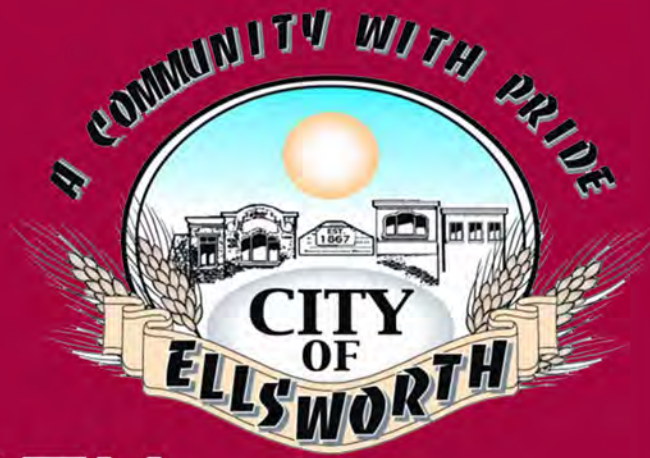


CITY OF ELLSWORTH



Application for Transportation Alternatives



Neighborhood Multi-Use Pathway

Pedestrian/Bicycle Category

October 30, 2019

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Application Form



Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program 2021 TA PROJECT APPLICATION FORM

APPLICANT INFORMATION			
1. ELIGIBLE APPLICANT – select only one			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Municipality	<input type="checkbox"/> County	<input type="checkbox"/> State Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Agency
<input type="checkbox"/> USD	<input type="checkbox"/> School	<input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Gov.	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
2. AGENCY NAME City of Ellsworth		3. CO-SPONSOR (if any)	
4. AGENCY MAILING ADDRESS 121 W. 1st Street		CITY Ellsworth	ZIP 67439
5. PRIMARY CONTACT Scott Moore	TITLE/ORGANIZATION City Administrator	EMAIL smoore@ellsworthks.net	PHONE (785) 472-5566
SECONDARY CONTACT Delvin Bettenbrock	TITLE/ORGANIZATION Street Superintendent	EMAIL dbettenbrock@ellsworthks.net	PHONE (785) 472-5566
PROJECT DESCRIPTION			
6. PROJECT NAME Ellsworth Neighborhood Multi-Use Pathway Project			
7. LOCATION/ADDRESS		8. PROJECT LIMITS (mileposts, intersecting roadways, rivers, railroads, other boundaries)	
9. COUNTY Ellsworth	10. MUNICIPALITY City of Ellsworth	11. PROJECT LENGTH/SIZE (if applicable) 3,900 Linear Feet	
12. 3-4 SENTENCE DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT PURPOSE AND SCOPE The proposed neighborhood multi-use pathway project will provide for a safe and reliable route for adults and children to utilize instead of K-14 shoulders to connect them to the Good Samaritan Retirement Village and the Canren Addition Workforce Housing Development. The proposed housing development will produce 12 new homes being added to the Canren Addition, which is estimated at \$2.5 million. Our community is anticipating there would be interested families in the housing development that have young children. Having an established multi-use pathway system in place would intrigue young families to move into a new house with safety features and amenities in place. It would be the city's priority to work collaboratively with the developer and Good Samaritan officials in developing a comprehensive multi-use pathway plan in connecting these neighborhoods with existing sidewalks that cross over the K-14/Smoky Hill River bridge.			



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ELIGIBILITY	
13. PROJECT CATEGORY – select only one	
PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLE / NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pedestrian/Bicycle/Non-motorized transportation facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure related projects to provide safe routes for non-drivers <input type="checkbox"/> Conversion of abandoned railway corridors to trails	HISTORIC / ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRANSPORTATION ACTIVITIES <input type="checkbox"/> Historic preservation and rehabilitation of historic transportation facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Archaeological activities relating to impacts from another eligible activity
SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL <input type="checkbox"/> Phase 1 – Non-infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> Phase 2 – Infrastructure	SCENIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL <input type="checkbox"/> Construction of turn-outs, overlooks, and viewing areas <input type="checkbox"/> Streetscaping or corridor landscaping, and vegetation management practices in transportation rights-of-way <input type="checkbox"/> Highway-related stormwater management, water pollution prevention or abatement related to highway construction or highway runoff <input type="checkbox"/> Reduction of vehicle-cause wildlife mortality or restoration of habitat connectivity <input type="checkbox"/> Inventory, control, or removal of outdoor advertising

