

Bobbie Walthall

From: Suzan Hampton <suzanhampton@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 11:55 AM
To: Bobbie Walthall
Cc: Stuart Boley; Matthew Herbert; Lisa Larsen; Leslie Soden; Jennifer Ananda; Suzan Hampton
Subject: Please maintain Lawrence Loop funding

Dear Mayor and Commissioners,

I support maintaining the five-year \$1.4 million funding for the Lawrence Loop. While understandably there are many conflicting budget priorities, few projects can boast an ability to:

- provide safe, affordable transportation to jobs for disadvantaged folks,
- safe transportation to school for schoolkids,
- reduce public health problems like heart disease and diabetes,
- bring community together from all walks of life,
- provide recreation and enjoyment opportunities for folks of all physical abilities, - preserve green space to protect the Kaw Valley Watershed and combat climate change,
- increase economic development by bringing tourists to Lawrence to shop, eat, and stay
- increase tax dollars by attracting active seniors and millennials to settle in Lawrence
- increase jobs by attracting employers to bring their businesses to Lawrence.

The Lawrence Loop appears to me to be a win on so many levels that it is deserving of continued financial city government support.

Thank you for your service,

Suzan Hampton

Cofounding Boardmember, Friends of Lawrence Area Trails
Project Manager/Neighborhood Liaison, Prairie Block Project
Resident, Delaware Street Commons

Bobbie Walthall

From: Janice Bresnahan <jan50bres@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 11:35 AM
To: Bobbie Walthall; Stuart Boley; Matthew Herbert; Lisa Larsen; Leslie Soden; Jennifer Ananda
Subject: Support for the full funding of the Lawrence Loop

The loop supports both transportation and recreation and it is a vital part of the expanding bicycling and pedestrian infrastructure. It is extremely important to the people of Lawrence that they can safely and comfortably have access to bicycling and walking as a means to get from one place to the other. The loop will allow for the entire system to be completed.

It is my understanding that the city manager proposed cutting funding of the Lawrence Loop by a million dollars. To me this seems opposite of the direction that Lawrence was/is going. With the ongoing work on the underpass at 19th and the proposed bike blvd on 21st it seems counter intuitive to where the community wants to go.

Sincerely,

Jan Bresnahan

Bobbie Walthall

From: Kara Funk <karafunk800@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 11:39 AM
To: Bobbie Walthall
Cc: Stuart Boley; Matthew Herbert; Lisa Larsen; Isoden@lawrenceks.org; Jennifer Ananda
Subject: Funding For Lawrence Loop

As frequent users of the Trail, we are asking your support to fully fund the completion of the Lawrence Loop. It is important to us and the City of Lawrence to complete the Trail.

Thank you for your support.

Richard & Kara Funk
21021 Quail Creek Drive
66047 (1-479-426-8484)

Bobbie Walthall

From: Janet Mosser <janetmosser@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 11:49 AM
To: Bobbie Walthall
Subject: Lawrence bicycle loop

Please reinstate funding for the loop. We use this a lot and believe it is essential to the future well being of Lawrence.

Thank you.
Janet Mosser

Sent from my iPad

Bobbie Walthall

From: Lisa Hallberg <lisa@lawrenceunchained.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 11:51 AM
To: Bobbie Walthall
Cc: Stuart Boley; Matthew Herbert; Lisa Larsen; Leslie Soden; Jennifer Ananda
Subject: Lawrence Loop funding in the 2020 – 2024 Capital Improvement Plan

To the City Manager and Lawrence City Commission -

I would like to express my concern that a significant portion of the Lawrence Loop - particularly the continuation of the Loop from 7th Street to Constant Park - has not been funded in the CIP plan to be discussed this evening, May 14th.

Committing only a fraction of the funding necessary to complete the Loop to downtown - the last most-critical step to make the Loop an integral transportation asset for cyclists, pedestrians and others not wishing to drive - is very disappointing. This section seems to me to be the most critical, a jewel clasp on a gold chain, far increasing the worth of this piece of multi-modal infrastructure.

