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May 15, 2017

Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization (MTPO)
620 SE Madison, 3rd Fl.
Topeka, Ks. 66607

Dear MTPO Members:

On behalf of the Americans with Disabilities Act Advisory Council for the City of Topeka, we wanted to thank you for your hard work in crafting the Futures 2040 Plan. We support the proposed plan’s focus on preserving the existing road network and the emphasis on Complete Streets policies that incorporate consideration for all motorized, non-motorized users, and transit patrons.

Projects that improve access and mobility, whether in Topeka or Shawnee County, enhance the quality of life for all residents despite challenges that many encounter on a daily basis. In addition, increased safety and economic development are a welcome and needed benefit derived by preserving our existing infrastructure and improving access and mobility.

The ADA Advisory Council applauds and supports your efforts to improve the community for all residents.

Respectfully,

Marijo Mastroianni
Chair, Topeka ADA Advisory Council
May 18, 2017

Carlton Scroggins, Transportation Planning Manager
City of Topeka Planning Department
620 SE Madison, 3rd FL
Topeka, KS 66607

Dear Carlton,

The Topeka Metropolitan Transit Authority (TMTA) supports the new directions detailed in the Futures 2040 Topeka Regional Transportation Plan. We believe the renewed emphasis on encouraging alternative modes of transportation such as pedestrian, bicycle, and transit will serve the transportation needs of Topeka residents and visitors well.

TMTA staff and board members attended and participated in all public outreach meetings throughout the planning process. We have been pleased with the guidance of the consultant team and the metropolitan Topeka planning organization.

The clear guidance presented in the Futures 2040 plan will provide policy-makers with a framework to make informed decisions that follow the goals and objectives the community has set out. Topeka will become a more livable city, easier and more enjoyable to move around using all modes of transportation.

TMTA fully supports the adoption of Futures 2040 by the City Council.

Sincerely,

Susan K. Duffy
General Manager

SD:Is
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Also,

Can more be done to advertise the technical school fixing cars that breakdown for free?

Amanda Walters
Printed Name

Signature

2722 SW Lee Ct
Topeka, KS 66604
Address

TOPEKA
JUMP

JUSTICE, UNITY, AND MINISTRY PROJECT
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Notes: How can those living in Montavilla safely travel to a job in Topeka? How does a parent get children to Dr. Appointments?
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Ivan P. Schmidt
Printed Name

Signature

2316 Sw Duncan Dr Topeka KS 66614
Address

Notes: Transportation + South Topeka Industrial Complexes
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

[Signature]

Address

Notes:
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Benjamin P. MacConnell
Printed Name

Signature

Address

Notes: Why is it that politicians are always the last people to understand what the people want?!

Come on, let's plan long-term for accessible transportation for all!
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Notes: 7 - 9 AM and 4 to 6 PM should be FREE for students who work Mon to Fri.
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Emma Ray
Printed Name

Signature
3801 St. Fremond
Topeka, KS 66609
Address

Notes: Late Night 11PM
Sat evening
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Sincerely,

[Name]

Printed Name: [Name]
Signature: [Signature]
Address: [Address]

Notes: [Notes]

TOPEKA JUMP
Justice, Unity, and Peace

Margaret K. Montgomery
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Signed,

Jermaine Lyles

Address: 7017 SW Wheatfield, Topeka KS 66619

Notes: This is amazing, most people don't have a house because they can't afford, but we can help people and that's why we're here.
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Diane Hoffman Armstrong
Printed Name

Signature

5025 S.E. Illinois
66605

Address

Notes: Transportation cost normal hours at the work place is greatly needed. People wait for work but there is no way for many of them to get to work (no transportation).
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Notes: I personally know individuals limited by lack of transportation due to job location.

Topeka, KS 66617
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Notes: Transportation to major employers will help many Topekans earn a living wage, benefitting the entire Topeka/Shawnee Co. area.
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Notes: My wife is a social worker and sees many families in Montana. Families suffer without transportation.

TOPEKA JUMP
Justice, Unity, and Ministry Project
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Notes: We need public transportation to go to the places people work. We also need public transit to run later for people working after hours.

