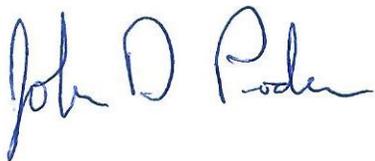
I walk and bike every day to work and often to the store. I welcome improved infrastructure that makes this easier and safer. Most importantly I would like to feel comfortable letting my children get around town on bike or on foot. I used to bike with my children to school nearly every day. I stopped after a scary close call on Clinton Parkway. As a child I was able to ride on my bike to the park or to school. I wish I felt safe giving my children that same freedom. But a lot of places are cutoff from each other because of a lack of safe crossings and safe routes. Active transportation is good for our children's health, but it is also important in helping children develop a sense of independence and it gets them outside.

Also, as someone who occasionally serves on hiring committees or works to attract talented individuals to our community, community assets such as a well-developed and thought-out bike system and sidewalks with safe intersection crossings and interconnected path systems with safe crossings (like underpasses and overpasses) can play a big role in recruitment and retention.

I have the sense that many of my friends and acquaintances in town support better active transportation infrastructure and many city commissioners have supported this as well. The problem often comes back to a lack of dedicated funding. From this standpoint, I think the implementation of a dedicated funding source will be taking a big step in the right direction.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John D. Paden". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John Paden

Lawrence-Douglas County  
Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)  
City Hall, 6 East 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lawrence, Kansas 66044-0708

March 21, 2016



Dear Lawrence City Commissioners,

The Lawrence-Douglas County Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) would like to express its support for the goals of the Pedestrian & Bicycle Issues Taskforce Report including dedicated funding for bicycle & pedestrian infrastructure, involving both pedestrians and cyclists in the conversation about planning and building transportation networks, finishing the Lawrence Loop, improving safety for all people who bicycle and walk, and implementing elements of the Countywide Bikeway Plan.

The BAC supports dedicated funding for a bikeway network that encourages safe and comfortable travel for all. Many different types of people in our region use our area's bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and they desire to have a transportation system that is supportive of healthy and active transportation choices.

At the same time, the BAC is also concerned about how a transition to a Transportation Commission could eliminate the established Lawrence, Douglas County, Eudora, Baldwin City and Lecompton coordination that has been built through the City/County BAC since 2009. We believe that a stated goal of the task force, namely a comprehensive bikeway network, can only be achieved with active involvement and input from area cyclists, both within Lawrence and in the Douglas County region. We would like to request continued engagement as a future Commission is developed to ensure that the regional bicyclist voice isn't lost in the transition and possible elimination of the Lawrence-Douglas County Bicycle Advisory Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Hallberg". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Lisa Hallberg, BAC Chair

Date: March 28, 2016  
To: The Lawrence City Commission  
From: The Lawrence Pedestrian Coalition

The Lawrence Pedestrian Coalition (LPC) supports the 7 findings, 6 recommendations, and 3 priorities of the Pedestrian/Bicycle Issues Task Force Final Report.

We were very encouraged that the Task Force placed a high priority on gathering input from, and considering the needs of all of the various types of transportation users. We believe that the projects suggested in the report are strongly supported by groups and individuals who are passionate about good transportation options. These users may have different goals and ideas, but they all agree that something needs to happen now to move us forward, and that the recommendations in this report do an excellent job of addressing the needs of the entire community of transportation users.

The projects recommended in this report, especially Safe Routes to Schools, sidewalk repair and infill, completing the Lawrence Bicycle Loop, and establishing a consolidated Transportation Commission, address many of the city's Capital Improvement goals for 2017. The proposed projects:

- support public safety,
- promote public health,
- improve infrastructure, and
- support and encourage non-motorized and or public transportation.

In addition, the proposed projects:

- benefit all residents,
- address major deficiencies related to sidewalk repair and infill,
- improve sustainability, and
- greatly improve the city's transportation services.

We agree that "The current citizen advisory structure is fragmented and does not offer the city commission optimal decision support." We urge the Commission to create a consolidated transportation commission to advise the city commission and staff on transportation matters related to all transportation choices.