I strongly urge you to restore this funding to the CIP for 2020-2024 to ensure that the Loop has a real chance of being completing, thus providing a critical means for navigating safely to downtown for all of Lawrence's citizens.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Lisa Hallberg
Lawrence Unchained Bicycle Co-op
lisa@lawrenceunchained.com
785-418-6221

Bobbie Walthall

From: Ryan Liston <ryanl.freestate@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 11:09 AM
To: Bobbie Walthall
Subject: Lawrence Loop Funding

Hello Ms. Bobbie Walthall,

My name is Ryan Liston, and I am a resident of Lawrence. I am 22 years old and have lived in town since I was in 4th Grade. As a runner and citizen, I urge that funding be restored for the Lawrence Loop. This project is invaluable for bettering the community and furthering health initiatives in the city. Many citizens, myself included, will be grateful if funding is restored.

Best,

Ryan Liston

Bobbie Walthall

From: Aaron Paden <aaronpaden@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 10:34 AM
To: Bobbie Walthall; Stuart Boley; Matthew Herbert; Lisa Larsen; Leslie Soden; Jennifer Ananda
Subject: Support for Lawrence Loop

Hello City Commissioners,

If it is fiscally responsible - I support reinstating the 5 year \$1.4 million funding (or more!) for the Lawrence Loop. While many projects are controversial - the loop appears to essentially have unanimous support while providing healthy & fun infrastructure for citizens and visitors alike.

The loop is useful for recreation, transportation, and a healthy community ... I like to think that Lawrence gets triple value for the money invested.

Thank you!
Aaron

Aaron Paden
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aaronpaden@gmail.com

Bobbie Walthall

From: Jeff Severin <jrseverin@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 10:02 AM
To: Lisa Larsen; Jennifer Ananda; Leslie Soden; Matthew Herbert; Stuart Boley
Cc: Bobbie Walthall
Subject: Complete the Loop

Dear City Commissioners,

I was deeply disappointed to see that the new Capital Improvement Plan has removed over \$1 million in planned funding for the Lawrence Loop. These were funds that had broad community support last year during the budget process and that this commission unanimously approved. As a key asset that supports transportation, recreation, and economic development, we need to continue to prioritize this project until it is complete.

Your commitment to the Loop last year resulted in receiving support from KDOT to construct the extension from Hobbs Park, setting a course to complete critical links from East Lawrence to downtown. While I am excited that funding in the 2020 budget will complete a segment of the trail, the reversal in the 5-year plan signals to potential funders that this investment is no longer a priority for Lawrence, putting future grant dollars at risk and extending the timeline for completion well into the future.

As a resident of the Prairie Meadows neighborhood, the Loop provides my family with safe access to attractions in the community and an inexpensive form of exercise. The Loop is a point of pride I share with visitors to our community, and I feel privileged to live in a part of the city that has access to this infrastructure. I am hopeful that you will work with City staff to restore funding for the Lawrence Loop so we can complete this project and provide these transportation and health benefits to a larger portion of our population.

Thank you,

Jeff Severin

Bobbie Walthall

From: Adam Jones <a.q.jones@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 10:29 AM
To: Bobbie Walthall
Cc: Stuart Boley; Matthew Herbert; Lisa Larsen; Leslie Soden; Jennifer Ananda
Subject: Lawrence Loop Budget

Hello,

I wanted to contact you in regards to the reduction of the proposed budget for the Lawrence Multipurpose Loop. This valuable path is an asset to your community. I empathize with the challenges of your positions and the decisions that go along with them. Thank you for being willing to take these challenges on.

Full disclosure: I am emailing you as a resident from a neighboring county (Leavenworth) who travels to Lawrence to use this arterial pathway to both exercise and to navigate Lawrence by means other than a motor vehicle to access commercial resources within your community.

My hope is that the loop will continue its development and become a safe, detached pathway for cyclists and pedestrians to use for a variety of activities, including exercise, commuting, and accessing the residential and commercial areas of your community.

As an out-of-towner who works in KC, while my wife works in Lawrence, I will say that the loop and other positive features of Lawrence make it an enticing option for our family to relocate to.

Respectfully,

Adam Jones
A.Q.Jones@GMAIL.com
-sent from a mobile device

Bobbie Walthall

From: Laurie Comstock <laurie-comstock@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 9:29 AM
To: Bobbie Walthall
Cc: Stuart Boley; Matthew Herbert; Leslie Soden; Jennifer Ananda; llarsen@lawrenceks.org
lsoden@lawrenceks.org
Subject: Funding for the Loop

Dear City Commissioners,

Please restore funding for the Lawrence Loop. Completion of the Loop is important to me, personally, and is important for the health and growth of our community. We must stop kicking the can down the road with funding for things that are good for the long-term well-being of our community. I recognize that you are always faced with funding this vs. that but please don't sacrifice the future of the Loop.

