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## ASSESSMENT OF ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE K-10 & FARMER'S TURNPIKE PLAN

As part of the planning process for long-range plans, input from interested parties is sought throughout the development of the plan. This is the first opportunity for public input regarding the *K-10 & Farmer's Turnpike Plan*. Stakeholder input is critical for a successful plan.

In order to determine the goals and policies for the plan, an assessment of the issues (both positive and negative) and opportunities for future development and urbanization of the planning area is performed. Below is staff's initial list of issues and opportunities compiled after gathering data about the existing conditions in the planning area.

Visit our website at [www.lawrenceplanning.org/draftplans.shtml](http://www.lawrenceplanning.org/draftplans.shtml) or contact the Planning Office for information regarding the plan and to sign up to receive email updates. Any and all comments related to this assessment are welcome and should be directed to Michelle Leininger at 785-832-3163 or [mleininger@ci.lawrence.ks.us](mailto:mleininger@ci.lawrence.ks.us) by the end of the day, **Tuesday, April 8, 2008**.

### – Issues

- Importance of planning for the I-70/K-10 interchange
  - Truck route through area
  - Potential industrial/employment center node with proper planning
- Connection to urbanized area southeast of the planning area
- Importance of arterial street access (Farmer's Turnpike)
- Availability of park space
- Plan before development
- Rural character vs. suburban/urban character
- Range of topography (minimal slope to steep slopes)
  - Supports a mix of uses
  - Offers natural buffers
- Consideration of leap-frog development (not contiguous to existing city limits)
  - Delivery of urban services (a need to prepare long-range service facility planning documents for planning area)
  - Efficiency of services when not contiguous to city limits (water, wastewater, fire/medical, police, trash, etc.)



- Consideration of planning within two school districts
  - Viewsheds (a fixed vantage point where scenic environmental elements are visible)
  - Review of urban growth area (portion of planning area located outside UGA)
  - Consideration of City of Lecompton issues (within 3 miles of Lecompton)
- Opportunities
- Significant employment potential for the region
  - Develop an important gateway/entry way to Lawrence
  - Develop with mixed uses and densities that respect natural elements
  - Expand recreational trails system and park facilities
  - Integrate protection of sensitive lands with future development