We agree that "The most important things are to make a meaningful start and invest annually." We urge the Lawrence City Commission to create a permanent funding mechanism that will support meaningful and lasting improvements in pedestrian and bicycle transportation options in Lawrence.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Gary Webber  
Secretary  
Lawrence Pedestrian Coalition

The Lawrence Pedestrian Coalition exists to realize completion of the pedestrian network in Lawrence, Kansas and ensure pedestrian access and safety throughout our community.



March 30, 2016

Lawrence City Commissioners:  
Mike Amyx, Stuart Boley, Matthew Herbert, Lisa Larsen, Leslie Soden  
City Hall  
P.O. Box 708  
Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear City Commissioners,

After reading the Pedestrian and Bicycle Issues Task Force Report, I wish to write in support of said report and urge you to support it as well. Please consider funding a city that is walkable, bike-able and accessible for all ages and abilities.

We have teachers and children at Raintree who make the commitment to walk or ride their bikes to school. However, I know for certain several more would if they felt confident in a safe route. In my personal letter to you, I wrote of my experience being hit by a car on Clinton Parkway on my way to work and there have been several other close calls. When watching children biking on the Parkway, I cannot help but worry for their safety. Cars turning onto the Parkway or off the Parkway do not always look for pedestrians and bicyclists when assessing safety in their decision to turn. As it says in the report, this project requires changing the city's culture on how we view transportation. It is not just a project of infrastructure improvements.

Please make this report a blueprint for solutions. A whole-hearted commitment is necessary as it requires not only funding infrastructure improvements and additions, but changing our city's culture through education. A project committed half-way will provide very little benefit but fully embracing this project has the potential for true change, creating a city that is walkable, bike-able and accessible for all ages and abilities. I urge you to find permanent dedicated funding for the findings, recommendations and priorities addressed in this report.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heather M. Eichhorn". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed in a thin black rectangular box.

Heather McReynolds Eichhorn  
Assistant Head of School  
heather@raintreemontessori.org



# Sustainability Action Network

Local Solutions for Transition to a Sustainable Economy

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a Kansas 501(C)(3) not-for-profit

Lawrence City Commission  
City Hall, 6 East 6th St.  
Lawrence KS 66044

3 May 2016

re: City of Lawrence 2017 Budget  
Implementation of the Pedestrian-Bicycle Task Force Recommendations

Mayor Amyx, and Commissioners:

22 June 2016 will mark 40 years from when Lawrence adopted the first bicycle plan, *The Pedalplan for Lawrence*.

*The Pedalplan for Lawrence* contained not only facility design standards, origin-destination metrics, and specific project prioritization, but also a five year capital plan. Suffice it to say, if Lawrence had the political will 40 years ago to begin a bicycle transportation network, the cost would have been pennies on the dollar of what is required today. The more delay, the more the cost.

Lawrence now has under its belt, at least 18 bicycle plans, either singly, or as part of another planning document such as the Bicycle Compatibility Index Study, Transportation 2040, the Multi-Modal Studies, or the Lawrence-Douglas County Bicycle Plan. It is telling of the previous 40 years that none of these plans, other than *The Pedalplan for Lawrence*, had a capital plan.

The *Pedestrian-Bicycle Task Force Report* now adds another plan to our catalog. And the Task Force did well by including a five year capital plan, 2017-2021. They request that the Commission commit to implementing that plan, by \$500,000 per year for bicycle tracks, boulevards, and lanes, and \$500,000 per year for sidewalks, ADA ramps, and intersection improvements. The Sustainability Action Network finds this recommendation to be the most important element of the Report, and ask that you budget for these amounts, and no less, in the stated time frame.

Of equal importance is the creation of a City staff position to "provide a coordinated approach to pedestrian-bicycle planning [and] engineering" (TF Report, p. 28). Every comparable community that has built fully functional bicycle facilities has a position of Bicycle-Pedestrian Coordinator/Engineer. Budget funds are scarce, and we will want such a professional who is knowledgeable enough to target funds for the most effective projects. That person will also be effective in bridging the "silo factor" at City Hall by regularly convening "an interdepartmental city staff team for facilities planning, budgeting, construction, [and] routine maintenance" (IBID).