PROJECT COST ESTIMATES			
14. TOTAL TAP FUNDS REQUESTED: \$ 449,600			
	Participating	Non-participating	Total
15. Preliminary Engineering (design)	(SRTS Phase 1 <u>only</u>) \$	\$ 55,000	\$ 55,000
16. Utilities		\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
17. ROW		\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
18. Construction Engineering (Inspection)	\$ 80,000	\$	\$ 80,000
19. Construction Total	\$ 482,000	\$	\$ 482,000
Select anticipated work types	\$	\$	\$
a. Grading	\$ 62,000	\$	\$
b. Ped/Bike Path	\$ 322,000	\$	\$
c. Bridge(s)	\$ 86,000	\$	\$
d. Seeding	\$ 12,000	\$	\$
e.	\$	\$	\$
20. PROJECT TOTALS	\$ 562,000	\$ 62,000	\$ 624,000



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PROJECT QUALIFICATIONS		YES / NO																		
1.	Will your project require acquisition of Right-of-Way or any easements?	YES																		
	a. If YES, do you have a Letter of Support from the property owner(s)?	YES																		
2.	Are any state funds involved with this project? If YES, please explain the source, amount, and conditions:	NO																		
3.	Are other federal funds involved with this project? If YES, please explain the source, amount, and conditions:	NO																		
4.	Is this project within the boundaries of an MPO?	NO																		
	a. If YES, is the project listed in the TIP or MTP?	NO																		
5.	Is this project located in an area of historical significance or within a designated scenic or historic byway corridor? If YES, please provide details:	NO																		
6.	Has any part of this project been started already? If YES, please provide details:	NO																		
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REQUIRED DOCUMENTS		
21. REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS – please attach the following items to this application with the corresponding letter (A thru I) in the upper right-hand corner of each item.		
A	NARRATIVE	Prepare 2 to 3 pages of text that describe existing conditions, needs, project scope, and benefits related to the proposed project.
B	DETAILED MAPS & PHOTOS	Provide maps and photos that identify the project location, boundaries, and existing conditions.
C	SKETCH-PLAN/PRELIMINARY DESIGN	Provide documents that illustrate the completed project, include cross-sections and preliminary plans for proposed facility types.
D	COST ESTIMATES	Prepare a detailed itemization of the estimated total project costs and the associated work phase(s).
E	PROJECT TIMELINE	Prepare a project timeline for the total duration of the project or program. Please anticipate awards being announced Spring 2020 and beginning the design process once awards are announced.
F	RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT	Provide an official endorsement of the project from the authority to be responsible for providing the matching funds, maintenance and operation. The authority <u>must</u> provide written assurance that it will adequately maintain the completed project for its intended public use.
G	LETTERS OF SUPPORT	Provide Letters of Support for the project from the public, community organizations and businesses, or property owners regarding right-of-way. If applicable, a Letter of Support will also be required from any historical society, scenic or historic byway board, or MPO that addresses the project's impact.
H	SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PLAN	All SRTS Phase 2 applicants <u>must</u> submit a Safe Routes to School Plan that supports the proposed project.
I	PLANNING DOCUMENT	If available, provide the section from any eligible planning document that supports the proposed project.



Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program

2021 TA PROJECT APPLICATION FORM

CERTIFICATION	
<p>To the best of my knowledge and belief, all information included in this application is true and accurate, including the commitment of all physical and financial resources. This application has been duly authorized by the participating local authority. I understand the attached RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT binds the participating authority to assume responsibility for adequate maintenance of any new or improved facilities.</p> <p>I understand that all construction must comply with AASHTO design standards and any signage and markings must be compliant with the current issue of the MUTCD.</p> <p>I also understand that, although this information is sufficient to secure a commitment of funds, an executed agreement between the applicant and the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) is required prior to the authorization of funds.</p>	
Signature: 	Date: October 28, 2019
Name (printed): Scott Moore	Title: City Administrator
Representing: City of Ellsworth	

APPLICATION SUBMISSION (e-mail submissions will not be accepted)
<p>Please submit 1 hard copy and 1 digital copy (in PDF format on a USB flash drive) of the completed application with all required documents. All application packets must be received or postmarked by Friday, November 1, 2019 and mailed to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Attn: Jenny Kramer Kansas Department of Transportation Eisenhower State Office Building 700 SW Harrison St, 2nd Floor Topeka, KS 66603 </p>

A. Project Narrative

A.1 Existing Condition Description

Approximately 0.50 miles south of Ellsworth along the west side of Kansas Highway 14 (K-14), is a Good Samaritan Retirement Village and a housing subdivision called Canren Addition. There are currently nine houses in Canren Addition, with a tenth house located just to the north. K-14 is a two-lane asphalt roadway with no shoulders.

