



APPENDIX B  
**PUBLIC  
COMMENT**

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## COMMENTS NOT REQUIRING SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSE

Other comments received during the comment period were also responded too, but comments did not affect the recommendations of the plan. A summary of those comments can be found below, followed by copies of those comments.

<b>Received</b>	<b>Submitter</b>	<b>Summary of Comments</b>	<b>Summary of Response</b>	<b>Responder</b>
16-May-17	Marijo Mastroianni, Mayor's ADA Advisory Committee	Support preserving the existing road network support emphasis on Complete Streets policies	Response acknowledged the comment.	Thomas Dow
18-May-17	Susan Duffy, TMTA	TMTA supports the new directions detailed in Futures2040. Particular support mentioned for "renewed emphasis" for pedestrian, bicycle and transit modes of transportation.	Cooperative partner in the planning process. No formal response.	
3-May-17	Topeka Jump	429 Letters of Support	A letter to Topeka Jump thanking them for their attendance at meetings and support. Forwarded comments to TMTA	Taylor Ricketts
31-May-17	Nancy Johnson, Topeka Metro's Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation Services	Letter of Support	Cooperative partner in the planning process. No formal response.	



# CITY OF TOPEKA

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ADA Advisory Council  
215 SE 7<sup>th</sup> St  
Topeka, KS 66603  
<http://www.topeka.org/ada>

Marijo Mastroianni, Chairperson  
Email: [traincrazy@cox.net](mailto:traincrazy@cox.net)

May 15, 2017

Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization (MTPO)  
620 SE Madison, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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



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May 18, 2017

Carlton Scroggins, Transportation Planning Manager  
City of Topeka Planning Department  
620 SE Madison, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:ls

# Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

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

Also,

Notes: Can more be done to

advertise the technical school

fixing our that breakdown for

free?

Amanda Walters

Printed Name

Amanda Walters

Signature

2722 Sw Lee Ct

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.

Notes: How can those living in  
Montana safely travel to a job  
in Topeka? How does a parent get  
children to Dr's. Appointments?  
D

Aime Abb

Printed Name



Signature

1954 SW Arrowhead Dr

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.

Notes: Transporatation + South Topeka  
Industrial Complexes  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Ivan P. Schmidt

Printed Name

Ivan P. Schmidt

Signature

2316 Sw Duncan 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.

*from 37th St South  
to target to Main  
etc.*

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*Roberta With*  
*WIRTH*

Printed Name

*Roberta With*

Signature

*733 NE Edgewood Dr*

Address

*Topeka KS 66611*



# Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

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

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!

Benjamin P. MacConnell

Printed Name

Ben P. MacConnell

Signature

Address



# 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.

FB. DeClerck

Printed Name

FB

Signature

3113 SW. 36th Street

Topeka KS 66614

Address

fbdecker-ck@gmail.com



# Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

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

Notes: Late Night 11PM  
Sat evening  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

EMMA RAY  
Printed Name

*Emma Ray*  
Signature

3801 Seabrook  
Topeka KS 66609  
Address



# Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

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

Notes:

Hunters Ridge ↗  
N Topeka

Margaret Montgomery

Printed Name

Margaret Montgomery

Signature

Topeka KS

Address



# Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

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

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 where  
here.

Terri Marion Lyles  
Printed Name

Terri Marion Lyles  
Signature

7017 Southwestfield

Topeka KS 66619

Address



# 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 is not normal  
news at the work place is  
greatly needed. People want  
to work but there is no  
way for many of them to get  
to work (No transportation)

Diane Hoffman Armstrong

Printed Name

Diane Hoffman Armstrong

Signature

325 S.E. Illinois  
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.

Notes: I personally know  
individuals with experience  
major job limitations  
due to a lack of  
transportation.

John P. Esau

Printed Name

John P. Esau

Signature

3300 N Kansans Ave

Topeka, KS 66617

Address





# 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  
Topeka earn a living wage  
benefiting the entire Topeka  
Shawnee Co. area.