As someone who uses the Loop regularly for exercise and socialization, and someone who has supported the efforts to create the Loop both as an advocate and a donor, please don't make our goal (our collective goal) impossible to achieve. The momentum is great and the time is right. The Loop is a significant asset and contributes to the vitality of our community. Despite some of the accolades we've received for bike-ability, etc., believe me, there is significant room for improvement and this is one way to continue our great progress.

A healthy community will solve many problems so let's not be short-sighted.

Respectfully,

Laurie Comstock
laurie-comstock@hotmail.com

Bobbie Walthall

From: Nancy <nanjohnson7193@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 9:27 AM
To: Bobbie Walthall
Subject: Bike loop funding

I am writing to tell you and all the commissioners my story of the loop. I moved here in 2005 and soon discovered the South Lawrence trafficway sections of what would become the loop. I waited and waited as further sections were completed. I ride a Catrike these days, and I ride nearly daily on the Inside outside trail and the river trail from Burcham Park. I have tried to ride through downtown and out to the Burroughs Creek trail, but the route is fraught. Please, please do not cut funding for completion of the loop. The trail is a pleasure and sometimes a necessity to all who use it.

Thank you,

Nancy Johnson
421 Mississippi St

Sent from my iPad

Bobbie Walthall

From: John Paden <e2jpaden@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 9:20 AM
To: Bobbie Walthall
Cc: Stuart Boley; Matthew Herbert; Lisa Larsen; Leslie Soden; Jennifer Ananda
Subject: RE: The Lawrence Loop

Dear Mayor and City Commissioners,

I strongly support the Lawrence Loop and would like to see the budget increased to ***at least*** the original \$1.4 million in the Capital Improvement Plan. From talking with neighbors and others in town, my impression is that interest is ***increasing*** in the Lawrence Loop and not decreasing; so I hope that the proposed budget will be revised.

For my family, this is the city project that we are most excited about. We love to bike around town and by far we enjoy the off street paths the most. This is because biking through a park is so much nicer and safer than biking on the road or on a path next to the road. We know so many friends that have been hit by cars while biking, and getting away from the noise and exhaust really makes a difference on how much we enjoy the ride. The long term benefits of paths that support active transportation are numerous (improved health, increased happiness, increased community interaction, resource conservation). To me, this is the future that I want for myself and for my family and friends. Because of this, while I do drive, I would much rather have city funds be spent on expanding the pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure and limit expansion and funding of automobile infrastructure.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Lawrence, KS 66047

Bobbie Walthall

From: rrenner <rrenner@vodvill.com>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 7:09 AM
To: Bobbie Walthall
Cc: Stuart Boley; Matthew Herbert; Lisa Larsen; Leslie Soden; Jennifer Ananda
Subject: Restore Funding for the Loop

Council members,

The Lawrence Loop is one of the most appealing developments in Lawrence in the last 20 years. Unlike housing developments, road constructions and such that primarily benefit small segments of our community, the Lawrence Loop literally touches all neighborhoods. The city commission acknowledged this and listened to Lawrence residents and voted to include more than \$1.4 million in funding for the Loop. Decreasing local funding by more than \$1 million in this year's Capital Improvement Plan is a step in the wrong direction.

Additionally, the completion and support for it is an essential part of the [critical success factors](#) developed by the city commission. It is a near sighted move to drop pausing these goals so soon.

Please reinstate all the funding for the Lawrence Loop in this Tuesday's City Council meeting.

Richard Renner
408 Indiana Street
Lawrence, KS
913-634-1711

Bobbie Walthall

From: Marilyn Hull <mhull1011@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 12, 2019 8:30 PM
To: Bobbie Walthall
Subject: Funding for the Lawrence Loop

Mayor Larsen and commissioners:

A year ago, you listened to the community and voted unanimously to provide \$1.42 million in CIP funding for the Lawrence Loop. It was a welcome and popular commitment to community health, sustainable transportation, recreation and tourism attraction.

This year's city manger's recommended CIP slashes that figure by more than 70%. It's a giant, unjustified step backwards.

I urge you to restore the \$1.42 million at a minimum. Ideally, you would increase the commitment beyond this figure.

Among other things, last year's CIP funding plan signaled to grantors like KDOT that we are serious about completing the Loop. \$380,000 in trail funding followed.