Approximately 0.10 miles south of the Smoky Hill River bridge is the Ellsworth County Fairgrounds, a rodeo arena, two baseball diamonds, and a large grassy area which is used for many activities such as: the annual 4th of July celebration, youth soccer and flag football practice, 4-H activities, traveling carnivals, and many others. This entire area is owned by the local governments. Directly southwest of the bridge are two more baseball fields and another large grassy area which is also utilized for many local events. This area is owned by the City.

Less than 0.10 miles north of the bridge is a sweet treat dispensary called the Sugar Shack as well as the Hodgden House Museum, both local attractions for old and young alike and the center of the annual Cowtown Days Celebration. A KAN-cycle bike sharing station was constructed by the museum in 2019. A few hundred feet further north is the downtown business district of Ellsworth consisting of retail shops, restaurants, professional services, and the Ellsworth Elementary School.

A.2 Project Needs

There is a proposed Workforce Housing Development project to construct 12 new homes in Canren Addition beginning in 2020. The estimated cost of the project is \$2.5 million. People currently walk and bicycle to Ellsworth from this area by utilizing the K-14 pavement or ditches. With minimal shoulders along the highway, pedestrian and bicycle travel on the roadway is an undesirable interaction with high speed automobile traffic. The posted speed limit is 50 mph from Kansas Highway 156 until the city limits. Walking in the ditch separates pedestrians from motorized vehicles but has its own perils of stepping in holes, stepping on refuse, or tripping in the tall grass. The proposed new homes are anticipated to attract families with young children. The roads within Canren Addition consist of gravel surfacing, also less than desirable for pedestrian traffic. Having an established multi-use pathway system in place from Canren Addition to Ellsworth would spark increased interest for young families to move into a new house knowing that safety features and amenities are in place. This pathway would connect the residents south of town with the Fairgrounds, public recreation facilities, the museum, and the downtown business district. It would be the city's priority to work collaboratively with the housing developer and Good Samaritan officials in developing a comprehensive multi-use pathway plan for connecting these neighborhoods with existing sidewalks that cross over the K-14/Smoky Hill River bridge.

A.3 Project Scope

The proposed neighborhood multi-use pathway project will provide for a safe and reliable route for adults and children to utilize instead of K-14 to connect them to the Good Samaritan Retirement Village and the Canren Addition Workforce Housing Development. The project scope is to construct an 8-foot-wide concrete path from the paved parking lot of Good Samaritan, north to the Smoky Hill River bridge. A pedestrian span bridge is proposed to cross the creek which runs along the south side of the fairgrounds. The bridge will not only provide a safe and efficient way to cross the creek but will also be an item of interest for users of the path.

The pathway will initially traverse along the western edge of the KDOT right of way of K-14. Just south of the creek, the pathway will diagonal northwest for a short distance to where the creek crossing is narrowed, thus allowing for a shorter bridge. The bridge will be located in the trees along the creek. The path will then continue north along the west side of the old armory building, following the east side of the gravel road to Ave K. After crossing Ave K to the north, the pathway will follow the alignment of an existing sidewalk east to Cleveland Ave. From there it will traverse northeast to an existing sidewalk coming from the Smoky Hill River bridge.

A.4 Project Benefits

The proposed pathway would provide a smooth ADA compliant concrete surface, away from K-14 traffic, for people to walk or bicycle between Ellsworth and the housing to the south of town. It further provides connectivity between the housing south of town, the fairgrounds, the museum, and the downtown business district. The separation of pedestrians and bicyclists from vehicular traffic on K-14 will be a safety improvement, while at the same time providing a scenic pathway for recreation and exercise for healthy living.

People seeking to utilize the pathway for the purpose of recreation and/or exercise could park at the fairgrounds and have a nearly one-mile round trip. Those seeking a longer adventure could park at the museum to get about a 1.75-mile round trip.

What a tremendous asset this pathway will be for attracting people and businesses to Ellsworth!

