
MEMORANDUM

Date: August 6, 2013
To: Lawrence & Douglas County MPO Multimodal Studies Transit Access Steering Committee
From: Tom Huber & Kevin Luecke
Re: Transit Access WikiMap user input summary

This memo provides a brief overview of the user input from the transit access WikiMap interactive mapping tool for transit access in Lawrence and Douglas County. WikiMaps allows users to draw specific types of points or lines on a map and then enter comments on those points or lines if they choose to. Following is a breakdown of the entries received on the map:

- 22 lines
 - 3 routes to/from transit
 - 19 routes that needs improvement
- 31 points
 - 16 areas that need improvement
 - 15 difficult intersections/crossings
- 53 total entries from 17 unique users
- Comments collected from April 10 to July 17, 2013

All of comments were within the Lawrence city limits, although that was expected based on transit stop locations. Because of the limited number of comments, all of the comments are listed below. Comment numbers correspond to numbered points on the attached map.

Areas that need improvement

1. It would be nice to have a transit stop a bit further out - we would love to have a downtown bus from this area on the weekends.
2. Again, it would be nice to have a transit stop a bit further out
3. Sidewalk that goes down 9th street doesn't lead to stop light--instead jogs down the access driveway between the gas stations. A person trying to access the stop on the west side of Iowa would need to pass through the gas station to access the crossing.
4. Need sidewalks on this block--either side!
5. Sidewalk on north side of 9th street deadends at a point not safe to cross to the other side.
6. Another sidewalk dead end (24th and Naismith), requiring pedestrians to cross near a blind corner.
7. There is no sidewalk on the north side of 23rd Street, from Ohio to Massachusetts. It is impossible to safely cross over to the other side of 23rd street to access the sidewalk.
8. There are not contiguous sidewalks on both sides of Tennessee Street between 23 and 19th -- people commonly have to walk on Tennessee Street, which is VERY busy.
9. Much of the sidewalk on both sides of Massachusetts Street is damaged and needs to be repaired or replaced.
10. There is no contiguous sidewalk on the north side of 23rd, from Louisiana going west towards Alabama. People commonly jaywalk across 23rd Street to access a sidewalk.
11. This area is congested, uncomfortable for waiting. It needs more seating and trash bins.

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12. Should put bus stop for KU busses on NE and SW corners of 11th and Mississippi; the closest location to get on is several blocks away and some individuals have physical limitations at this location that makes walking up hill and stairs to Corbin Stop nearly impossible, individual uses transit to access LMH services
 13. Finish sidewalks along Princeton to connect with Iowa St.
 14. Build sidewalks from Peterson Road to 6th Street
 15. Very popular bus stop but often there is not enough seating for people who have clearly just finished shopping. Needs shade or bigger shelter.
 16. Very wide, difficult for pedestrians



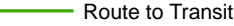
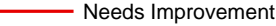
Difficult intersection/crossing

17. No sidewalk on SE corner of intersection.
18. The intersection requires some care. If a pedestrian is traveling along the south side of 6th Street, they will need to cross to the north side to continue down 6th. No crosswalk on the south side. A sidewalk has been added to the southeast corner of the intersection that allows access to Iowa, which is nice. Haven't checked the southwest corner--there's a park there, and it might not be considered important enough to add a sidewalk there.
19. Crossing 23rd Street or Louisiana at this intersection is dangerous. The flashing light lasts less than 20 seconds and right turn on red means cars are not looking for pedestrians.
20. There is a sign that blocks the sidewalk in the driveway between the Dunkin Donuts and the Carlos O'Kelleys. If you are in a wheelchair or on a bike, the sign is a hazard.
21. 4-way stop high traffic foot and auto many do not stop or follow rules of 4way would like to see traffic light here
22. No sidewalk cut on west side of Wakarusa opposite Stoneback Dr.
23. Low visibility no stop sign medium traffic speeding cars
24. Need better barrier between cars & pedestrians
25. Crosswalk needs restriping
26. Sidewalk is too close to roadway
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28. [No comment]
29. [No comment]
30. Improving now with construction
31. Needs better crosswalk striping


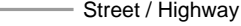
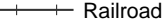


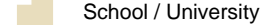

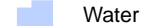
The map that is attached and the specific comments that users provided will inform the final recommendations of the Transit and Accessibility Study. In particular, some recommendations will focus on improving routes that were noted as problematic, offering alternative routes to avoid problem areas, and recommending improvements for difficult intersections and street crossings. While not every WlkiMap comment will be addressed in the final report, areas that received multiple comments will receive particular scrutiny when forming the final recommendations.