Substantial retrenchment signals that the Loop is suddenly and mysteriously much less of a community priority. I can't believe that is a message you want to send to funders.

Thank you for considering this request.

Bobbie Walthall

From: Michael Kelly <job4mike6@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 12, 2019 9:48 PM
To: Bobbie Walthall
Cc: Lisa Larsen; Stuart Boley; Jennifer Ananda; Leslie Soden; Matthew Herbert; Tom Markus; Charles Soules; mhull1011@gmail.com; christilden@hotmail.com; Jessica Mortinger
Subject: Lawrence CIP and the Lawrence Loop

City Leaders-

I urge you to support the 2020 funding currently budgeted for the Lawrence Loop 11th St to 7th St, Project PR2121CIP on page 164.

However, **I am deeply concerned by the unfunded status of the related projects** which are shown as:

- PR2130CIP, Lawrence Loop Trail - 7th Street to Constant Park (page 165)
- PR2422CIP, Lawrence Loop Trail from Queens Rd to Kasold (page 175)

I refer you to the related project, CI09CIP Sidewalk/Bike/Ped Improvements on page 118. The description therein refers to the priorities of the "Bicycle-Pedestrian Task Force" (sic). The correct reference is the Pedestrian Bicycle Issues Task Force or PBITF for short. The **#1 priority** in the bicycling environment of the PBITF Final Report was to **"Complete the Lawrence Loop."** While the items listed on page 118 are worthwhile and were considered by the PBITF (I know this as I was a member of the PBITF) they are not the recorded top priority of the PBITF. CI09CIP justification language should accurately reflect the source and the historical prioritization of the PBITF. Subsequent deliberations by others can be added to the description for completeness. But please accurately record and respect the top priority of the PBITF.

Find the funds to complete the Lawrence Loop.

Thank you,

Mike Kelly, Member, PBITF

Bobbie Walthall

From: Marsha Buhler <randomtas@sunflower.com>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 3:17 PM
To: Bobbie Walthall
Subject: Loop trail

Please reconsider the slash in funding for this important public trail! We want to be the kind of town that embraces facilities for all people-so we have to put public funding into these resources. Make sure that you vote for all people-not just the young and agile. Thank you Marsha Buhler

Sent from my iPhone

Bobbie Walthall

From: Laurie Ward <lturrellward@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 8:11 PM
To: Bobbie Walthall
Cc: Stuart Boley; Matthew Herbert; Lisa Larsen; Leslie Soden; Jennifer Ananda
Subject: Budget - May 14 - Lawrence Loop

Dear Lawrence City Commissioners:

I write to urge you to restore the \$1.4 million for Lawrence Loop funding in the 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Plan.

Semi-completed, the Lawrence Loop has begun to significantly transform transportation in Lawrence. Investing in the Loop makes economical sense: More safe options for bicycle-commuting—such as the Loop—mean fewer cars breaking down the roads. More citizens riding bicycles and walking translates into improved public health, with lower associated costs. Exercising outside, in Nature, brings about a well-being that's beyond price.

Please, make the Lawrence Loop—one of the most outstanding features of Lawrence—a priority, each year until it is completed and thereafter for maintenance and improvements.

Thank you,
Laurie Ward
Hardily Aging Bicyclist

Bobbie Walthall

From: pambkaufman@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 9:17 PM
To: Bobbie Walthall
Cc: Stuart Boley; Matthew Herbert; Lisa Larsen; Leslie Soden; Jennifer Ananda
Subject: Lawrence Loop Support

Dear City Commissioners,

I'm writing to ask that you restore or increase the \$1.4 million in Loop funding in the 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Plan. Seeing the Loop to completion will touch our entire community -- all ages, ethnicities and socio-economic levels. The Loop encourages our citizens to get outside & see all of our beautiful city and make connections with others that we might not otherwise encounter in our own neighborhoods. Having a completed Loop confirms the message that a healthy lifestyle is important to Lawrencians and is also a welcome sign and a draw to visitors who might also enjoy using it.

Thank you for your consideration,

Pam Besler Kaufman
2208 Riviera Drive
785-218-7437

Bobbie Walthall

From: blair sutton <blair.sutton@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 9:22 PM
To: Bobbie Walthall
Cc: Stuart Boley; Matthew Herbert; Lisa Larsen; Leslie Soden; Jennifer Ananda
Subject: Lawrence Loop funding

Dear City Commissioners,

I want to thank you for your hard work and dedication to make pedestrian and bicycle travel more friendly in the past few years. The strides that we have made our huge. Hearing our new city manager is asking to reduce funding for the Lawrence Loop completion is disheartening. The \$1.4 million in funding that was voted to be included from 2018 was exciting action showing dedication for the future.