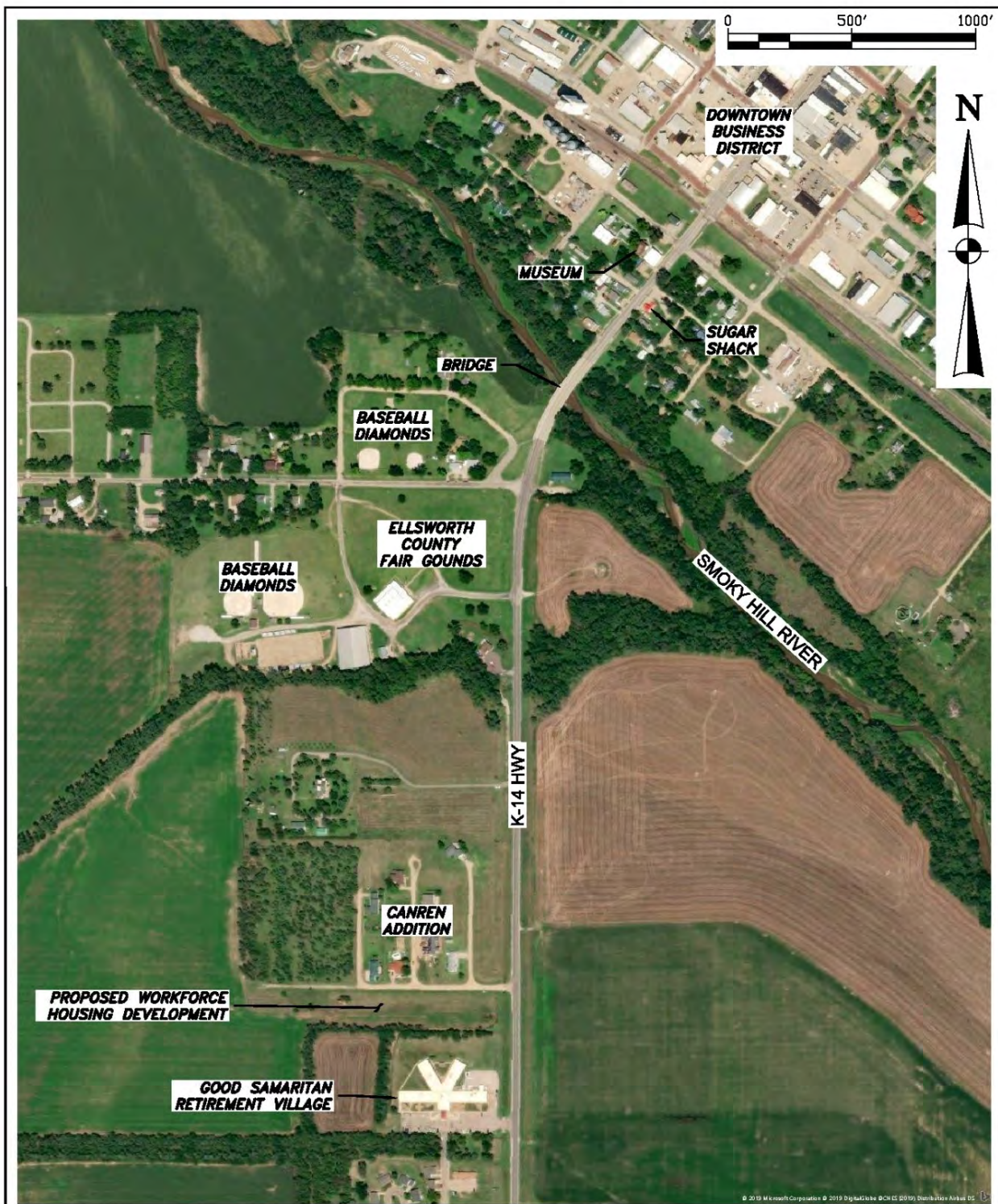
A.5 Project Readiness

The majority of the pathway is proposed to be constructed on publicly owned property. The city has talked with the KDOT Area Engineer and Maintenance Superintendent in Ellsworth about utilizing the western K-14 right of way from the Good Samaritan Village to the creek. A small tract of right of way may need to be acquired along the southern edge of the creek. The city owns property on the creek up to the K-14 right of way. The amount of right of way to be acquired is estimated to be 0.05 acres from one parcel. The landowner of this property has been contacted and has indicated that they would be open to idea of the pathway if it has minimal impact to their property.

There is a possibility that one or two power poles may need to be moved and perhaps a phone pedestal structure. The need for utility relocations will be determined during the preliminary design process. The pathway will be shifted where possible to avoid existing utilities.

The project has been on City Council meeting agendas twice in October 2019, where the project was discussed openly. No objections were raised during these meetings.

B. Detailed Map and Photos



AREA EXHIBIT

CITY OF ELLSWORTH
MULTI-USE PATH



K-14 Highway looking north.



West K-14 right-of-way.



West K-14 right-of-way near creek.



Fairgrounds facility (owned by City). Path will be adjacent to gravel road.



Replace sidewalk along north side Ave K.



Improve path along Cleveland Ave.



KANcycle bike sharing station near museum.

