

Lawrence-Douglas County MPO Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Plan
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Public Comments Received	Staff Response	Action
Do you have any thoughts or comments about our proposed Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) projects/programs?		
<p>This is a disappointing approach to traffic management. The goal should be to reduce the need for these complicated programs by reducing the dependency on cars and parking through the development of our core neighborhoods to encourage walkability.</p>	<p>Comment received. The MPO/City are beginning a pedestrian plan update to address the communities vision for greater walkability. The ITS plan and Pedestrian planning are not mutually exclusive.</p>	<p>No change.</p>
<p>I like the well thought out ideas. It is great seeing the work that is put into this. While electric cars are still a ways off, I think it is important to ensure any changes to infrastructure are being put in place as soon as possible. I see it is in the plan, but think it will come much sooner. I am also concerned about pedestrian crossings/bike crossings. There are still many dangerous places and I don't think the city is a pedestrian/bike friendly place. Many people don't understand the signs or the laws. ITS can help, but a lot of education is needed also. trying to use technology to eliminate risks and taking using computers to manage traffic is a great way to make the city safer and glad to see it is happening. This may not be ITS related, but I also think there are some great passive ways to help. things like roundabouts, turn lanes, and managing street access can go a long ways.</p>	<p>Comment received. Crossings improvements are one part of the scope of work for the Pedestrian Plan update that will be underway in the next few months.</p>	<p>No change.</p>
<p>I believe this is a step in the right direction. I wish the city would review previous costly studies about traffic flow and accident avoidance. The study that made the most sense was on 23rd street. It was noted that there are too many access points to many of the businesses. Timed lights are worthless when cars must continuously slow or stop for turning vehicles. There's been a lot of expense with calming devices in neighborhoods. Most would not be driving the back roads if traffic flowed better on our major streets.</p>	<p>Comment received. Access Management will be one of many topics explored in our research for Transportation and Land Use Best Practices.</p>	<p>No change.</p>
Do you have other thoughts or comments about Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) in Lawrence or throughout Douglas County?		
<p>Not sure what other new technologies are up and coming that may change some of the plans. I didn't see what 5G might do to replace putting in Fiber (It is a long report so may have missed it). It is also too bad that some of this tech is so expensive. 35 to 50K for a pedestrian crossing seems outrageous. Hopefully the city is able to keep up with hiring and keeping people who have the technology background to manage the complexity that this will bring in the near future. I tried to sign in but could not get the cookies issue figured out. Thank you for all that you are doing to help make the city/county a better place.</p>	<p>Comment received.</p>	<p>No change.</p>
<p>Hopefully the city will be transparent about data pulled from such a system and how it's used. I did not see it mentioned, but license tag readers are often a part of such intelligent systems.</p>	<p>Comment received.</p>	<p>No change.</p>