Eve Kendall
Printed Name

Signature

Address

TOPEKA JUMP
Justice, Unity, and Ministry Project
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Transferred to a

From South of City

Limits is Essential for The Community

Leo Heim
Printed Name

Signature

2876 SW Pluss
Topeka, KS 66611
Address

Notes:

TOPEKA JUMP
Justice, Unity and Ministry Project
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Notes: I think that offering transportation options will help families survive.
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Sincerely,
[Signature]

Levena Kinzel
Printed Name

1267 NW Webster Ave
Topeka, KS 66604

Address
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Mary E. Nice
Printed Name

Mary E. Nice
Signature

4321 NW Huxman Rd
Silver Lake, KS 66539
Address

Notes: People need to have public transportation to get to and from good jobs. It is so necessary. I support keeping this in the plan.
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Notes: It is a shame that people cannot provide buses for people to go to their jobs regardless of working hours.

Letha Zahn
Printed Name

Signature

3617 S. Willow Brook Dr.
Topeka, KS 66614
Address
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Patti Dawson
Printed Name

Patti Dawson
Signature

5525 SW 23 St

Topeka, KS 66614

Address

Notes: This is really needed for many individuals & the results will be positive for everyone in Topeka.

TOPEKA JUMP
JUSTICE, UNITY, AND MINISTRY PROJECT
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Notes: I knew that there is a great need for bus service to be expanded to the Manhattan area. So that many people can take and keep better jobs available there. Thank you for your support.
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Sex Name
Signature
Address

Notes: Remember the people. They pay sales too.
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Notes:
- People lacking personal transportation need more transit options to allow people the opportunity to work in such businesses as Mayo, Target.
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Larry C. Cushinberry
Printed Name

Signature

1234 E. Main St.
Topeka, KS 66609-1724

Address

Notes: The need for transportation that people need to help them self live the life that needed for them. They need your help.
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Notes: Access to transportation is critical for people to have employment opportunities and an affordable means to buy groceries.
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Louis Francis

Printed Name

Signature

3540 SW MacVicar Ave
Topeka, KS 66611

Address

Notes:

Transportation is important to people who can't walk, ride bike or take the bus and don't have the money to buy a car.
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Notes: The means of transportation is a very big issue which should not be ignored. Everyday people suffer from transportation every day and we should do something about it.
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

TEresa Hayes
Printed Name

Signature

1610 SW Orleans
Topeka KS 66604
Address

Notes: Why not all industrial areas of Topeka (Goodyear Reser's + The cellophane factory)
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Maryann Turner
Printed Name

Signature
7017 SW Wheat Field Ln

Address

Notes: People need public transport. Transportation is needed now. People can't wait people really can't keep jobs because of it.
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

People need transportation to get to work, or get to school. Most people claim they don't have a good job because they don't have a career. Don't like the bus.
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Anne Martinez
Printed Name

Signature

1340 SW High Ave

Topeka 66604

Address

Notes: Please help folks get to and from work, to healthcare, and to buy groceries.
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Lori Race

318 SW 31st Ct
Topeka, KS 66614

Address

Notes: Please approve changes that will allow more people to find decent paying jobs.
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Notes: We use the Metro and when we first arrived from Canada, it was our only transportation. Vital to job seekers and workers.

Michael H. Jackson

Barbara Jackson

Printed Name

Signature

4016 SW 28th Terr.

Topeka, KS 66614

Address
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

I use the bus at times, and am concerned about people who do not have a car and need a way to get to and from work.

I am fortunate to have a car who

E. Johnson

Signature

2650 S.E. Lake Terrace

Topeka, KS 66605

Address

Notes:
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Notes: Many potential employees have little to no access to any transportation other than public transit. Many cannot even afford a bus pass till they get a better job.
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Notes: So important for major employers to be accessible to potential workers.

