



Neighborhood Update for LAN

October 20, 2021

Lawrence Pedestrian Plan, Improving Walkability One Step at a Time.

The Lawrence Pedestrian Plan is being updated to establish a renewed vision for walkability and to set recommended action steps for the next five years.

A pedestrian plan is used to prioritize resources and develop strategies to improve walkability. Since the last plan was completed in 2016, the City has implemented several projects and programs, including:

- The installation of sidewalk to fill gaps, particularly along Safe Routes to School Routes.
- The installation of Lawrence Loop segments, including obtaining funding from the Kansas Department of Transportation to construct several new portions in the next two years.
- The installation of street crossing improvements.
- The enforcement of sidewalk hazards.
- Reducing neighborhood traffic speeds to 25 miles per hour.
- Developing and implementing the Safe Routes to School plan.
- Updating pedestrian signal times at 47% of signalized intersections in Lawrence.

Read more about the progress made since 2016 and other existing conditions in the [existing conditions memo](#) posted at lawrenceks.org/mpo/pedplan.

You're invited to follow the planning process and learn about your opportunities to share your thoughts. More information on surveys and tabling events where you can talk with staff will be posted online as they are scheduled: lawrenceks.org/mpo/pedplan.

October Planning Commission Participation Procedures

To view this meeting live: [Live Video Stream](#) or the [City's YouTube Channel](#)

To provide public comment: [Virtual Meeting Registration via Zoom](#)

Written public comment must be received by the Planning & Development Services office by 10:00 a.m. on Monday, October 25, 2021. Send correspondence electronically to planning@lawrenceks.org. Comments received after the deadline will not be posted and there is no guarantee that such comments will be considered. The City is sensitive to members of the public who may not have access to technology. For those persons, written comments may be dropped in the Utility Billing Drop Box, located at the cut-out at 6th Street and New Hampshire Street. Comments should be marked for the Planning Commission.

The City will provide a method at City Hall for individuals without access to the internet or a telephone - and only such persons - to observe or participate in the meeting. Face masks are required inside City Hall.

All information listed can be found at the City of Lawrence website: www.lawrenceks.org/pds

The Neighborhood Update is produced for LAN during the first week of every month to keep members updated on neighborhood oriented issues via communication directly from the City of Lawrence. For any additional information regarding CDBG information, please contact Danelle Dresslar by phone at 785-832-3108 or email ddresslar@lawrenceks.org or for any other information contact Becky Pepper by phone at 785-832-3153 or email bpepper@lawrenceks.org. Comments are always welcome.

October Planning Commission Items

The Lawrence/Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Commission will hold their regularly scheduled monthly meetings on **October 27, 2021** at **6:30 p.m.**

The Planning Commission will consider the following public hearing and non hearing items at their Wednesday, October 27, 2021 meeting:

Z-21-00227: Consider a request to rezone approximately 5.19 acres, located at 2726 O'Connell Rd from RM15 (Multi-Dwelling Residential) District to RS5 (Single-Dwelling Residential) District. Submitted by Grob Engineering Services, LLC, on behalf of Going South, LLC, property owner of record.

PP-21-00228: Consider a preliminary plat for Going South Addition, a 39 lot subdivision including lots for both *Detached Dwellings, Duplex, and Multi-Dwelling* residential development, located at 2726 O'Connell Rd. This project includes a variance from section 20-810 (e) regarding cul-de-sac street design and length. Submitted by Grob Engineering Services, LLC, on behalf of Going South, LLC, property owner of record.

Update Neighborhood Association Information on City Website

Please visit the city website at <https://lawrenceks.org/pds/neighborhoodcontacts/> and check that your neighborhood association contact information is up-to-date. This contact information is used to notify neighborhoods about pending planning proposals. If the contact information needs updating, please fill out the Neighborhood Registration Form at https://lawrenceks.org/pds/neighborhood_registration/. If you have any questions, please contact Denny Ewert at dewert@lawrenceks.org or 785-832-3159.

City Resources

- Planning and Development News

The monthly memo previously attached at the end of this report will now be distributed as a monthly email via the Planning and Development News list. To receive updates regarding the Planning and Development Services, go to <https://lawrenceks.org/subscriptions/> to update your subscription preferences and sign up for the Planning & Development News emails.

- Rental Licensing Program

The City has developed a website devoted to the Rental Licensing Program, which can be viewed at www.lawrenceks.org/pds/rental-licensing or www.lawrenceks.org/rent. The website contains information such as a Program Handbook, the adopting ordinance, inspection forms and guidance, licensing process and inspection brochures, a tenant information brochure, diagrams of program processes and FAQs for both owners and tenants. The website also features monthly and annual program reports that have been provided to the City Commission. New or updated information is frequently being added to the website. Please contact the City with any questions at (785) 832-3345 or by email at rentallicensing@lawrenceks.org.

- Interactive Rental Licensing Map

The Planning and Development Services Department has published a Residential Rental License Interactive Map for citizens, prospective renters and landlords to access. The map can be found at: <http://www.lawrenceks.org/pds/rental-licensing/map>. The map identifies all rental dwelling units that are licensed and in good standing with the rental licensing and inspection program

requirements. The map is intended to provide consumers information about units that comply with the city's rental program as well as help landlords market their code-compliant properties. The map is linked to the department's home page. Citizens can click on the blue map dot of a rental property and view the landlord name, zoning district, the number of units licensed and the apartment complex name, if applicable. Staff believes the map will be a valuable resource for tenants, landlords and the general public as the program continues to license properties through 2015 and beyond.

- Find Active Building Permits on City Website Interactive Map

In May 2014, Planning & Development Services launched a new Building Permits interactive map that shows locations and provides basic information about active City of Lawrence building permits (for both non-residential and residential new construction and addition projects, and for non-residential remodeling or change of use projects). Zoom in on the map to see building permits that have been recently issued in or around your neighborhood. Find the map on the City's website at http://lawrenceks.org/city_maps or <http://lawrenceks.org/pds/building-permits/map>.

- Project Submittals

Planning project submittals can now be accessed on the Planning Division's website through the following address: <https://lawrenceks.org/pds/submittals/>. The list is updated every Monday and also includes a link to an interactive map that shows the locations of the projects.

- City of Lawrence Subscription Services

How can I stay involved with the latest City of Lawrence Notifications?

Interested citizens can sign up to receive notification updates for various City services, events, and information, including advisory board information for the City Commission, Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Historic Resources Commission, Community Commission on Homelessness (CCH) and the Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC), as well as City News, Public Meeting Notices, Recreation Announcements, and Neighborhood news. All these subscriptions can be found at <http://www.lawrenceks.org/subscriptions>.