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To: Kansas Dept of Transportation
c/o David Cronin, City Engineer
Mayor Amyx
PO Box 708,
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Re: KDOT Transportation Enhancement Grant / Burroughs Creek Trail Expansion

To Whom it may concern,

The East Lawrence Neighborhood Association strongly supports the City of Lawrence's application for the Multi-Use Path from Hobbs Park to Constant Park.

The expansion of the Burroughs Creek trail further to the north, connecting Hobbs Park, nearby New York Elementary school, the Amtrak station, Vango Mobile Arts, the Kansas River, Downtown Lawrence, the Pinkney neighborhood, and Constant Park, would be of great benefit to our children, visitors, bicycle commuters, and the entire Lawrence community.

New York Elementary attendees already use the existing trail for safe travel to our neighborhood school. Extending the path along the current alignment would allow students to get much closer while avoiding multiple street crossings. It also allows families a safe and healthy travel alternative for family outings to the public library, public pool, post office, businesses, community buildings, museums, and multiple parks. It would create a healthier way to get downtown and reduce parking congestion.

It is important to note that this investment would significantly increase the value of already existing multiuse paths by connecting people with places they want to go.

The neighborhood is excited to see the trail safely connect multiple neighborhoods to the downtown area - as well as providing a beautiful route to New York Elementary School, local area businesses, the Kansas River, Lawrence's Cultural Arts District and multiple parks. The East Lawrence Neighborhood Association strongly encourages the funding of the City of Lawrence's application request.

Thank you,
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