Rev. Cynthia Meyer

Printed Name

Cynthia Meyer

Signature

Central Congregational Church

Address



# 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

Debra Dan Oudvick

Printed Name

Debra Dan Oudvick

Signature

3859 SW Cornsidge Ct

Topeka KS 66608

Address



# 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 ~~5~~ <sup>BUSINESS</sup> HOURS

EVE KENDALL

Printed Name

EJ Kendall

Signature

Address



# Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

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

Notes: TRANSPARENCY TO OUR  
FROM SOUTH OF CITY  
LIMITS IS ESSENTIAL FOR  
THE COMMUNITY.

Ted Heim

Printed Name

Ted Heim

Signature

2876 SW PLASS

TOPEKA, KS 66611

Address



# 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 to better  
paying positions will help  
employees will help  
families survive.

Margo Russell

Printed Name

Margo Russell

Signature

437 Maine St  
Lawrence, KS 66044

Address





# 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 need to have  
public transportation to get  
them to and from good  
jobs. It is so necessary  
I support keeping this in the plan.

Mary E. Niace

Printed Name

Mary E. Niace

Signature

4321 NW Huxman Rd

Silver Lake, Ks 66539

Address



# Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

Letha Zahorek

Printed Name

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

Letha Zahorek

Signature

3617 S.W. Willow Brook Dr.

Topeka, Ks. 66614

Address

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





# Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

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

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

Patti Dawson

Printed Name

Patti Dawson

Signature

5525 SW 23 St

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.

Notes: I know that there is a great need for bus service to be expanded to the Mantara area, so that many people can take and keep better jobs available there. Thank you for your support!

Carol Christensen

Printed Name

Carol Christensen

Signature

1610 SW Jewell 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.

Notes: Remember the People  
That does not have a car  
They pay taxes too  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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SEAN IRVING

Printed Name

Sean Irving

Signature

8633 Ste Sevening's Valley

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.

Notes:

People lacking  
personal transportation  
need more transit  
options to allow people  
the opportunity to work in  
such businesses as mow or target.

Pam Enstley

Printed Name

Pam Enstley

Signature

2626 SW Arvonia Pl  
Topeka 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.

Notes: The need for transportation that people need to help themselves live the life that needed for them. They need your help.

Larry C. Cushman

Printed Name



Signature

141 SE 4th St.

Topeka, KS, 66609-1724

Address



# 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  
~~access~~ employment opportunities  
and an affordable means to  
buy groceries

JOHN FRANCIS

Printed Name



Signature

3540 SW MacVicar Ave

Topeka, ~~KS~~ KS 66611

Address



# 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 is important to people who can't walk, ~~the~~ r. de. b. ke or take the bus and don't have the money to buy a car.

Louis Francis

Printed Name

Louis Francis

Signature

3540 Sw Macvicar Ave

Topeka, KS 66611

Address



# 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

Patrick Francis

Printed Name

Patrick Francis

Signature

3590 SW MacVicar Ave  
Topeka, KS 66611

Address





# Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

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

Notes: Why not all industrial  
areas of Topeka (Goodyear  
Reese's & the cellophane  
factory)

TERESA HAYES  
Printed Name

Teresa Hayes  
Signature

1010 SW Orleans  
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.

Notes: People need public ~~transit~~  
Transportation is needed now  
People can't wait people  
really can't keep jobs because  
odd jobs

Maryann Turner

Printed Name



Signature

7017 SW Wheatfield Ln

Address



# 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 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!

Jerrecia Byles  
Printed Name

Jerrecia Byles  
Signature

2017 wheat field sw  
Topeka ks, 66619  
Address



# Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

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

Notes: Please help folks  
get to and from work,  
to health care + to buy  
groceries.

Anne Martinez

Printed Name

Anne Martinez

Signature

1340 Sw High Ave

Topeka 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.

Notes: Please approve changes that  
will allow more people better  
opportunities to find decent  
paying jobs.

Lori Rave

Printed Name

Lori R. Rave

Signature

3118 SW 31st Ct

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.

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

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Michael H. Jackson MD  
Barbara Jackson

Printed Name

Michael H. Jackson MD  
Barbara Jackson

Signature

4016 SW 28th Ave

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.

