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Step it Up Selection Committee,

Please accept our application to the Walkability Action Institute in partnership with the Lawrence - Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Lawrence - Douglas County Health Department. The City of Lawrence desires a community that invites people of all ages and abilities to walk for enjoyment, exercise, and daily transportation.

The Lawrence City Commission commits to select one City Commissioner to participate and attend as part of our team if selected. We commit to collaborate on development and implementation of PSE action plan strategies to make the region more walkable. We commit to work closely with the NACDD and our MPO team lead throughout the project, to accomplish the stated project deliverables (Section E) within the project's anticipated timeline (Appendix C).

We are positioned to benefit from the interdisciplinary approach of the institute to pursue policy, systems, and environmental (PSE) supports for walking and walkability. The institute supports our recent work developing and building capital with an interdepartmental multimodal staff team, the adoption of our Regional Pedestrian Plan, and the infancy of our multimodal Transportation Commission which serves as an advisory body to the City Commission.

Long term collaboration and implementation will be fundamental to ensuring we can continue to take steps to improve our walkability. We hope you will consider our team for this important work. We are excited about the opportunity to engage national experts and peer regions to work on improving walkability.

Sincerely,

Leslie Soden
Mayor

