

November 12, 2018

Mr. Tom Markus
City Manager, City of Lawrence
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VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

Dear Mr. Markus,

Tom


The University of Kansas is pleased to be engaged in discussions with City of Lawrence officials regarding the City's desire to establish a transit hub for the Lawrence Transit/KU on Wheels bus systems.

As you know, that effort is now focused on identifying a location for such a hub. Most recently, a transportation consulting group study indicated that three sites remain under active consideration: the current hub site near the Lawrence Public Library, a site near 21st Street and Stewart Avenue, and a location near the intersection of Bob Billings Parkway and Iowa Street. The consultant outlined a series of pros and cons associated with each of the sites, from its perspective. I write now to communicate the University's preference among the sites identified.

As Chancellor Girod indicated recently in a meeting with you and Mayor Stuart Boley, the University's preference is the location near the intersection of Bob Billings Parkway and Iowa Street. We understand that the next steps involve deeper study regarding the viability of that site, and we look forward to what that study will reveal. Given where that site sits vis-à-vis the University's "front door," it is clear that aesthetic considerations will be important for us moving forward. In addition, given that the proposed site lies on University property, we will begin to explore the steps necessary to make it available to serve this proposed purpose.

Again, we are pleased to be engaged in these important discussions with the City, and we look forward to next steps as we work together both to improve the transit experience for those who use Lawrence Transit/KU on Wheels, and to expand the systems' ridership.

Sincerely,


Reginald L. Robinson
Vice Chancellor

cc: Doug Girod, Chancellor, University of Kansas
The Honorable Stuart Boley, Mayor, City of Lawrence
Carl Lejuez, Interim Provost, University of Kansas