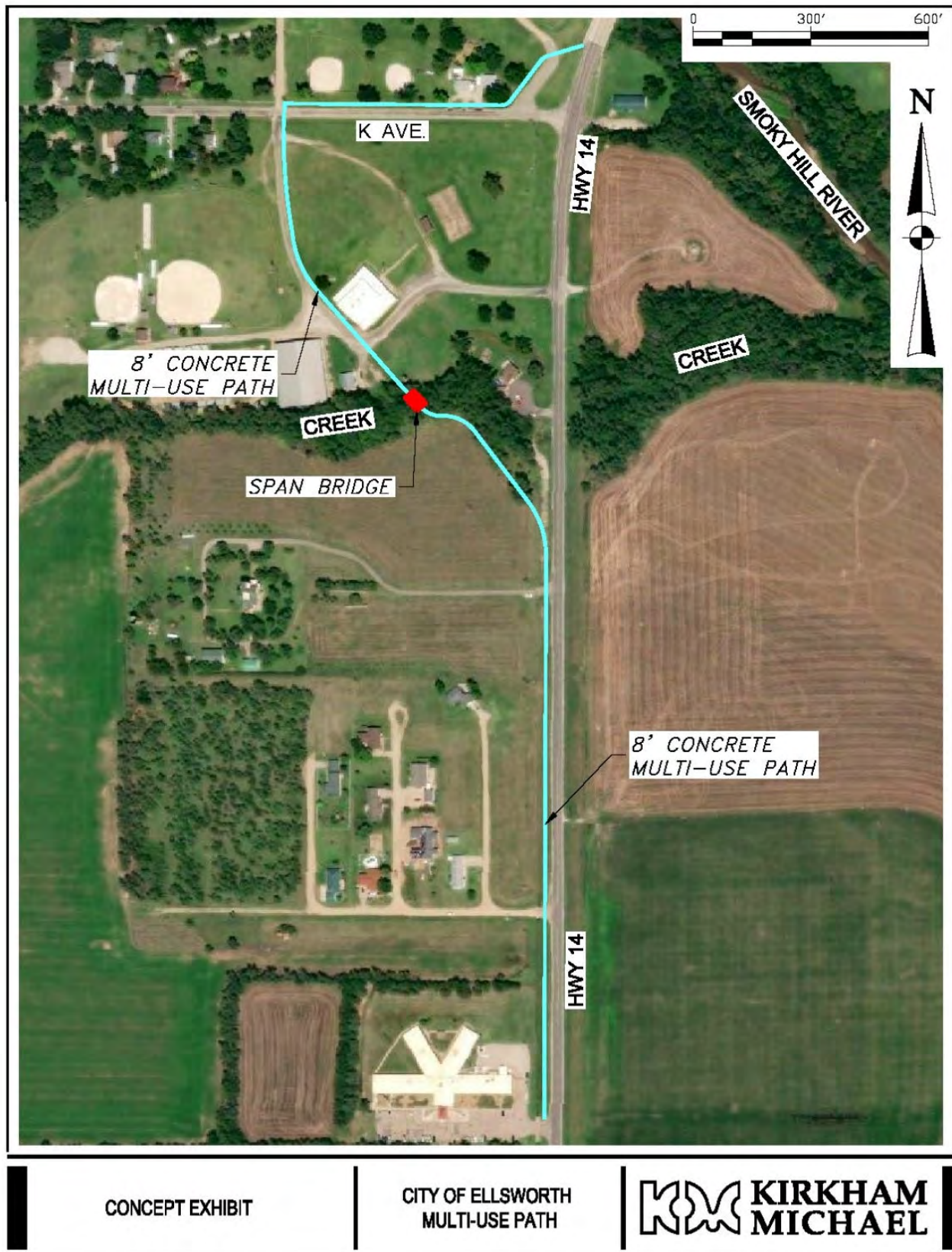


Hodgden House Museum.



Sugar Shack.

C. Sketch Plan/Preliminary Design



D. Itemized Breakdown of Project Costs

Line No	Item Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Item Cost
1	Sidewalk Construction (4") (AE)	3,467	SQYD	\$50	\$173,350
2	Remove/Replace Curb and Gutter	20	LNFT	\$45	\$900
3	Sidewalk Ramp	100	SQYD	\$175	\$17,500
4	Erosion Control/Seeding	1	LS	\$10,000	\$10,000
5	Common Excavation	1,733	CUYD	\$25.00	\$43,333
6	Metal Pipe Culverts	216	LNFT	\$75	\$16,200
7	Concrete Pavement	149	SQYD	\$90	\$13,400
8	Construct Concrete Stemwall	60	LNFT	\$75	\$4,500
9	Removal of Existing Structures	1	LSUM	\$8,000	\$8,000
10	Mobilization	1	LSUM	\$25,000	\$25,000
11	Traffic Control	1	LSUM	\$10,000	\$10,000
12	Contractor Construction Staking	1	LSUM	\$7,500	\$7,500
13	Span Bridge over creek	1	LSUM	\$72,000	\$72,000
14	Inflation (4.5% x 2 years)	1	LSUM	\$36,965	\$36,965

