



**TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
STUDY SESSION  
Wednesday, June 20, 2018 3:30 PM  
City Commission Room, City Hall, 6 E. 6th Street**

**STUDY SESSION AGENDA**

*Public comment related to work session topics will be allowed at the end of each discussion item. Each person will be limited to three (3) minutes. Individuals are asked to come to the microphone, sign in, and state their name and address.*

**1. How Lawrence Measures Up: STAR Community Rating System, Bicycle Friendly Community and Walk Friendly Community**

***STAR Community Rating System***

Lawrence is the FIRST community in Kansas to receive a 4-STAR rating for national excellence in sustainability. The STAR Communities framework evaluates local governments on economic, environmental and social factors to measure sustainability and rates communities out of 5 STARs.

The STAR Community Rating System (STAR) is the first national certification program to recognize sustainable communities. STAR was built by and for local governments. The STAR framework integrates economic, environmental, and social aspects of sustainability. There are 7 goal areas, and 44 objectives by which cities are evaluated. These include both actions of the city government and the community at-large.

We undertook the STAR certification not only to assess our progress towards sustainability, but also to set targets for moving forward. The STAR framework provides a nationally-recognized set of best practices for sustainability, and we look forward to continuing to improve!

For more information about the score and the STAR certification process, check out the City's STAR website: [www.lawrenceks.org/sustainability/STAR](http://www.lawrenceks.org/sustainability/STAR).

***Bicycle Friendly Community***

The [Bicycle Friendly Communities Campaign](http://www.bicyclefriendlycommunities.org) is an awards program administered by the League of American Bicyclists that recognizes municipalities that actively support bicycling. A Bicycle-Friendly Community provides safe accommodation for cycling and



encourages its residents to bike for transportation and recreation. The City of Lawrence has been recognized as a Bicycle Friendly Community at the Bronze level since 2004.

In 2012, the City of Lawrence was re-designated at the Bronze level and the League of American Bicyclists provided [feedback and suggestions to further promote bicycling in Lawrence](#). In 2016, the City of Lawrence was re-designated at the Bronze level and the League of American Bicyclists provided a [Report Card](#).

### ***Walk Friendly Community***

The City of Lawrence received a “Silver” designation from the national [Walk Friendly Communities program](#). Scores range from Bronze (lowest), Silver, Gold, to Platinum (highest). The Walk Friendly designation is based on community efforts to expand opportunities for walking and to improve pedestrian safety across a wide range of programs and activities, from planning and design to outreach and law enforcement. [Report Card](#) – Released April 25, 2017