TOPEKA
JUMP
JUSTICE, UNITY, AND MINISTRY PROJECT
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Notes: There are several jobs in south Topeka that the people of could get if there was a bus route

Mark L. Krier
Printed Name

Signature

2034 SE 21ST TEN

TOPEKA KS 66605

Address
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Printed Name: CAROL A. SHANNAN
Signature: CAROL A. SHANNAN
Address: 1945 SW Regency Pkwy Dr. # A

Notes: PEOPLE HAVE A RIGHT TO WORK EVEN IF THEY DON'T HAVE A CAR.
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Christine Oshel
Printed Name

Signature
3317 SW 19
Topeka, KS 66604
Address

Notes: Get the people to good jobs.
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Kathleen King
Printed Name

Signature
2024 SE 7th
Topeka, KS 66605
Address

Notes: It would benefit the Metro
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Notes:
I am concerned for all my whole community and we are of full together.
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Address:

Notes:
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Ginny Peters
Printed Name

Signature

740 SE Radрегenow Dr.
Topeka, KS 66609
Address

Notes: We support the recommendation that Ms. Buffy supports.
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Margaret Francis
Printed Name

Signature

Address

Notes: Please Support New Recommendations
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Mary Alford
Printed Name

Mary Alford
Signature

4639 SE 27th St
Topeka, KS 66605
Address

I support Futures 2040!

Notes:
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Address

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Notes:
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

[Signature]

[Address]

Notes: [Handwritten note]
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

[Signature]

1728 SW Randolph Ave.
Topeka, KS 66604

Address

Notes: Thank you!

TOPEKA JUMP
JUSTICE, UNITY, AND MINISTRY PROJECT
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Thank you for your support.

Diana Hershberger
Printed Name

Signature

246 SW Yorkshire Rd.
Address

TOPEKA
JUMP
JUSTICE. UNITY. AND MINISTRY PROJECT
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Thank you.

Notes:
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Concerned Partner

Please help this happen. Thank you.

Notes:

Darlene Peck
Printed Name

Signature

3336 SE Stoddard
Kansas City, KS 66502
Address
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Printed Name

Signature

Address

Notes: I'm a concerned partner
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Toni K. Farrell-Higgins
Printed Name

Signature

Address

Notes:
This is a concerned partner in this issue.
Thank you for your help.

TOPEKA JUMP
JUSTICE, UNITY, AND MINISTRY PROJECT
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Janice Kieffer
Printed Name

Signature

3312 S.E. Lawrence Dr. Box 5
Lawrence KS 66542

Address

Notes: I am a concerned

TOPEKA JUMP
JUSTICE, UNITY, AND MINISTRY PROJECT
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Concerned member

Olga Hennessy
Printed Name

Signature

3733 SE 34th St
Topeka, KS 66605
Address

TOPEKA JUMP

Justice, Unity, and Ministry Project
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Karen Zeleznak
Printed Name

Karen Zeleznak
Signature

4248 N. W. 39th St.
Topeka, KS 66618
Address

Notes: Concerned Shawnee Co. Resident

TOPEKA JUMP
JUSTICE. UNITY. AND MINISTRY PROJECT
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Notes: Registered Voter
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

This would be beneficial to so many.

Notes:
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Kelli Russell
1320 Mulberry Cr
Topeka, KS

We ride together.
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Sally Kendall
Printed Name

Signature

1728 SW Buchanan St Apr. 1
Topeka, KS 66604
Address

Notes: This Is Important

TOPEKA JUMP
JUSTICE, UNITY, AND MINISTRY PROJECT
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Bethany A McMillen
Printed Name

Signature
2632 SE Flora Ct
Topeka, KS 66605
Address

Notes: No one should ever be left behind

TOPEKA
JUMP

JUSTICE, UNITY, AND MINISTRY PROJECT
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Notes: Topeka resident 16yrs
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Glenna Meek
Printed Name

Glenna Meek
Signature

3105 S.W. 30th St
Topeka, Ks. 66614
Address

Notes: I'm so proud to be a part of the JUMP movement. A lot of good comes to the community.

TOPEKA JUMP
JUSTICE, UNITY, AND MINISTRY PROJECT
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Thank you for working on this important issue!

Nancy
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Sincerely,

[Signatures]

Notes:
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Heidi Hunt
Printed Name

Signature

1264 SW Jewell
Address

Notes: Brendan Jensen

TOPEKA JUMP
JUSTICE, UNITY, AND MINISTRY PROJECT
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Printed Name

Signature

Address

Notes: 

Praise him

TOPEKA JUMP
Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being presented in the Futures 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan related to public transit.

Nancy Dillard
Printed Name

Nancy Dillard
Signature

2427 S. E. Cedarwood DR
Topeka, KS 66605
Address

Notes: Asbury M. Olive U. M. C.

