

July 18, 2016

To:
Lawrence City Commission
Douglas County Commission



CC:
David Cronin/Chuck Soules, City of Lawrence Public Works
Keith Browning, Douglas County Public Works
Ryan Barrett, Kansas Department of Transportation

Dear Local Officials,

On June 21, 2016, KDOT presented their final report on the alternatives for the East 1200 Road/Kasold Drive and K-10 intersection. The report outlined KDOT's recommended improvements as the right in, right out intersection. They are currently preparing construction plans for the project which is anticipated to be completed in the fall of 2016. The proposed improvements do not appear to include any considerations for cycling movements through the intersection.

The fact sheets prepared by KDOT showing the Near-Term Alternatives included considerations for bike connectivity. The statement provided for Alternative 3: Right In Right Out was that the alternative "could accommodate bike connectivity by routing a shared use path under existing Yankee Tank Creek bridge as a local partner project".

The Lawrence-Douglas County Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) is extremely concerned about the safety of cyclists at that intersection. It is a heavily used cycling corridor that cannot be ignored. Cyclists will go through the intersection regardless of what improvements are constructed. Providing safe access through or around that intersection is a major concern for the BAC.

The BAC voted unanimously at our July 18, 2016 meeting to ask the City and County governing bodies to work with KDOT to provide a safe crossing of K-10 Highway for cyclists at this intersection. We would request that this be completed as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Lisa Hallberg".

Lisa Hallberg, BAC Chair