



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 155th 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 158th 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 158th 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

Richard Drennon
Council President

Vernon J. Fields
Council Member

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Council Member

Shari Standiford
Council Member

Ty Garver
Council Member



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To whom it may concern:

On behalf of the Basehor Community Library, I am very pleased to write this letter in support of the City of Basehor's application to improve 158th Street and Parallel Road. Basehor Community Library is situated on land bordered by 158th Street and Garden Parkway. Once, not too long ago, our library was at the corner of acres of farm land. In recent years, the City has purchased some of that farm land for a city campus, and USD #458 has built an Early Learning Center and is in the process of building Gray Hawk Elementary.

We are very excited about this growth in our neighborhood. But, with this growth, we can clearly see the need for street improvements along 158th Street and Parallel Road. There is sidewalk access to the library and school buildings east and west along Garden Parkway and north on 158th Street from State Avenue to Garden Parkway, but there is no path or sidewalk north to Parallel Road. This is a cause for concern for the safety of our patrons coming down 158th Street from Parallel Road, including young people coming from the high school, who must walk in the ditches or risk walking on the edge of two very busy streets. There is a definite need for sidewalks or trails on Parallel east to the Basehor-Linwood High School on 155th Street as well, and further into the neighborhoods up to 153rd Street. The City's street improvement plan includes a combination of trails and sidewalks that would unite all of these neighborhoods with a safe pathway for pedestrians and cyclists.

The City's plan to modernize 158th Street and Parallel Road includes trails that can be supplemented with learning opportunities. Displays might include the science of plant life on the prairie and Story Walks from the Library. We are looking forward to working with the school district and City to continue to grow our neighborhood. Thank you for considering this application that will help provide the means to make it grow successfully.

Sincerely,

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

Diana Weaver
Director
Basehor Community Library



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To Whom it May Concern:

On behalf of the Basehor-Linwood School District, I would like to express my sincere support for the street funding application submitted by the City of Basehor for improvements along 158th Street and Parallel Road west to 153rd Street for the safety of our Basehor-Linwood High School students driving to/from our Basehor-Linwood High School each day. We know that many students walk these roads currently, and neither road is built for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists.

We feel that the connecting of our future City campus/Basehor Community Library and the high school through trails and sidewalks will help keep our students safe when traveling along both Parallel and 158th Streets. We have one brand new Early Learning Center that just opened and a K-5 elementary being built (Gray Hawk Elementary) that will open in the fall of 2021. With these two new buildings, housing developments that are going into this area, and Basehor Community Library, I believe it is vital to connect this vibrant area to the rest of the community via trails and 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 158th Street and Parallel west to 153rd Street in our City of Basehor!

Sincerely,

David Howard
Superintendent
USD 458 Basehor-Linwood

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Sherry Reeves
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Director of Teaching and Learning

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