TOPEKA JUMP
JUSTICE, UNITY, AND MINISTRY PROJECT
714 SW Wayne Ave.
Topeka, KS 66606-1753
May 26, 2017

Dear MTPQ Members:

On behalf of Topeka Metro’s Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation Services (ACATS) I thank the MTPQ for your work on the Futures’ 2040 Plan and its focus on maintaining the existing road network and improving access for all citizens. ACATS strives to improve all aspects of public transportation in Topeka and works side by side with Topeka Metro and the MTPQ to ensure improved mobility for all people.

While ACATS primarily represents individuals with physical and cognitive disabilities, we recognize that projects improving access and mobility enhance quality of life for all people of Topeka, Shawnee County, and visitors to the area. New bus amenities such as accessible shelters and bus stop standing pads, benefit all residents by making it pleasanter, possibly more likely, for people to use the bus to move about the community.

Again, thank you to the MTPQ for your work on this plan and for your continuing support of access and mobility for all.

Respectfully,

Nancy Johnson
Nancy Johnson, Chair
Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation Services
Response by Thomas Dow: Many of the active transportation improvements suggested were included in the Topeka Bikeway Master Plan and are included on the funded project list for Futures2040.
Carlton,

Good talking to you last week and thank you for attending our celebration! Attached is an aerial of the south side of the river area. What I would like to see north of Crane and south of the river.

1. A walking trail as indicated in yellow.
2. Allow walking on the top of the dyke.
3. Most of the path is on City sidewalks.
4. Improve a path west of Topeka Blvd from the dyke to First St.
5. Parking under the bridge on the east or in the area of the current police impound lot. (relocate it).
6. Create the beginnings of a longer trail that continues along the river to the west – ultimately tying into the Kanza Park trail at 2nd and MacVicar – and long-long range connecting to the Menninger Trail system.
7. Provide a few benches or small tables along the route.
8. Provide a playground and picnic area in the impound lot area in blue.
9. Create a display board story about the Kansas River in the picnic area – or some other story not duplicated on the north river park area.
10. Consider providing a low impact sporting event space in the small park area we currently do not have in town – botchy ball or similar activity.
11. Possibly consider this area a location for skateboarding park
12. Primary goal is to: invite pedestrians to the area; allow visual access to view the river closer up than at driving speed over the bridge (I am not suggesting we allow access to the river); bring life to the area and create the beginnings of a longer trail in the future.
13. All the above can be executed without large dollars utilizing existing publicly owned land and existing sidewalks while creating a space unlike any others in Topeka for citizens to enjoy.

I would be happy to visit further about this at your convenience.
Thank you.

mtw

Michael T. Wilson, AIA, LEED AP
Architect / Founding Partner
Architect One
906 S Kansas Ave, Ste 200
Topeka, Kansas 66612
T: 785.271.7010 ext 101
C: 785.224.5262
F: 785.271.7020
THREE COMMENTS ON THE INTERCHANGE IN SE TOPEKA ON KANSAS TURNPIKE

From email dated 5/25/17 from Bill Fiander to Thomas Dow and Carlton Scroggins

Here is my (Bill Fiander) response to Ledbetter and Phillips

The estimated cost of designing and constructing is estimated to be $16-$21 million. This project is not committed for funding in the 2040 Plan due to its cost and the higher priority given by the community towards system preservation and active transportation. The City of Topeka currently only funds $9 million annually in CIP projects for the entire city while KTA has indicated the project’s revenue stream does not cover their capital investment. Since the project would fall within economic development priorities of the 2040 Plan, a more likely scenario for funding would be through local efforts to seek a grant at the federal DOT level (e.g., TIGER) using local/state funds as a match. The City currently has set aside $500k in their CIP (2022) which could be used to further design of the project for a potential grant opportunity.
From: bettyphillips2@cox.net [mailto:bettyphillips2@cox.net]
Sent: Saturday, May 06, 2017 10:06 AM
To: Carlton Scroggins
Cc: Joe Ledbetter; Nellie Hogan
Subject: Fwd: Public Comment

I have to add another comment and that is to point out that there was overwhelming support of your survey questions (in red below) that indicate people want projects that promote economic development and the revitalization of existing neighborhoods and business districts and the improvement of lower-income neighborhoods, which this $17 million project would clearly accomplish.