Subtotal \$438,648

Construction Contingency 10.0% \$43,865

Opinion of Probable Cost \$482,513

Design Status (Check One)

☒ Conceptual Design

☐ Preliminary Design

☐ Final Design

KIRKHAM MICHAEL

Project Manager: J. Halbgewachs

Date: 10/14/2019

The Engineer, using his or her professional judgement, has developed this stated Opinion of Probable Construction Cost based upon the design status identified above. Development of this Opinion has included consideration of design input level; however, the circumstances under which the work is expected to be undertaken, the cost and availability of materials, labor and services, probable bidder response and the economic conditions at the time of bid solicitation are beyond the control of the Engineer and will impact actual bid costs. Should bidding be delayed, these costs should be reviewed and, if necessary, adjusted to a more applicable *Engineering News Record* Construction Cost Index

Cost Summary	Estimated Cost	City	KDOT
Preliminary Engineering	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$0
Utility Relocates	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
Right of Way	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
Construction	\$482,000	\$96,400	\$385,600
Construction Engineering	\$80,000	\$16,000	\$64,000
TOTALS	\$624,000	\$174,400	\$449,600

E. Project Timeline

TA Applications Due	November 1, 2019
TA Project Award	January 2020
Design Consultant Contract for Design	February 2020
Submit Field Check Plans	August 2020
Field Check Project	November 2020
Clear Right of Way and Utilities	March 2021
Submit Final Plans	July 2021
Project Letting	October 2021
Construction	Spring/Summer 2022

F. Resolution of Support from the City of Ellsworth

Resolution 19-1028A

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

For a Transportation Alternatives Program Application and Maintenance Commitment

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE ELIGIBILITY OF THE CITY OF ELLSWORTH TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR USE OF TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM FUNDS SET FORTH BY MAP-21 FOR THE ELLSWORTH NEIGHBORHOOD MULTI-USE PATHWAY PROJECT IN ELLSWORTH, KANSAS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN THIS APPLICATION.

Whereas, the City of Ellsworth, Kansas, has the legal authority to apply for, receive, and administer federal, state, and other monies through Home Rule Power under the Constitution of the State of Kansas and authorized by K.S.A. 12-1662, regarding the expenditure of federal-aid to public agencies; and

Whereas, the City of Ellsworth, Kansas, is submitting an application to the Kansas Department of Transportation for Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program funds in the amount of \$449,600 set forth by MAP-21 and as outlined in KDOT's Transportation Alternatives Program Guidance & Application Packet for 2021; and

Whereas, the City of Ellsworth, Kansas, is participating as an eligible Project Sponsor in the Kansas Department of Transportation's TA Program set forth by MAP-21; and

Whereas, Federal monies are available under a Transportation Alternatives Program set forth by MAP-21, administered by the State of Kansas, Department of Transportation, for the purpose of creating and promoting the planning and development of active transportation facilities and programs in Kansas; and

Whereas, the City of Ellsworth, Kansas, acknowledges availability of the required local match of no less than 20% of the cost of construction and construction engineering, as well as, the availability of funds to pay all upfront costs; and,

Whereas, after appropriate public input and due consideration, the Governing Body of the City of Ellsworth, Kansas, has recommended that an application be submitted to the State of Kansas for the Ellsworth Neighborhood Multi-Use Pathway project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ELLSWORTH, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. That the City of Ellsworth, Kansas, does hereby authorize the City Administrator to submit an application to the Kansas Department of Transportation for Transportation Alternatives Program funds set forth by MAP-21 on behalf of the citizens of City of Ellsworth, Kansas.

SECTION 2. That the City of Ellsworth, Kansas, hereby assures the Kansas Department of Transportation that sufficient funding for the Ellsworth Neighborhood Multi-Use Pathway project is available.

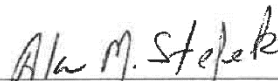
SECTION 3. That the City of Ellsworth, Kansas, hereby assures the Kansas Department of Transportation that sufficient funding for the operation and maintenance of the Ellsworth Neighborhood Multi-Use Pathway project will be available for the life of the project.

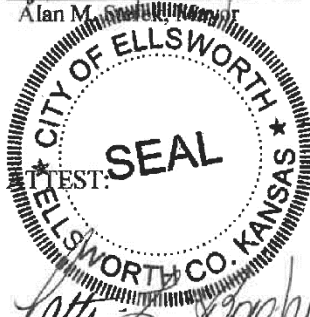
SECTION 4. That the City of Ellsworth, Kansas, hereby assures the Kansas Department of Transportation that the City of Ellsworth, Kansas, will have title or permanent easement to the project by the time of project letting, if necessary.