Finally, Sustainability Action recommends that, when allocating bicycle spending, the annual capital funds be spent in a narrow, focused manner, rather than by a shotgun approach to scatter small amounts of money in many neighborhoods all at once. If built by cutting corners without all the necessary elements, and if not contiguous, bicycle facilities will serve little of the potential ridership, and prove to be ineffective spending. Rather than scattering "bike route" signs or "sharrows" on as many streets as possible, it's far better to build one two-mile bicycle boulevard that connects key destinations.

We feel the previous City Commission put the Pedestrian-Bicycle Task Force in an unfair position by instructing them to find sources for budget funds. It was as though to say "Your report has some great ideas, but if you can't show us the money, we're so sorry".

Public Works and Management staff and prior City Commissions have apologized year after year, decade after decade, that they just can't seem to find the money in the budget for people who bicycle and walk. Yet at the same time, they always have managed to find adequate budget funds for motor vehicle transportation (about 1% of which was attendant funds for bicycles and sidewalks, most from Federal Highway).

It is not so much a matter of "finding new funding sources". It's more a matter of reallocating the funding – realigning our priorities. That's what a budget is all about – to work with the revenue streams as they are, to weigh the needs against the preferences, and to make the hard choices. After 40 years of deferred spending, it's time to choose \$1,000,000 a year to spend on bicycles and pedestrians.

It's about political will. It's about time.

Sincerely,

Michael Almon, Chair  
Bicycle & Alternative Transportation Program  
Sustainability Action Network

March 24, 2016

Lawrence City Commission  
City Hall  
6 E 6<sup>th</sup> St.  
Lawrence KS 66044

Dear Mayor Amyx and members of the Lawrence City Commission:

Since 1983 we've offered workouts for members of the Lawrence Community through Red Dog's Dog Days. Dog Day participants have logged thousands of miles on city streets, sidewalks and trails during the many years we've led the program. Having a community where it is safe to walk, run and bike is important to us and to everyone that considers themselves part of the Red Dog family.

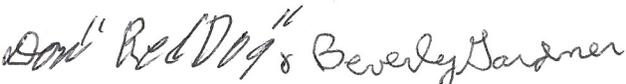
People can only be active when they have safe, fun places to work out. As such, we are writing to express our strong support for the recommendations of the Pedestrian Bicycle Issues Task Force.

We believe in a strong bicycle and pedestrian network in our community because:

- We believe **physical activity should be accessible to all**, no matter where they live or what their abilities are;
- We believe **physical activity is the best possible intervention to address rising rates of obesity and chronic disease** that take a social and economic toll on our community, and
- We believe **promoting physical activity is one of the best ways to promote a feeling of community among people**. Working out brings people together who can encourage one another, encourages people to interact with each other on a "level playing field," and creates strong social bonds that can last a lifetime.

We encourage the City Commission to embrace the recommendations in the Task Force report.

Sincerely,



Don "Red Dog" and Beverly Gardner



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March 6, 2016

Lawrence City Commissioners  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear City Commissioners,

Marilyn Hull, Chair of the city's Pedestrian/Bicycle Task Force visited our club meeting last month and explained details of that organization's recommendations to make Lawrence more pedestrian and bicycle friendly. Additionally, a club member, Dee Boeck, is on the task force and has kept us informed as to what that group is studying and proposing.

As a club of runners, we are also pedestrians and many of us are bikers as well. We have a keen interest in the role that physical activity plays in physical and mental health.

We urge the City Commissioners to accept the Ped/Bike Task Force recommendations and to take whatever action is necessary to implement them. We firmly believe such action will improve the health of our citizens and will make Lawrence a more attractive place for young and old alike to live, work and play.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Hyde".

Karen Hyde  
Club Secretary



16 February 2016

**RE: Pedestrian-Bicycle Issues Task Force Report**

Dear Mayor Amyx:

At the monthly meeting of the Lawrence Sustainability Advisory Board February 10, 2016, the board heard a brief presentation from Marilyn Hull and discussed the Pedestrian-Bicycle Issues Task Force Report. The board voted unanimously to support the six main recommendations as well as the implementation priorities in the report. These recommendations and priorities will help make Lawrence a more sustainable and resilient city. Diversifying the transportation options also will improve our environmental quality and reduce our community's greenhouse gas emissions. By reducing our dependence on automobiles, these recommendations will better serve the transportation needs of all Lawrence residents.

