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]:

Bus and Bus Facilities,
City of Lawrence, Kansas

DETAILED PROJECT DESCRIPTION, INCLUDING ANY PREVIOUS FUNDING:

This project would fund the replacement of four fixed-route transit vehicles for the City of Lawrence Transit System. Fuel alternatives, which are more environmentally friendly and sustainable, are being considered for these bus replacements.

The following transit-related appropriations have also been funded in the past:
FY03 FTA Section 5309 - $491,839
FY04 Section 115 - $400,000
FY05 FTA Section 5309 - $388,711
FY08 FTA Section 5309 - $147,000
FY08 JARC - $496,818
FY2009 Bus and Bus Facilities Grant (included in FY09 Omnibus Bill but not yet obligated) $950,000

AMOUNT REQUESTED:

$1,600,000

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

The City of Lawrence would provide a 17% local match for the project.

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

100%

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.

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

N/A

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.

Public transportation is a vital service in the Lawrence community. It provides people with an affordable method to travel through Lawrence to employment, education opportunities, health care facilities, and shopping.

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]?

Yes.