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

Elena Johnson

Printed Name

Elena Johnson

Signature

2650 SE Lake Terrace

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.

Notes: Many potential employees have little to no access to any transportation other than public transit & many cannot even afford a bus pass. Let them get a better job.

Deby Waters

Printed Name

Deby Waters

Signature

305 SE 17th

T K 07

Address





# 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.

TREVA CHRISTIAN

Printed Name

Treva Christian

Signature

2649 SE LAKE TERRACE

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.

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

Mark L. Krey

Printed Name

M. Krey

Signature

2024 SE 21st Ter

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.

Notes: PEOPLE HAVE A RIGHT  
TO WORK EVEN IF THEY  
DON'T HAVE A CAR!  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

CAROL A SHIBUNAWAN

Printed Name

Carol Shibanawan

Signature

1941 Sub Agency Key Dr #A  
Topeka 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.

Notes: Get the people  
to good jobs.

Christine Oshel

Printed Name

Christine Oshel

Signature

3317 SW 19th

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.

Notes: It would benefit the metro

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Sathleen King

Printed Name

Sathleen King

Signature

2024 SE 7th Ter

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.

Notes:

I am concerned for  
my whole community, all  
of my neighbors - we  
use of fall together



Ernestine Adams

Printed Name

Ernestine Adams

Signature

5007 St 3rd Jca

Tempe, AZ 85288

Address

# 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 support this  
job to solve problem*

*CARLA STRONG*

Printed Name

*Carla Strong*

Signature

*3811. S.W 7th Apt 19*

Address



# 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 support the recommendation  
that MPO fully supports.

Ginny Peters

Printed Name

Ginny Peters

Signature

740 SE Rudgeview Dr.

Topeka, Ks. 66609

Address





# Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

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

Notes:

Please support the  
recommendations!

Margaret Francis

Printed Name

Margaret Francis

Signature

3840 SW MacVicar Ave

Topeka KS 66611

Address



# 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 support Futures 2040!

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Mary Alford

Printed Name

Mary Alford

Signature

4639 SE 27th St

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.

Notes: Thank you for your  
consideration of this  
matter.  
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\_\_\_\_\_

Carole Williams

Printed Name

Carole E. Williams

Signature

895 SE Brookside St

Topeka, KS 66607

Address



# Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

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

Notes: *Thank you for your consideration*

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SALLY HUBBELL  
Printed Name

Sally Hubbell  
Signature

4000 SW Lincolnville Rd  
66610  
Address



# Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

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

Notes: *Thank you!*

Ellen Brentine

Printed Name

Ellen Brentine

Signature

1748 SW Randolph 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.

Notes: Thank you for  
your support  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Diana E. Phil DeSchobroy

Printed Name

Diana E. Phil DeSchobroy

Signature

246 SW Yeekshire Rd.

Address



# Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

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

*Please.*

Notes:

*Thank you.*

*Mary Jo Roush*

Printed Name

*Mary Jo Roush*

Signature

*4480 SW 23rd Street*

*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.

Notes: Concerned partner

Please help this  
happen! Thank you

Darlene Peck

Printed Name

Darlene Peck

Signature

3536 SE Stubbbs Rd

Levitt 15 66542

Address





# 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'm a concerned  
partner  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

DIANA HASTEAD

Printed Name

Diana Hastead

Signature

P.O. Box 111

Berryton, Ks. 666409

Address



# Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

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

Notes: Am a concerned partner  
in this issue.  
Thank you for your  
help!

Toni K. Farrell-Higgins  
Printed Name

Toni K. Farrell-Higgins  
Signature

Amesbury Rd  
Topeka, KS 66608  
Address



# 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 a concerned  
Citizen.*

*JANICE KIEFER*

Printed Name

*Janice Kiefer*

Signature

*3345 S Lammock Rd Apt 5*

*Topeka, KS 66542*

Address



# Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

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

Notes:

Concerned member

Olga Hennessey  
Printed Name



Signature

3733 SE 34<sup>th</sup> St

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.