We commend the Task Force for providing specific recommendations that are practical yet challenging. If implemented promptly, these priorities could make a significant difference in the transportation options available to all citizens of Lawrence. Moreover, these actions would improve the quality of life in our community and make Lawrence an even more competitive and attractive choice for residents, property and business owners.

Please contact me at 785/856-1299 or [dale.nimz@gmail.com](mailto:dale.nimz@gmail.com) if you have any questions or require additional information.

Thank you,

Dale E. Nimz, Chair  
Lawrence Sustainability Advisory Board

**From:** Sharon Ashworth <sharonashworth97@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2016 8:34 PM  
**To:** Charlie Bryan  
**Subject:** bike-ped task force report

To the Lawrence City Commission,

The City of Lawrence Pedestrian Bicycle Issues Task Force recently released a report calling for changes our city a safer and more welcoming place for walkers, bike riders, and people who use wheelchairs and other mobility devices. I wish to express my wholehearted support for their recommendations.

I am a utilitarian and recreational bike rider who wishes my city could accommodate a safe commute and offer a more pleasant, less mentally and physically rattling ride. It's no wonder we don't see many bicyclists around town. Building the necessary infrastructure for and encouraging the culture of bicycling and walking improves a city's livability and desirability as well as the health of its citizens.

Under current conditions, I will not let my middle school child bike to the library alone, even if it is just from her school on Massachusetts Street. I also find it difficult to bring my elderly mother downtown. She uses a walker and is extremely uncomfortable and slow trying to navigate the sidewalks. If you pay attention, you'll only see able bodied older adults on an average day downtown. The rest are at the big box stores here or out of town. Of course navigating many of our in-town neighborhood sidewalks is an impossibility for older or disabled persons.

The Pedestrian Bicycle Issues Task Force report is an excellent start to improving the safety and availability of different transportation methods and pathways. The report analyzes our city's needs and offers reasonable recommendations, prioritized for adoption over time. Of course, I would like to see the city adopt these recommendations and more. The sooner we make this a truly walkable and bikeable city, the sooner we become a healthier, desirable, and sustainable community.

Sincerely,

Sharon Ashworth  
Lawrence, KS

**From:** Sue Kidd <skidd.kschared@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 2, 2016 9:28 AM  
**To:** Charlie Bryan  
**Subject:** Support Pedestrian Bicycle Task Force!

As a senior citizen I STRONGLY support the proposal developed by the Pedestrian Bicycle Task Force!!!!

As we age it is vitally important that we maintain our health and this project offers the best of all opportunities....being active...getting out into nature....and associating with others outside! If Lawrence is to be a "GO TO" place for retirees...we MUST continue to develop and maintain the opportunities for all of our citizens and visitors to walk, bike and enjoy our beautiful city!

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"A leader takes people where they want to go. A great leader takes people where they don't necessarily want to go, but ought to be."

Rosalynn Carter



April 7, 2016

Dear Lawrence City Commissioners,

The Pedestrian Bicycle Task force has released a report that establishes a vision and plan for a Lawrence that is a safer, more convenient and more enjoyable place for residents to walk, bike and wheel. Sunrise Project urges you to invest in helping make this vision a reality. The report's recommendations align with the goals of Sunrise Project and with those of the City of Lawrence:

They **promote health** by making physical activity accessible to all, no matter where you live or what your abilities are.

They **promote the health of children** by making it easy and safe for kids to get to school and around their neighborhoods on foot or bike. Children who walk or bike to school are far more likely to get the 60 minutes of physical activity recommended for their health.

They **promote accessibility** by providing people with disabilities the opportunity to independently travel to desired destinations.

They **improve safety of roadways**, creating conditions that will reduce the number of crashes involving motorists and pedestrians or bike riders.

They **promote affordable lifestyles** by making it possible for residents to rely less on cars to get to work, school, grocery stores and other daily destinations.

They will **improve transit ridership experience** (and possibly boost ridership) by providing safe, convenient sidewalks for people to access bus stops.

They **promote a sustainable community** by reducing fossil fuel consumption and decreasing emissions of greenhouse gasses.

