

# State of Kansas

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May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Dear Sir / Madam:

As the Kansas District 3 Senator and ranking minority member on the Senate Commerce Committee, providing safe roadways for commercial transit and for my constituents to travel to and from work on is a certainly a high priority! As the Kansas City metro area continues to see urban sprawl into my district, 158<sup>th</sup> Street will continue to see traffic volume growth. This roadway experiences higher traffic volumes than most of roadways within KDOT's highway system as it creates an important connecting link between K-32 Highway and US-24 Highway west of the K-7 Highway corridor. In fact, 158<sup>th</sup> Street is the last north-south asphalt roadway without traffic signals connecting Basehor and Tonganoxie to Johnson County.

With the addition of wider shoulders and ditches, the roadway will function more adequately with the types of commercial traffic that currently utilize this road a cut through. I fully support the use of the Kansas Department of Transportation – 2020 Cost Share Program funds being used to supplement Leavenworth County funding to complete this project. Thank you for your consideration regarding this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Holland', with a stylized flourish at the end.

State Senator Tom Holland

3<sup>rd</sup> Senate District

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Kansas Department of Transportation  
Secretary Julie Lorenz  
Dwight D. Eisenhower State Office Building  
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Topeka, KS 66603-3745

Subject: Cost Share Request to Resolve Safety Concern at 32 Highway and 158<sup>th</sup> Street, Bonner Springs

Dear Secretary Lorenz,

As the Senator for Kansas District 5 I am deeply concerned for the safety and welfare of all citizens of Kansas traveling on all Kansas roads but I have recently become aware of a significant safety concern within Leavenworth County.

That concern is based on both accident history and high traffic volume, at the intersection of 32 Highway and 158<sup>th</sup> Street in Bonner Springs. This intersection creates an important connecting link between US-24 Highway west of K-7, the Kansas Turnpike and 32 Highway.

Although I am aware of the funding challenges of the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), I feel the past accidents and continued risks at this intersection are far too important to be ignored any longer. My concerns about this intersection are also shared by the Leavenworth County Commission and the Leavenworth County Road Department as they have prioritized this intersection to submit for the KDOT 2020 Cost Share Program.

As I reflect on the Ways and Means Committee briefing on this program, I recall safety and a willingness to cost share being top consideration criteria. With those factors in mind I ask that you give significant consideration to this dangerous intersection as you evaluate this application. Please feel free to contact me if you have any additional questions about this project. Thank you for your consideration of this project in 2020.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin Braun".

Senator Kevin Braun  
Kansas District 5

## Noll, Bill

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**From:** Willie Dove <williedove321@att.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 13, 2020 11:22 AM  
**To:** Noll, Bill  
**Subject:** Constituents safety

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As the Kansas House District 38 representative, the safety and welfare of my constituents on our local roadways is a high priority of my office. Of particular interest, due to both the accident history and high traffic volume, is 158<sup>th</sup> Street in Leavenworth County north of K-32 Highway and south of the Kansas Turnpike.

As the Kansas City metro area continues to see urban sprawl into my district, 158<sup>th</sup> Street will continue to see traffic volume growth. This roadway experiences higher traffic volumes than most of roadways within KDOT's highway system as it creates an important connecting link between K-32 Highway and US-24 Highway west of the K-7 Highway corridor. In fact, 158<sup>th</sup> Street is the last north-south asphalt roadway without traffic signals connecting Basehor and Tonganoxie to Johnson County.

I fully support the use of the Kansas Department of Transportation – 2020 Cost Share Program funds being used to supplement Leavenworth County funding to complete this project.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this request.

Respectfully,

Representative Willie Dove  
38<sup>th</sup> District

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April 30, 2020

Kansas Department of Transportation  
650 N K 7 Hwy.  
Bonner Springs, KS 66012

To Whom It May Concern:

The Basehor-Linwood School District would like to support Leavenworth County in their Cost Share application to the Kansas Department of Transportation for improvements on County Road 2 or 158th Street.

Basehor-Linwood USD 458 has two schools with over 1,000 students, plus faculty, located on 158th Street between K-32 Highway and US 24 Highway just north of the proposed project location. 158th Street is a major hub for school traffic in our consolidated school district. The lack of shoulders and asphalt edge drop-offs located throughout the section of roadway proposed for improvement, creates concerns for the safety of our students, staff and community.

Therefore, we support the use of the Kansas Department of Transportation 2020 Cost Share Program funds being used to supplement Leavenworth County funding to complete this project. Thank you for your consideration regarding this request.

Sincerely,



David Howard  
Superintendent  
Basehor-Linwood USD 458

May 12, 2020

Mr. Bill Noll  
Leavenworth County  
Infrastructure and Construction  
Services Director

Mr. Noll,

I am writing in support of a proposed road improvement project on 158<sup>th</sup> Street in Leavenworth County, Kansas. The project, as I understand it, is to improve the safety of the roadway along 158<sup>th</sup> Street. This work is to complete improvements started over 10 years ago along 158<sup>th</sup> Street.

My wife and I have lived on 158<sup>th</sup> Street for 44 years. The land along Metropolitan and 158<sup>th</sup> Street has been in our family for five generations. There have been changes. The least of which has been an increase in traffic through the years. I recall my grandfather (1889-1977) saying he remembered seeing two automobiles on the same 158<sup>th</sup> road on the same day. Before he died, he witnessed the US landing on the Moon in 1969. Talk about change.

Unfortunately, the last few years we have personally witnessed, on our road in front of our home, two separate fatality situations, and at least five separate road/vehicle exits where a vehicle left the road surface prematurely and ended up in our yard. The opposite end of 158<sup>th</sup> and Highway 40 required several fatalities before stop lights were installed to control the traffic flow.

I understand the area south of Basehor is currently one of the fastest growing areas in Leavenworth County. I do know that 158<sup>th</sup> Street is a major artery connecting the communities of Basehor, Linwood, and Desoto. The time is overdue for road improvements along the entire route of 158<sup>th</sup> Street south of Basehor. Safe transportation improves the quality of life for everyone.

Sincerely,

Timothy Ney  
16259 158<sup>th</sup> Street  
Bonner Springs, Kansas. 66012