Notes: Concerned Shawnee Co.  
resident  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Karen Zekznak

Printed Name

Karen Zekznak

Signature

4248 N. W. 39th St.

Topeka, KS 66618

Address



# 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

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Stephen Schiffelbein

Printed Name

Stephen Schiffelbein

Signature

4606 NW Kendall Drive

Topeka, KS 66668

Address



# Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

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

Notes: This would be beneficial to so many!

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Joelynn N Graber

Printed Name

Joelynn N Graber

Signature

3527 SE Humboldt St

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.

Notes:

We ride together!  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Kelli Russell

Printed Name

Kelli Russell

Signature

1320 Mulberry Cr

Topeka, KS

Address





# Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

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

Notes: This Is  
Important  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Sally Kendall

Printed Name

Sally Kendall

Signature

1728 SW Buchanan St Apt. 1

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.

Notes: No one should ever  
be left behind  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Bethany A McMillen  
Printed Name

Bethany A McMillen  
Signature

2632 SE Flora Ct  
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.

Notes: TOPEKA resident 16yrs.

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ROBERT CAVINI

Printed Name

[Signature]

Signature

concerned partner

Address



# 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'm so proud to be a  
part of the jump movement.  
A lot of good comes to the  
community,

Glenna Meek

Printed Name

Glenna Meek

Signature

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Topeka, KS, 66614

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# Dear Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization,

We support the recommendations being  
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Range Transportation Plan related to  
public transit.

Notes: Thank you Susan  
for working on this  
important issue!  
Susan

NANCY COTTRELL

Printed Name

Nancy Cottrell

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Notes: *Brendan Jensen*  
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*Heidi Hunt*

Printed Name

*Heidi Hunt*

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*1264 SW Jewell*

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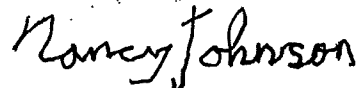
Dear MTPO Members:

On behalf of Topeka Metro's Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation Services (ACATS) I thank the MTPO 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 MTPO 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 MTPO for your work on this plan and for your continuing support of access and mobility for all.

Respectfully,



Nancy Johnson, Chair  
Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation  
Services

**ONE COMMENT ON TRANSPORTATION AND PARKS IMPROVEMENT**  
**ON RIVERFRONT SOUTH OF KANSAS RIVER**

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.

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**From:** Michael T. Wilson [mailto:mtw@ao.design]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2017 8:16 AM  
**To:** Carlton Scroggins  
**Subject:** Topeka LRP