I hope a funding mechanism was pursued that included the federal, state, city and county governments and even businesses as partners in the project.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "bettyphillips2@cox.net" <bettyphillips2@cox.net>
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If the bill mentioned below passes, someone can lobby for $17 million of the $24 million no longer needed and bring back vitality to California Crossing, beside encouraging more businesses to invest that will provide jobs and expand the tax base to benefit all Topekans. Certainly the $220,000 expended to provide the 2040 updating report should include some lobbying time so some of the principles of the Report, also noted below, can be supported.

Instead of so many East Topeka residents driving to Lawrence, the goal should be to attract Lawrence residents to shop and visit Topeka, including Lake Shawnee, which was named the Best Place to Visit in Kansas by travel website Expedia. (A Lawrence lady told us she comes to Topeka several times a week just to visit Ensley Gardens.)

A way for travelers to take the off-ramp easily and visit the lake should, alone, be beneficial to Topeka and its restaurants, etc. Families don't generally like to take side trips that require much time and effort meandering around trying to find an attraction and some attractions would already include Walmart, Dillons and a lake where you can rent paddle boats, etc., and picnic. It's certainly an off-ramp we would have taken when we were traveling, whether to see the Tinman Triathlon (37th this year), Duck fund raiser, sculling boat races, 4th of July events, hot air balloons, Shawnee County Allied Tribes Intertribal Pow Wow, etc.

Betty Phillips

Excerpts from the 2040 report:

II. Executive Summary a. Trends

The Background Chapter describes trends that help frame this update. These trends provide an important snapshot of the issues that are influencing Topeka's growth pattern. The following is a summary of the trends identified in the Background Chapter:
Population Leakage

There are a lower proportion of residents to share the cost of services through property taxes.

Low Density Sprawl

It is more costly to provide services to a low density sprawl land use pattern.

Unbalanced Investment

There is lower investments in older areas of the city where most needed.

Unplanned Growth

Plat rules and utility extensions exacerbate urban sprawl putting development ahead of full City service package.

These trends’ trajectories are not fiscally sustainable for the City of Topeka. Topeka must make changes to reverse these trends in order to become a more prosperous community and develop a sustainable fiscal model.

b. Vision

Future growth for Topeka should be:

Fiscally Responsible

- Cost-effective with all 5 city services
- Make development decisions that don’t fiscally harm the City and its residents.

Sustainable

- Compact pattern that economically benefits existing population without compromising future needs
- Make choices that are long-lasting and benefit the most people.

Planned

- Consider many factors and impacts when making land use decisions.
- Ensure development follows public investments that align with the overall goals of this Plan.

c. Pillars for a Prosperous Community
This update seeks to direct and encourage quality urban growth by promoting the following Pillars – a.k.a Policies – of a prosperous community:

- **Compact Development**  
  Maintain an efficient shape and footprint at urban densities rather than a low density sprawl or linear pattern.

- **Invest in Place/Add Value Where We Are**  
  Fiscally responsible growth happens where Topeka has already invested. Grow value in Topeka’s existing neighborhoods with strategic investments and incentives.

- **Return on Investment**  
  Topeka’s infrastructure and service investments are down payments for the future. It is imperative to develop those areas with existing investments at a level that seeks the greatest return on those initial investments.

- **Urban Development Follows Infrastructure and Happens Inside the City**  
  Land use decisions should be made after an area is annexed and investments in infrastructure and services have been made.

- **Connected, Mixed Use, Walkable Neighborhoods**  
  Mixing together residential, commercial, and jobs, along with open space and other amenities is to provide a balanced mix of land uses in an efficient and compact pattern. Connected and walkable neighborhoods promote a compact shape and are an amenity for retaining and attracting residents.

- **Focus on Making Topeka a Place People Want to Live First**  
  Job seekers often pick a city to live before picking a job. Topeka should be a place where people want to live first.

- **Transportation/Housing Choices**  
  Offering complete streets and multi-modal options are important elements for the livability of our community and extending the capacity of our street system. Neighborhoods shouldn’t only be low density single-family. There should be a range of housing types built throughout the community.

- **Economic Diversity**  
  A diverse economy will help weather economic downturns. Look beyond the traditional large fringe-located manufacturing business to support building up small businesses and entrepreneurs from within Topeka.