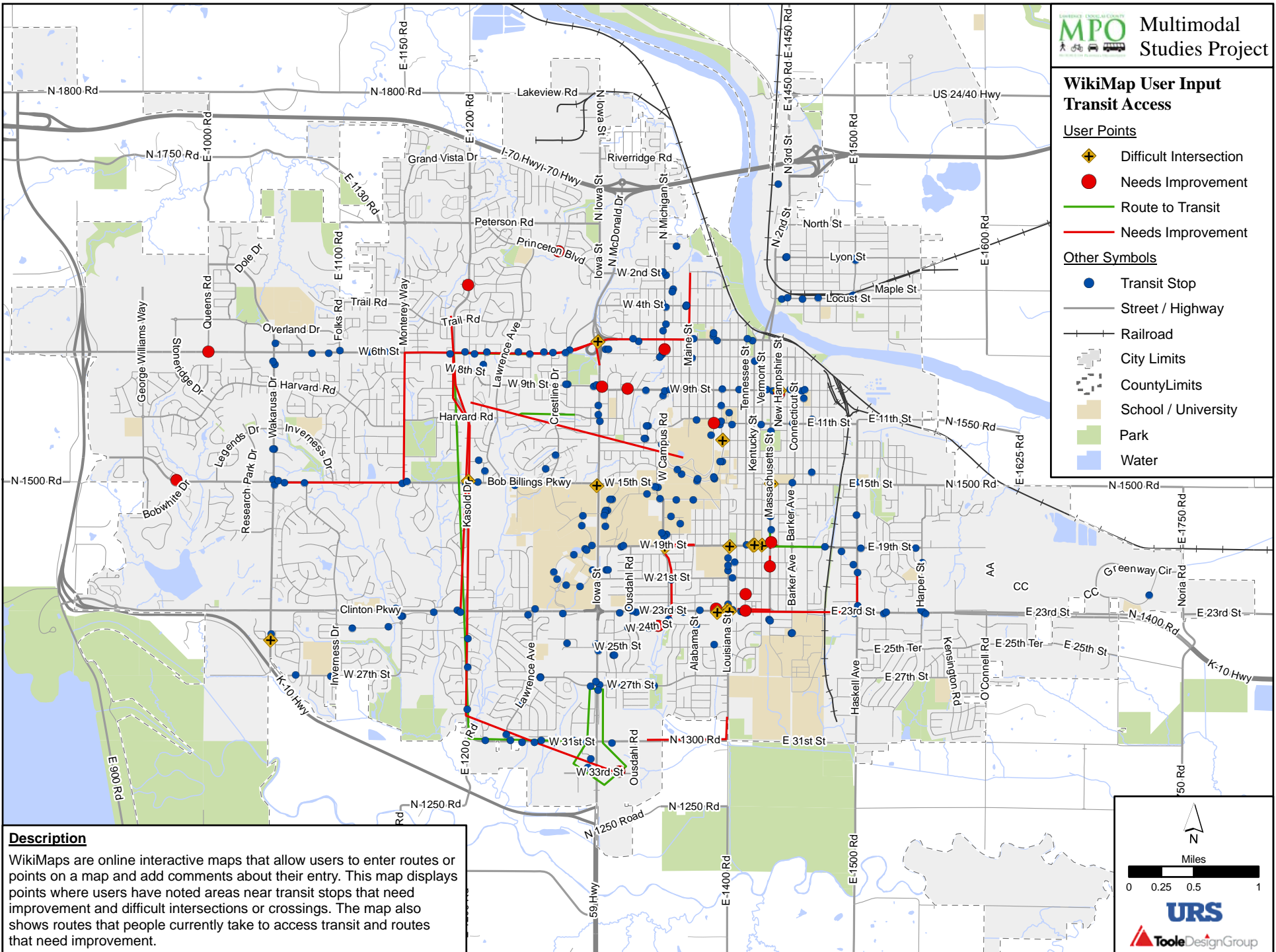
WikiMap User Input Transit Access

User Points

-  Difficult Intersection
-  Needs Improvement
-  Route to Transit
-  Needs Improvement

Other Symbols

-  Transit Stop
-  Street / Highway
-  Railroad
-  City Limits
-  County Limits
-  School / University
-  Park
-  Water



Description
 WikiMaps are online interactive maps that allow users to enter routes or points on a map and add comments about their entry. This map displays points where users have noted areas near transit stops that need improvement and difficult intersections or crossings. The map also shows routes that people currently take to access transit and routes that need improvement.

North arrow pointing up.

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