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Lawrence City Commission
P.O. Box 708
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RE: Kasold Drive Reconstruction

Honorable Mayor and members of the City Commission:

I am writing in anticipation of your July 19 meeting which I unfortunately will be unable to attend.

My neighbors and I very much appreciate the concerns you all shared regarding the impact of this project on our quality of life. Closing both lanes of Kasold would be an unmitigated disaster, as the 20,000 vehicles traveling Kasold every day would have no viable detour. Additionally, the bike path would be far more practical on the east side of Kasold, as it would actually go somewhere on that side. As proposed on the west side, it would end up basically nowhere, the corner of Kasold and Bob Billings Parkway. What happens from there? At least it could be joined with the existing path on the east and connect with campus and its bicycling areas. It is far more logical, and will not cause the property destruction as will the west side route.

We also respectfully request that St. Andrews be closed at Bob Billings to all but local traffic during the reconstruction and also close Quail Creek north of Augusta. This will prevent our neighborhood from becoming a defacto detour for cut through traffic. Our streets have no sidewalks, numerous blind hills and curves, and are simply not designed for anything but neighborhood traffic.

We at Alvamar Estates are very appreciative of your concerns. Thank you for your time and consideration to these important matters. Please call me if you have any questions (749-0672).

Very truly yours,



Thomas Raney, on
behalf of Alvamar Estates Homeowners