

## RESOLUTION 7518

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCE, KANSAS, ESTABLISHING A STEERING COMMITTEE TO ADVISE, REVIEW, AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNING BODY REGARDING THE SITE SELECTION FOR THE LAWRENCE TRANSIT DOWNTOWN STATION AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR THE COMMITTEE'S DISSOLUTION UPON COMPLETION OF ITS WORK.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lawrence's vision is supporting an unmistakably vibrant community with innovative, equitable, transparent, and responsible local government; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lawrence and University of Kansas together strive to provide safe, convenient, affordable, reliable, and responsive public transportation services to enhance the social, economic, and environmental well-being of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Lawrence Transit's current downtown transit location at 700 Vermont St. was established in 2013 as a temporary site until a permanent one could be selected; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lawrence conducted a community-driven Route Redesign Study from March 2021 through October 2022, which identified the continued operational need for five (5) bus routes to layover and transfer in downtown Lawrence; and

**WHEREAS**, through the City's strategic planning process, the Governing Body has identified strategies in the Outcome area of Connected City which are directly related to improving multimodal infrastructure, including downtown transit improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the City of Lawrence, Kansas ("Governing Body") desires to establish a Steering Committee to assist the Governing Body in developing recommendations for the public outreach process for downtown transit improvements, defining site selection criteria, defining the downtown boundaries for the purpose of downtown transit improvements, identifying possible downtown transit transfer sites, evaluating said sites against the established criteria, and providing its recommendations to the Governing Body in a timely manner and within the scope of the Lawrence Transit Downtown Station project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCE, KANSAS:**

**SECTION 1. Recitals.** The above-stated recitals are adopted by reference and incorporated herein as if set forth *verbatim*.

**SECTION 2. Title.** A steering committee is established and shall perform the duties and responsibilities set forth in this Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_.

**SECTION 3. Appointments.** The Steering Committee shall consist of twelve members:

- One (1) non-voting member of the Governing Body who shall serve as Chair and shall be appointed by the Governing Body;
- One (1) member of the Lawrence Chamber of Commerce appointed by the Lawrence Chamber of Commerce;
- One (1) Downtown Lawrence, Inc. (DLI) representative appointed by DLI;
- One (1) Lawrence Public Library representative appointed by the Lawrence Public Library;
- One (1) Senior Resource Center of Douglas County representative appointed by the Senior Resource Center of Douglas County;

- One (1) First Transit bus driver appointed by First Transit;
- One (1) Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods (LAN) representative appointed by LAN;
- One (1) Public Transit Advisory Committee (PTAC) representative appointed by PTAC;
- One (1) Lawrence Transit bus rider appointed by First Transit and City Transit Staff;
- One (1) resident of downtown Lawrence appointed by the Governing Body;
- One (1) employee of a downtown Lawrence business appointed by the Governing Body;
- and
- One (1) Lawrence resident serving as an at-large member of the Steering Committee appointed by the Governing Body.

If a member of the Steering Committee is unable or unwilling to complete their appointment, then the original appointing body or organization shall, at the earliest practicable time, appoint a replacement.

Appointments shall be made by February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024. If the appointment is not made by the established deadline, the City's Transit Manager shall make the appointment. Membership on the Steering Committee shall be voluntary, and no member shall receive payment for service on the Steering Committee.

**SECTION 3. Purpose.** The Governing Body charges the Steering Committee with advising the Governing body at three key points throughout the process of site selection for downtown transit improvements: (1) Establishing a downtown boundary; (2) Establishing site selection criteria; and (3) Ranking all evaluated sites and recommending 3-5 sites for concept design. The Steering Committee Chair is hereby charged, with support from City transit staff, with conducting Steering Committee meetings, setting the agendas, and gathering and evaluating feedback received from the Steering Committee.

**SECTION 4. Dissolution of Steering Committee.** Upon the Steering Committee's selection and submission of a report to the Governing Body of three (3) to five (5) sites for concept designs, the Steering Committee shall be dissolved.

**SECTION 5.** If any section, clause, sentence, or phrase of this resolution is found to be unconstitutional or is otherwise held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect the validity of any remaining parts of this resolution.

**SECTION 6.** This resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption by the Governing Body of the City of Lawrence, Kansas.

ADOPTED by the Governing Body of the City of Lawrence, Kansas, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2024.

APPROVED:



Nathan Littlejohn, III, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sherri Riedemann, City Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Toni R. Wheeler, City Attorney