I live in the Pinckney neighborhood and I am so thrilled to get to ride my bike downtown daily using the Loop. Seeing so many people of all ages and families enjoying time outside is fabulous. Seeing people both commuting to work and getting recreation time shows how important completing the Loop is.

Lisa Larsen, I enjoyed riding bikes with you from One Million Cups in East Lawrence to hear the KU Architecture students present their Lawrence Loop project ideas at Abe and Jake's. I look forward to next time we take that we can use a more dedicated trail that serves all our community.

Thank you for your service.
Sincerely, Blair Sutton

Bobbie Walthall

From: Sarah Hill-Nelson <shn@bowersockpower.com>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 9:53 PM
To: Bobbie Walthall
Subject: Fwd: Loop Funding

Hi Bobbie please see below for my email to commissioners regarding funding for The Loop.

Thanks!

Sarah

Sent from my iPhone. Please excuse brevity and typos.

Mobile #. 785-766-0884

From: Sarah Hill-Nelson <shn@bowersockpower.com>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 2:04 PM
To: Lisa Larsen; Stuart Boley; jananda@lawrenceks.org; lsoden@lawrenceks.org; matthewjherbert@gmail.com
Subject: Loop Funding

Mayor Larsen and Commissioners:

I am writing in regard to the defunding of the Lawrence Loop, as the outgoing City Manager has recommended removing over 70% of the \$1.42 million that had previously been set aside for completing The Loop.

The City has made so much progress on The Loop over the past several years, and seemed on the verge of truly prioritizing what has become a prized community asset. As an avid user of The Loop, I have seen its use increase exponentially over the past several years. Lawrence is poised to be a community known for biking. The Loop provides a safe and enjoyable city trail that is used for both commuting and recreation, but also as a highly effective way for people staying in Lawrence to access some of the best gravel riding in the region. Finishing The Loop will position Lawrence to be a top biking destination which brings in significant tourism revenue.

Thank you for all the time and effort you have committed to the City of Lawrence through your work on the Commission. I hope that the Commission will hold to the previous commitment to the Loop and making Lawrence a desirable to community in which to live and work as well as visit.

Sincerely,

Sarah Hill-Nelson

Community Member and Board Member of Friends of Lawrence Area Trails (FLAT).

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Bobbie Walthall

From: Struckhoff, Eric Charles <ecs@ku.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 7:26 AM
To: Bobbie Walthall
Cc: Stuart Boley; Matthew Herbert; Lisa Larsen; Leslie Soden; Jennifer Ananda
Subject: Fund, complete, and expand the Lawrence Loop trail system

Dear Commissioners,

As the past chair of the Planning Commission, and as former chair of the LiveWell Lawrence Healthy Build Environment Workgroup, the Burroughs Creek Park and Trail Steering Committee, and of the Bicycle Advisory Committee, I was surprised and dismayed to learn that the proposed CIP allocation for completion and expansion of the Lawrence Loop Trail has been cut from \$1.4M to \$400K. This would be a big step backward for our community.

Our Strategic Plan's critical success factors include innovative infrastructure development, healthy lifestyle initiatives, and commitment to our community's expectations. The Lawrence Loop is an important and highly-desired component of these critical success factors. Our citizens, leaders, and advocates have worked long and hard to develop recreation and alternative transportation facilities that provide connectivity and offer safe, healthy options for our residents and visitors. Please support their efforts and restore funding to the Lawrence Loop. Thank you.

Regards,

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Lawrence, KS
785.979.0347
eric.c.struckhoff@gmail.com

Bobbie Walthall

From: Chris Tilden <christilden@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 8:01 AM
To: Bobbie Walthall
Cc: Stuart Boley; Matthew Herbert; Lisa Larsen; Leslie Soden; Jennifer Ananda
Subject: Fund the Lawrence Loop in the 2020-2024 CIP

Dear Mayor Larsen and members of the Lawrence City Commission,

Like other growing cities around our country (and the world), Lawrence is grappling with the difficult challenge of accommodating larger numbers of residents while avoiding costly, unsustainable urban sprawl. An important part of the solution is a strong multi-modal transportation system that not only allows – but encourages and incentivizes – people to travel by foot, on bike, or on public transit – to get to priority destinations around the community.

