

Text of questionnaire for Transportation-HUD Subcommittee:

PROJECT NAME [BRIEF DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION; THIS DESCRIPTION MAY BE USED TO LIST THE PROJECT IN THE HOUSE REPORT AND SHOULD BE AS ACCURATE AS POSSIBLE TO ENSURE THAT THE FUNDING GOES TO THE CORRECT PROJECT AND LOCATION]:

**Construction of 31<sup>st</sup> Street, Haskell Avenue to O'Connell Road**

DETAILED PROJECT DESCRIPTION, INCLUDING ANY PREVIOUS FUNDING:

**This project would construct the extension of 31<sup>st</sup> Street from Haskell Avenue to O'Connell Road. Lawrence is challenged with east-west transportation corridors. Essentially, there are two routes that connect the east side of Lawrence to the west side. Significant traffic volumes must use the local arterial, 23<sup>rd</sup> Street (K-10), when entering the City on the east side of Lawrence. Traffic volumes on 23<sup>rd</sup> Street exceed the facility's capacity, causing unsafe conditions and extreme congestion. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street is a major commercial corridor. Truck traffic entering Lawrence from the south (US-59) and east must also use 23<sup>rd</sup> Street to get through the City. Construction of 31<sup>st</sup> Street is essential to distribute some of this traffic and allow through traffic and trucks to avoid this only access to the Kansas City area. The public would realize improved safety and efficiency of the City's transportation system.**

**The project previously received design assistance through an \$800,000 earmark in the 2006 Appropriations Bill.**

AMOUNT REQUESTED:

**\$3 million (40% of \$7.5 million construction project total)**

STATE/LOCAL SHARE OF PROJECT COST [PERCENTAGE OR DOLLAR AMOUNT]:

**\$4.5 million (60% local cost share)**

HOW MUCH OF THE REQUEST CAN BE SPENT IN THIS FISCAL YEAR:

**Anticipate bidding the project in FY 2010**

IF THIS IS A HIGHWAY, TRANSIT, RAIL OR AVIATION REQUEST, DID YOU CHECK AVAILABILITY WITH THE STATE DOT, FTA, FRA OR FAA?

**Yes.**

IF YES, DID THE STATE DOT, FTA, FRA OR FAA INDICATE THE PROJECT IS ELIGIBLE UNDER THE ACCOUNT REQUESTED?

**Yes. Currently, state pass-through DOT funding is committed to other projects.**

IF THIS IS AN FHWA REQUEST, IS THE PROJECT CONSIDERED BY THE STATE AND/OR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS AS CRITICAL TO THEIR NEEDS?

**See the attached letter from the Lawrence-Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Organization regarding this project's inclusion in our regional 5-year plan and long range planning documents.**

FOR HIGHWAY REQUESTS, PLEASE ATTACH [FORWARD EMAIL ATTACHMENT TO HOWARD.BAULEKE@MAIL.HOUSE.GOV] LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM THESE OFFICIALS, AND IF YOU CANNOT, EXPLAIN WHY NOT.

EXPLAIN THE PURPOSE OF THE REQUEST AND WHY IT IS A VALUABLE USE OF TAXPAYER FUNDS – we are now required to post this statement on our congressional website.

**Construction of the extension to 31<sup>st</sup> Street is essential to distribute traffic from other congested east-west routes in the City. The public would realize improved safety and efficiency of the City's transportation system and the project will result in improved access to local businesses.**

WILL YOU ALSO SEEK FUNDING FOR THIS PROJECT FROM THE RECENTLY-ENACTED STIMULUS PACKAGE [THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009, P.L. 111-5]?

**No.**