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

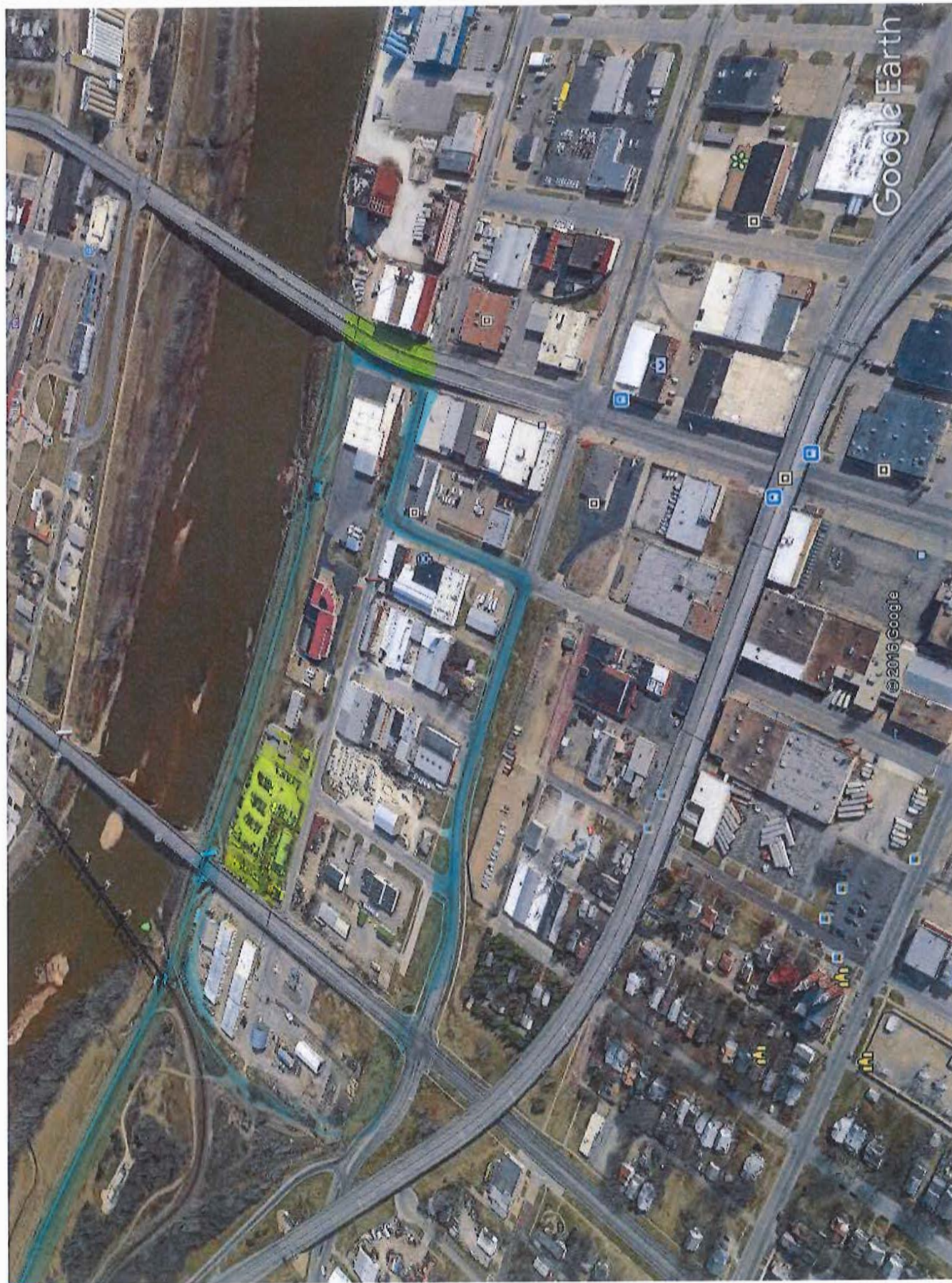
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## **THREE COMMENTS ON THE INTERCHANGE IN SE TOPEKA ON KANSAS TURNPIKE**

**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.

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**From:** [bettyphillips2@cox.net](mailto: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.

How important is it to use transportation investments...						
	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Very Important	Extremely Important	Count
To encourage redevelopment and revitalization of existing neighborhoods and business districts?	99	183	235	110	82	707
To promote economic development?	45	150	218	157	135	710
To beautify Topeka?	42	114	213	201	140	709
To improve disadvantaged (i.e. low-income and minority) neighborhoods?	30	87	215	196	179	706
To protect the environment?	15	85	200	189	217	705
answered question						705
skipped question						69

Betty Phillips



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Begin forwarded message:

From: "bettyphillips2@cox.net" <bettyphillips2@cox.net>  
Subject: Fwd: Public Comment  
Date: May 5, 2017 11:24:50 AM CDT  
To: Carlton Scroggins <cscroggins@topeka.org>  
Bcc: Joe Ledbetter <joe\_ledbetter@yahoo.com>

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.

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From: "bettyphillips2@cox.net" <bettyphillips2@cox.net>  
Subject: Re: Public Comment  
Date: May 4, 2017 11:18:55 AM CDT  
To: Carlton Scroggins <cscroggins@Topeka.org>  
Bcc: Joe Ledbetter <joe\_ledbetter@yahoo.com>

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?

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

Yes it is.

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From: [bettyphillips2@cox.net](mailto:bettyphillips2@cox.net) [mailto:[bettyphillips2@cox.net](mailto:bettyphillips2@cox.net)]  
Sent: Wednesday, May 03, 2017 6:50 PM  
To: Carlton Scroggins  
Cc: Joe Ledbetter  
Subject: Public Comment

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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From: Joseph Ledbetter [<mailto:joe@lrlawtopeka.com>]

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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