



# The City of Basehor

September 2, 2020

Mid-America Regional Council  
600 Broadway, Suite 200  
Kansas City, Missouri 64105

RE: Governing Body Support of STP & TAP Funding

Please accept this letter as the Governing Body's support and commitment to completing the projects submitted for consideration of STP and TAP funding. We represent over 6,000 residents in our community who want modern, safe, roadways and pedestrian/cycling options as an alternate method of travel.

The Governing Body has prioritized our capital improvement projects to focus our efforts, resources, and community engagement in four critical areas.

- 1) The modernization of 155<sup>th</sup> Street which serves as the backbone of our community. This modernization includes robust citizen engagement and stakeholder groups to ensure improvements are sustainable, responsible, and improve safety. We look forward to adding multi-use paths and sidewalks in an area where pedestrians, including our student and aging population are forced to walk in the roadway.
- 2) The construction of the Metrogreen trail system in the Basehor area. This project includes multi-use paths and sidewalks in and around 158<sup>th</sup> Street and Parallel Road, connecting neighborhoods, the Civic Campus (Basehor Community Library, Gray Hawk Elementary School and an Early Learning Center) and our high school into an integrated trail network. This provides all residents an alternative to driving while connecting the City's existing activity centers.
- 3) The modernization of 158<sup>th</sup> Street and Parallel Road, which includes street and stormwater improvements. These roadways serve the Civic Campus and the current road networks are substandard.

We appreciate the opportunity to compete for these dollars and are prepared to make our local match should our projects be fortunate enough to receive funding.

Sincerely,

David K. Breuer  
Mayor

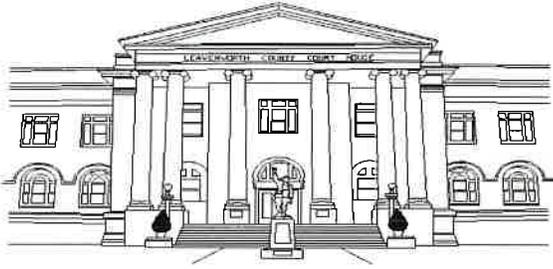
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August 25, 2020

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To whom it may concern,

The Leavenworth County Board of County Commissioners would like to express their support for the complete street funding application submitted by the City of Basehor for improvements along 155<sup>th</sup> Street. This project would create a whole new look and feel to the main street one of the fastest growing cities in the state. This stretch of roadway contains multiple schools and a downtown area that is poised for additional development. With the addition of multi-use pedestrian trails, safe and effective connectivity could be achieved from the North end of the city to State Ave or US-24-40 on foot or bicycle. The center turning lane will also allow this roadway to safely access the commercial businesses along this corridor.

Urban sprawl from the Kansas City metro area has entered Leavenworth County and the demands on our infrastructure, and Public Works operating budgets, have never been greater than those we are experiencing currently. This roadway, while located within the city limits, is on a county route and is maintained by Leavenworth County. With our known needs in mind, as a board, we hope that the MARC project selection committee provides this application significant consideration.

Thank you,

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Doug Smith, Chair

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read "Vicky Kaaz", written over a horizontal line.

Vicky Kaaz, member

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chad Schimke", written over a horizontal line.

Chad Schimke, member

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Mike Stieben, member

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Jeff Culbertson, member



September 3, 2020

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To whom it may concern:

On behalf of the Basehor Community Library, I would like to express our support for the application submitted by the City of Basehor for improvements along 155<sup>th</sup> Street between State Avenue and City Hall. This area is a main corridor of our community and I am often concerned for the citizens who try to navigate this pathway. Several stretches of the road have no sidewalks, and while this is not safe for any pedestrian, it is totally inaccessible for those with disabilities.

Basehor is a community with a busy highway, State Avenue, intersecting from east to west. The street improvements along 155<sup>th</sup> Street would help connect both sections of our community. It would not only help the commercial businesses, but would also connect many of the neighborhoods, building a greater sense of community in our city.

As State Avenue is also a major route into Kansas City, we know many of our citizens use it to commute daily to their jobs. Occasionally, we are asked at the Library if our parking lot can be used for ride-sharing. Unfortunately we don't have the space to offer this service, but we can attest to the interest of a space for ride-sharing. Longtime residents of Basehor remember a time when Basehor was connected to Kansas City through a bus transit system. The City's plan considers the benefits of both of these ideas.

The City's plan also offers exciting potential to add some natural beauty to Basehor, which would be much appreciated by its citizens and would add value to our neighborhoods. The introduction of trees and native plants along 155<sup>th</sup> Street would provide many occasions for partnerships and learning opportunities. I have full confidence these projects will be embraced by local civic groups, USD #458, and the Basehor Community Library.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diana Weaver".

Diana Weaver  
Director  
Basehor Community Library

September 3, 2020

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To Whom it May Concern:

On behalf of the Basehor-Linwood School District, I would like to wholeheartedly express my support for the street funding application submitted by the City of Basehor for improvements along 155th Street for the safety of our high school students driving to/from our Basehor-Linwood High School each day. The current intersection at 155th and Parallel is quite dangerous, and young motorists exacerbate this dangerous intersection. It will also be crucial to add multi-use paths/sidewalks to ensure cyclists and pedestrians are not forced into the roadway.

I believe that the expansion of 155th Street will increase the safety of our students along with those in our city currently running and walking on the streets (as we already have limited access to sidewalks).

The Basehor-Linwood School District is willing to financially support this project, should grant funds be made available. Thank you for your consideration and this opportunity to improve 155th Street in our City of Basehor!

Sincerely,



David Howard  
Superintendent  
USD 458 Basehor-Linwood