These pillars of a prosperous community are intended to ensure that new growth consists of a range of uses and a density that promotes fiscally responsible growth, and that they position the city to attract future population and business generators who will sustain a healthy fiscal model. They should insure that the community invests in place as the preferred priority and should not seek to limit new growth, but to direct growth where the City’s services are or where the City can expand service delivery in the most cost-effective manner.

1. e. Measurables
Progress, or lack thereof, should be measurable in the future. How will the following questions be answered the next time this Plan is updated?

1. Is Topeka growing and capturing a greater percentage of population relative to Shawnee County?
2. Is Topeka developing in a more compact and higher density land use pattern?
3. Is Topeka investing more within older areas of the city? Is Neighborhood Health improving?

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Kansas lawmakers advance bill to keep guns out of hospitals

By Associated Press Published: May 4, 2017, 7:38 pm

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Kansas legislators have advanced a proposal to keep concealed guns out of hospitals, mental health centers and nursing homes after June.

The Senate Ways and Means Committee approved a bill Thursday that would give the facilities a permanent exemption from a 2013 gun-rights law.

That law said people must be allowed to bring concealed guns into public buildings that don’t have extra security including guards and metal detectors. Universities, state and public hospitals, mental health centers and nursing homes received a four-year exemption expiring July 1.

The committee’s voice vote sends the measure to the Senate for debate.

Gun-rights advocates previously blocked such proposals. But Gov. Sam Brownback last month proposed spending $24 million over two years on extra security at state hospitals for the mentally ill and developmentally disabled.
It's clear that attracting commerce to the east side of Topeka isn't a high priority or even a medium one. The abandoned shopping center California Acres at 29th and California is an example of how much that part of Topeka is neglected and now it's been decided it's to continue being neglected.

I was told the problem is finding the funding for the project. Changing the below-mentioned foolish and wasteful law with one phrase or sentence would save far more than is needed. Perhaps Transportation Planning should have its own lobbyist.

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If Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback now thinks that guns shouldn't be allowed in state mental hospitals, that exemption should have been added in the first place. TOM DOLPHENS THE STAR

MAY 03, 2017 6:15 PM

Editorial: Guns do not belong in state psychiatric hospitals

By The Kansas City Star editorial board

First, Kansas lawmakers passed legislation that will allow guns in state psychiatric hospitals. Now they expect taxpayers to cover the bill for keeping guns out of those same hospitals.

Changing course isn't cheap. The anticipated costs so far: $12.5 million for metal detectors and other security measures, and another $11.7 million next year and every year going forward to pay armed guards to secure state hospitals in Larned and Osawatomie and two locations for the developmentally disabled. Not included are costs for securing the state’s 26 community mental health centers.

If only legislators would have considered the consequences of allowing concealed weapons in public hospitals before they passed this law in 2013. Now, some appear hesitant to follow through. But they're not willing to admit they overreached and amend the statute. Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback last week requested $24 million to outfit the four facilities with metal detectors and trained guards. The governor is right to want to keep guns out of state hospitals. But wouldn't it have been easier to not enact the law in the first place?
If Brownback and lawmakers agree that guns shouldn’t be allowed in state psychiatric hospitals, an exemption should be carved out. Other states have done that. Why not Kansas?

On May 4, 2017, at 10:14 AM, Carlton Scroggins <cscroggins@Topeka.org> wrote:

Yes it is.

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Is this the address I send a public comment to on the 2040 Topeka Regional Transportation Plan; that is, to you?
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Sent: Friday, May 05, 2017 9:48 AM
To: Bill Fiander
Cc: Brenda Younger
Subject: Public comment on 2040/ Please place my commentary in the Public Comment for the 2040

$1.8 proposed spending and we can’t find $17 million for economic development on the SE side of Topeka/Shawnee County? Why not. I propose we do it by cutting design costs from over spending on road repairs/widening of 20% and cap at 10% and stop hiring consultants on small projects and have existing staff do the work. Savings> MILLIONS.

Also, actually lobby KDOT and KTA to get a match. You don’t win, by giving up at the beginning. I also was NOT impressed that the “consultant” did not know the cost of the KTA interchange, or his attitude.

Thank you.

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