SECTION 5. That the City Administrator of the City of Ellsworth, Kansas, is authorized to sign the application to the Kansas Department of Transportation for Transportation Alternatives Program funds set forth by MAP-21 on behalf of the citizens of the City of Ellsworth, Kansas. The City Administrator is also authorized to submit additional information as may be required and act as the official representative of the City of Ellsworth in this and subsequent related activities.

SECTION 6. That the City of Ellsworth, Kansas, hereby assures the Kansas Department of Transportation that the City of Ellsworth, Kansas, is willing and able to, if the Ellsworth Neighborhood Multi-Use Pathway project is selected for funding, administer all activities involved with the Ellsworth Neighborhood Multi-Use Pathway project.

ADOPTED AND PASSED by the Governing Body of the City of Ellsworth, Kansas, this 28th day of October, 2019.


Alan M. Stofek, Mayor




Patti L. Booher, City Clerk

G. Letters of Support



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October 24, 2019

Kansas Department of Transportation
Attn: Jenny Kramer
700 SW Harrison St. 2nd Floor
Topeka, KS 66603

RE: Transportation Alternative Program Grant Submission

To Whom It May Concern,

Ellsworth County Economic Development is pleased to provide a letter of support to the City of Ellsworth in support of a Kansas Department of Transportation Alternative Program grant.

The City of Ellsworth has been awarded a new housing development through the Kansas Department of Housing Low Income Tax Credit program, which is scheduled to break ground in Spring of 2020, for occupancy in January 2021. This housing development will provide our community affordable housing for the workforce, and will fill a void that we need to attract new families to our community. The many economic benefits of the housing development include additional tax revenues from the newly developed location, providing tools to our employers to attract new employees to fill their vacancies, sales tax revenues, and overall an increase in the tax base.

The current location of the new development, however, does not have attractive or safe walkability for families with children. The grant application proposed would put those features in place, thereby allowing safe access to the downtown district and the schools for children at the new housing location. Increased walkability also increases our community wellness initiatives, and promotes a safe route to school.

On behalf of Ellsworth County Economic Development, we sincerely thank you in advance for your consideration of this worthy project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Stacie Schmidt'.

Stacie Schmidt
Executive Director
Ellsworth County Economic Development



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October 29, 2019

Kansas Department of Transportation
Attn: Jenny Kramer
700 SW Harrison St 2nd Floor
Topeka, KS 66603

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Executive Director

Dear Jenny:

It is my privilege to write this letter of support for the City of Ellsworth in their submission of a grant request for the Transportation Alternatives Program through the KDOT. The proposed multi-use path will certainly benefit the downtown district.

As we look to expand the southern end of our community with a new housing development this new plan is sure to be a necessity, and now is the time to move on the project. The Ellsworth Area Chamber is so appreciative of the City's proactive approach to keeping us all connected. Having this multi-use path to join the downtown with the housing areas toward the south that is safe along Highway 14, and then diverts from that highway will keep everyone safe as they travel into town on a great wellness path. I can also see this boosting the use of our recently installed bike share program.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this strategy from the City of Ellsworth. We look forward to the possibilities that lie ahead as we grow and thrive.

Respectfully,

Tami McGreevy
Executive Director
Ellsworth Area Chamber of Commerce

City of Ellsworth

Ellsworth, Kansas

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City Attorney

Scott Moore
City Administrator

October 28, 2019

Jenny Kramer
Kansas Department of Transportation,

I am writing to you today on behalf of the City of Ellsworth to seek grant funding for a multi-purpose pathway project that will connect the city's recreation facility with an assistant living complex and a subdivision south of the Smoky Hill River. As the Recreation Director, the proposed pathway would benefit recreation programs and activities and safe transportation route to our recreation complex. The facility complex four (4) ball fields that are used by the city and the school district.

The facility is used from March to August and serves over 500 people during this timeframe. Adding a multi-purpose pathway to our community, would allow children and adults to utilize this new asset for walking and riding their bicycles. Currently pedestrians and cyclist utilize K-14 shoulders to get to and from our complex, which creates an unsafe route for the community. The proposed pathway would eliminate those concerns

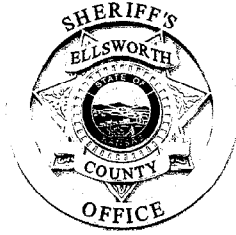
Thank you for your time and consideration in reviewing our project application. If you need any additional information regarding our project proposal, please feel free to contact me at (785) 531-1812 or by e-mail:

Sincerely,



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October 29, 2019

Jon Halbgewachs
Kirkham Michael
Ellsworth, KS 67439

Re: Letter of Support

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter to add my support to a proposed concrete path that would be built from the Good Samaritan facility south of Ellsworth to the Smoky Hill River Bridge.