The 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) recognizes this priority and makes important investments in our pedestrian, cycling and public transit infrastructure. However, it falls short in one key area: funding for multi-use trails.

One needs to look no further than Lawrence’s own Resident Survey to understand the importance of trails to our community. In the City of Lawrence 2015 DirectionFinder Survey more than 3 of every 4 respondents indicated they had used a biking or walking trail or path in the city in the last year. In the same survey residents, when asked about satisfaction with parks and recreation services and amenities, the number of walking and biking trails received the lowest satisfaction score. Residents want MORE trails.

It is puzzling, then, that the proposed 2020-2024 calls for \$350,000 in local funding for the Lawrence Loop in 2020, and not a single dollar between 2021-2024. This stands in stark contrast to the \$1.42 million in funds that you, the City Commission, unanimously voted to include in the 2019-2023 CIP.

An important aspect of including local funding for the Lawrence Loop and other trails is that it attracts and leverages other significant sources of funding. Most of the 17+ miles of the Lawrence Loop constructed to date have come from non-local sources. I am convinced that KDOT recently awarded \$480,000 to Lawrence for the 11th to 8th Street section of the Lawrence Loop in large part because of KDOT’s recognition of local support for the trail, not only an important recreational, but also a transportation, amenity. Between now and 2024, KDOT will award two more rounds of “Transportation Alternatives” funding to Kansas communities for bicycle/pedestrian projects. I’m very concerned KDOT and other funders will turn away from support of the Lawrence Loop if our CIP does not demonstrate our local commitment to completing this trail.

I recognize the budgeting process is an extremely difficult exercise in balancing many important, and competing priorities. Unfortunately, the proposed 2020-2024 fails to demonstrate that needed balance when it slashes more than \$1 million in trail funding from the previous CIP and does not allocate one dollar of funding from 2021 on.

Given the importance of trails as a transportation, recreation, cultural, and tourism asset to our community, continued funding for the Lawrence Loop trail is absolutely vital to our future. I thank all of you as the Lawrence City Commission for showing leadership on this issue and including funding in last year’s CIP, and I urge you to continue to show your commitment to progress on the Lawrence Loop by restoring funding to the 2020-2024 CIP.

Sincerely,

Chris Tilden, 1121 Williamsburg Court

Bobbie Walthall

From: Michael Johnson <mikejo1942@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 8:05 AM
To: Bobbie Walthall
Subject: Lawrence loop trail

I am writing to express my support for the full funding of the Lawrence Loop Trail Expansion. As a senior citizen it is important to me to have safe contiguous and scenic places to walk. I am aware of the many municipal interests but this relatively inexpensive appropriation is important to me.

Michael Johnson
421 Mississippi St

Bobbie Walthall

From: Roger W <rogwill990@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 9:11 AM
To: Bobbie Walthall
Cc: Stuart Boley; Matthew Herbert; Lisa Larsen; Leslie Soden; Jennifer Ananda
Subject: Lawrence Loop Trail Funding

Good morning,

I request that the city maintain the current agreed upon funding for the Lawrence Loop. I feel the Loop once completed would be a benefit to the people of the city and the city itself. Large projects like a city loop can be used to attract visitors who want to go to a city that has safe and fun bicycling and hiking trails.

As a friend of Lawrence Area Trails here are a few important points:
The Lawrence Loop is a priority for our community because it supports transportation, recreation, exploration, and economic development. The Loop provides people of all ages and abilities access to important historical, environmental, and community locations.

In 2018, the city commission listened to Lawrence residents and voted to include more than \$1.4 million in funding for the Loop. Decreasing local funding by more than \$1 million in this year's Capital Improvement Plan is a step in the wrong direction.

Completion of the Loop is consistent with the critical success factors developed by the city commission.

As a priority of the community, Lawrence Loop funding should be allocated in the city budget until it is completed.

The funding allocated for the Lawrence Loop from 11th to 7th Streets in the 2020 budget is important, but additional funding should be allocated in future years (2021-2024).

Thank you for your time,

Roger Williams

Bobbie Walthall

From: Laurie Comstock <laurie-comstock@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 9:14 AM
To: Bobbie Walthall
Subject: Funding for the Loop

Dear City Commissioners,

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Respectfully,

Laurie Comstock
laurie-comstock@hotmail.com