Sunrise Project's mission is to empower people to live healthy, self-determined lives through engagement with food and the environment to build a socially just community. Please support the task force's recommendations, which make it more possible for all people to be healthy, active and safe in their environment, neighborhoods and community.

Thank you,

Emily Hampton

**From:** Suzan Hampton <suzanhampton@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 26, 2016 6:37 PM  
**To:** Charlie Bryan  
**Subject:** PBITF Recommendations Letter of Support

Dear City Commission,

I'm writing in support of the Lawrence Bike-Ped Coalition's recommendations to make Lawrence a more equitable community.

By earmarking funds to improve bike and pedestrian infrastructure, the city will be promoting a healthier lifestyle for its citizens, demonstrating equitable treatment for all its citizens, and furthering its efforts to reduce global warming.

It will also help attract active retirees to Lawrence, as well as make Lawrence a more attractive place for post-graduation residence for KU alums, thereby improving the economic health and long-term sustainability of the city for its citizens.

Thank you for supporting these recommendations.

Suzan Hampton  
1218 Delaware Street  
Lawrence, KS



Unchained Bicycle Co-op  
PO Box 442413  
Lawrence, KS 66044  
<http://lawrenceunchained.com>

28 March 2016

To the Lawrence City Commission:

I am writing you in support of the recommendations made by the Pedestrian-Bicycle Issues Task Force in their February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Final Report.

As a regular bicycle commuter in Lawrence and Douglas County, and as a founder and Director of the Lawrence Unchained Bicycle Co-op, I can attest to how important it is that the City Commission and the City of Lawrence support and promote bicycling and walking as modes of transportation in the city.

Although things have improved in recent years, the actual amount of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure built and maintained by the city has not always reflected the level of support voiced by city staff and the City Commission. Sometimes this is due to circumstance, but more often than not it is due to a lack of dedicated funding and lack of planning processes that encompass transportation modes beyond the automobile.

Bicycling and walking must be perceived to be safe and effective means of transportation in order for the city's citizens to use them regularly and effectively. Right now, while the city's own citizen survey results show a demand for safe cycling and walking infrastructure, the vast majority of people don't feel comfortable walking on city sidewalks or bicycling on city streets.

The creation of the Task Force and its Final Report are the response to this shortfall between voiced support and actual infrastructure. It is important that the city implement as many recommendations of the Task Force as possible.

Additionally, I personally want to emphasize the importance of dedicated funding and staff support for these recommendations. I know budgets are tight, but I encourage the Commission to remember that cycling and pedestrian infrastructure are much less costly to maintain compared to that built for cars and trucks. If you have more people choosing to walk and bike rather than drive, you have fewer cars on the streets. Additionally, streets suited for cyclists and pedestrians create environments with slower, more cautious drivers, who, by slowing down, also do less damage to that same transportation infrastructure. Building a cycling- and walking-friendly road system is naturally cost-effective, benefiting the current Lawrence population in the short term and benefiting the city long term through increased economic development appeal. And these cost benefits are over and above the health and happiness benefits to the people of Lawrence.

Finally, I must encourage the City to find ways to extend this support of bicycling beyond the city limits, and to find a means to continue the work of the Bicycle Advisory Committee to address bicycling within all of Douglas County with the assistance of the MPO.

Sincerely,

Lisa Hallberg  
Co-Director, Unchained Bicycle Co-op

*Heather McReynolds Eichhorn*

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March 30, 2016

Lawrence City Commissioners:

Mike Amyx, Stuart Boley, Matthew Herbert, Lisa Larsen, Leslie Soden

City Hall

P.O. Box 708

Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear City Commissioners,

After reading the Pedestrian and Bicycle Issues Task Force Report, I wish to write in support of said report and urge you to support it as well. Please consider funding a city that is walkable, bike-able and accessible for all ages and abilities.

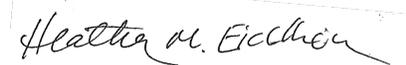
I walk daily and appreciate when sidewalks are consistent, accessible and well maintained. I can appreciate the struggle of a parent pushing his/her child in a stroller over uneven (extremely uneven in some areas of Lawrence) or where sidewalk routes simply end with no warning. On our street both sides of the street have sidewalks but neither are complete for the length of the two block distance (Crescent Road) requiring someone to either cross mid street or to walk on the grass of several house lawns. In the four years we have lived at that location, I have seen three people in motorized wheelchairs regularly take that route to KU. The only option was to take the street as the sidewalk is impassable for that form of transportation.

