

Thank you for your comments. We will share your comments with the Technical Advisory Committee and the MPO Policy Board as they vote to approve the TIP amendment in February.

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To: Ashley Myers, Lawrence-Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Office

The Santa Fe Station in East Lawrence is both the city's gateway to the national Amtrak passenger rail service and - potentially - a key component of the emerging Warehouse Arts District. Rehabilitation of this facility will improve the safety and enhance the comfort of travelers arriving in and departing from Lawrence. It can also lead to greater use of the facility for any number of worthwhile purposes, given its strategic location just east of the city center.

An advocacy group known as Depot Redux has worked tirelessly for several years in support of the restoration of this mid-century modern landmark. The project enjoys substantial support in the community and within the municipal government. The highly competitive TE grant, awarded in 2014, is essential to the success of the project. It is crucial that this grant not be allowed to slip away, even though projected costs of the project have changed in that time.

Along with other members of the Depot Redux group, I encourage the Transportation Advisory Board to approve the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program – Amendment #4 which includes the addition and revision of costs and schedules for multi-modal roadway and rail depot projects.



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Lawrence-Douglas County MPO
FFY 2017 - 2020 Transportation Improvement Program Projects (Costs in 1,000s)
 (Includes the Program of Projects for the Lawrence Transit System)

Project Sponsor: Lawrence	Project Name: Santa Fe Depot Restoration	FFY	Fund Source	Phase	Federal	State	Local
TIP #: 500	KDOT #: 23TE-0373-01	2018	TA	CE	\$106	\$0	\$0
Length (mi):	Location: 413 East 7th Street, Lawrence, KS	2018	Local	CE	\$0	\$0	\$26
Project Type: Enhancement	Work Type: Special Work	2018	TA	CONST	\$1,408	\$0	\$0
Date Added: 10/2014	Last Revised: 2/2018	2018	Local	CONST	\$0	\$0	\$352
Description: Revitalize the Santa Fe Depot site and building.	Comments: TA funding to pay 80% of eligible costs.	2018	Local	PE	\$0	\$0	\$1
		Federal Total:	\$1,514	Non-Federal Total:	\$379	Grand Total:	\$1,893