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Commissioners:

I note that the University of Kansas has agreed to provide more than half of the match required to obtain a KDOT grant for an airport improvement project that would presumably benefit a few key people in the campus community.

I further note that the university is not expected to participate in a match for another KDOT grant which would primarily and significantly benefit the campus community: the proposed ped-bike tunnel at 19th and Iowa streets. The project is described on page 9 of [KU's 2014 master plan](#) as follows:

"19th and Iowa Gateway: A proposed mixed-use development for upper-level and graduate students will include housing, student amenities, and retail. An accessible path connects the Central and West Districts bridging Iowa Street as an extension of the proposed Jayhawk Trail." (emphasis added.)

In the three years since the KU master plan was published, why has city staff not aggressively pursued a funding partnership with the university for this project? The university has reportedly raised \$350 million for the Central District redevelopment. A contribution to the match required for the tunnel would be a small drop in the bucket for KU.