Back in the 1980's, my wife and I bought 2 lots in the housing development just north of the Good Sam with the intentions of building a house there. We also had small children at that time who were learning to ride bicycles. The main reason that we didn't ever build our house at that location was because we could foresee our kids wanting to ride their bikes to school or a friend's house and the only option there was/is, is to ride them on K-14 highway. Had this path been an option back then we would probably be living out there to this day.

I think that adding this path from the Good Sam to the river bridge would be a tremendous improvement to this area of town from a safety aspect as well as an economic development perspective.

Sincerely,

Murray A. Marston
Ellsworth County Sheriff
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October 28, 2019

City of Ellsworth
Attention: Scott Moore, City Administrator
121 W. 1st Street
Ellsworth, KS 67439-0163

Re: Ellsworth Neighborhood Multi-Use Pathway Project

Dear Mr. Moore,

The Ellsworth Good Samaritan Campus is excited to learn about the City of Ellsworth working with our neighborhood and the Kansas Department of Transportation to submit an application to install a multi-use pathway that will connect our main campus with the Canren Addition that will connect to the city's recreation complex.

With the future housing development planned for our area of the city, incorporating a new pathway adjacent to K-14 would be a welcomed and safe addition to our area of the community.

My Management Team and I are very supportive of this community initiative and look forward to working with you and the City Council in improving our neighborhood and helping us feel connected with the Canren Addition. Thank you for allowing us to be involved with this pathway project.

Sincerely,

Lynette Ammermann

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October 16, 2019

City of Ellsworth
Attention: Scott Moore, City Administrator
121 W. 1st Street
Ellsworth, KS 67439-0163

Re: Ellsworth Neighborhood Multi-Use Pathway Project

Dear Mr. Moore,

My family and I are pleased to hear the City of Ellsworth is seeking an application through the Kansas Department of Transportation to install a multi-use pathway that will connect our subdivision to the other neighborhoods south of the Smoky Hill River.

There is a future housing development planned for our subdivision and adding a pathway adjacent to the lots we currently own and KDOT's right-of-way would be a great place to install the pathway. With young families with children being the prospective buyers of these new homes, providing a safe multi-use pathway would keep the children from walking and biking on K-14 highway to the recreation ballfields.

In closing, we support this community initiative and look forward to working with you and the governing body in improving our neighborhood and helping us feel connected with the other city neighborhoods south of the river. Thank you for your time and efforts in working with my family and the other property owners along this proposed pathway project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Jolene Caldwell'. The signature is fluid and matches the printed name below it.

Jolene Caldwell

ELLSWORTH POLICE DEPARTMENT

Emil Halfhill
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October 29th, 2019
To: Jenny Kramer KDOT
Ref: letter of support

Mrs. Kramer,

My name is Emil Halfhill and I'm the Chief of Police for the Ellsworth Kansas Police Department. I'm writing you this letter of support pertaining to a grant funding for a multi-purpose pathway project, which would connect the most southern part of Ellsworth to ball fields and Smoky Hill river bridge area.

Located south of town is the Recreation Center/Complex, which houses baseball, softball and t-ball along with other events throughout the year. These events include the Ellsworth County Fair, Ellsworth Cowtown Days, July 4th Celebrations and even a few car shows. Located just south, down K-14 Highway is an approx. 15 home subdivision along with a large multi structure nursing home, independent living quarters and an apartment complex. There is currently a project slated for 2020 to build several new single-family homes in the already established subdivision. These new homes will be income based and more likely then not, bring in new families including those with children.

As the area currently sets south of town, anyone wanting to walk into town would be required to walk down the 6" or so shoulder along Highway K-14. This current set up is not conducive for anyone, let alone a younger child walking or riding a bike or an elderly person wanting to come into town on their own to watch a grandchild or such participate in an event at the complex.

Having a multi-purpose path long this area would not only improve safety for those in the community but also the quality of life of all of those too. This would be accomplished by allowing them to walk or ride bicycles for exercise or enjoyment.

This type of project may seem small in scale from what KDOT usually grants or oversees but would provide a large benefit to all those in the community both residents and those attending events at the complex. The area where the pathway would be placed would be seen and used by those near and far due to the wide variety of events held at the complex and those visiting friends and family at the above-mentioned residences.

Thank you for your time and consideration in reviewing this project application. If you need any additional information regarding this project, please feel free to contact me at (785) 472-5110 or by email ehalfhill@ellsworthks.net

A handwritten signature of Emil Halfhill in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Emil Halfhill
Police Chief