During the time I have lived in the city limits (ten of the past twenty years), I rode my bike to work, Raintree Montessori School, two to three times a week but stopped recently after being hit by a car at an intersection on Clinton Pkwy. I felt so strongly about riding that I rode during my pregnancy and with my child on the back of the bike. I believed and often shared with others, the more people who ride and walk, the more aware our city will be of every transportation mode, which in turn, creates a safer environment for all. Now my fear outweighs the benefits I recognize.

Please make this report a blueprint for solutions. I urge you to find permanent dedicated funding for the findings, recommendations and priorities addressed in this report.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Heather McReynolds Eichhorn

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JOHN WILSON  
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March 23, 2016

Mayor Mike Amyx  
Vice-Mayor Leslie Soden  
Commissioner Matthew Herbert  
Commissioner Stuart Boley  
Commissioner Lisa Larsen  
City Hall,  
PO Box 708,  
Lawrence, Kansas 66044

Dear Mr. Mayor and Lawrence City Commissioners,

I would like to underscore the importance of pedestrian- and bike-friendly pathways in our community, and encourage you to adopt the vision proposed by the Pedestrian Bicycle Task Force in its 2016 report. The most elementary formula for promoting healthy activity in the everyday lives of our citizens is to provide access to safe, walkable routes to school, work, and shopping. Such an approach positively impacts people of all ages, socioeconomic levels, physical abilities, and occupations. If our desire is to promote fitness in our community and enhance the quality of life of our citizens, this approach best matches that goal.

Thank you for your kind attention to this important report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John C. Wilson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John C. Wilson  
Kansas State Representative, District 10



## Brook Creek Neighborhood Association

Melissa Fahrenbruch, President

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April 18, 2016

City Hall  
City Commission  
6 East 6th Street  
Lawrence, KS 66044

Re: Pedestrian Bicycle Issues Task Force Recommendations

Dear Members of the Lawrence City Commission,

Brook Creek Neighborhood Association would like to express support for the recommendations of the Pedestrian Bicycle Issues Task Force. Our neighborhood has been interested in these improvements for many years and we appreciate the City Commission's consideration of these changes and improvements.

The task force report recommends making our city a safer and more welcoming place for walkers, bike riders, and people who use wheelchairs and other mobility devices, which we have many residents in our neighborhood whom are such persons. Below are some examples of recommendations that our members have brought to our attention as being a priority to our neighborhood.

- **Spur economic development** by promoting tourism and attracting businesses and creative entrepreneurs that want to locate in a community with recreational amenities that enhance quality of life.
- **Promote health** by making physical activity accessible to all, no matter where you live or what your abilities are. At the same time, **promote the health of children** by making it easy and safe for kids to get to school and around their neighborhoods on foot or bike. Children who walk or bike to school are far more likely to get the 60 minutes of physical activity recommended for their health.
- **Help address rising rates of chronic disease** by providing thousands of citizens who suffer from high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes, depression and other common diseases access to the best possible intervention – daily physical activity.
- **Improve safety of roadways**, creating conditions that will reduce the number of crashes involving motorists and pedestrians or bike riders. Which in turn would, **reduce**

**demands on city infrastructure** by reducing reliance on motor vehicles, which will reduce parking needs and create less wear and tear on streets.

- **Promote a sustainable community** by reducing fossil fuel consumption and decreasing emissions of greenhouse gasses. Which would also support and **improve transit ridership experience** (and possibly boost ridership) by providing safe, convenient sidewalks for people to access bus stops. And **promote affordable lifestyles** by making it possible for residents to rely less on cars to get to work, school, grocery stores and other daily destinations.

In summary these changes and improvements to our great city would not only improve the life of our existing residents, but may draw new residents and businesses to our area. Brook Creek Neighborhood Association would like thank the task force their hard work on this important topic and the City Commission for their consideration of these ideas.

Sincerely yours,

Melissa Fahrenbruch, President  
Brook Creek Neighborhood Association