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Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission:

I appreciate your giving me an opportunity to speak at the commission meeting of June 28. I would like to follow up with a written statement.

As you know the major north south streets in west Lawrence are Iowa, Kasold, and Wakarusa. The following traffic counts were made by the state of Kansas in 2001 and 2002. Iowa street carries 29,665 at 9th Street, 38,835 at 15th Street and 30,085 at Clinton Parkway. Kasold carries 14,840 south of 6th Street, 15,780 north of 15th and 18,655 north of Clinton Parkway. Wakarusa carries 10,755 south of 6th Street, 13,460 north of 15th Street and 10,755 North of Clinton Parkway. Kasold is one mile east of Iowa and one and one half-mile west of Kasold.

If Kasold is blocked from 15th Street to 22nd Street for nine months where will the 18,655 cars a day go? The City Manager says they cannot go through any of the residential areas, all of which are west of Kasold. I think the great likelihood is most would go to Iowa Street. They then have the choice of going through the intersection of 15th and Iowa or take Crestline as a short cut to the south.

I think that clearly the city has the legal right to regulate traffic. I think the combination of closing Kasold totally for nine months and then restricting access to the residents, only has the potential to cause a lot of resentment.

To the best of my knowledge there has never a major arterial street that has been totally closed for nine months. That would be justified if it were

a catastrophe, such as a bridge falling or becoming unsafe. That is not the situation here. It is my understanding the nine-month shutdown is being proposed to save money. I am all for saving money, but I do not believe it should be at the expense of one particular group.

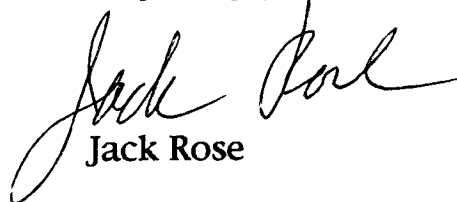
I believe that the city of Lawrence, and all other cities, have an obligation to treat all of its citizens fairly and equally. This proposal to totally shut down Kasold for nine months in my opinion does not do so. It cannot be sugar coated by saying it saves money. It saves money at the expense of the people living in the area; people using Kasold and the people doing business in the area. I believe that the area is from 6th Street to Clinton Parkway. It is singling out one particular section, Fifteen Street to 22nd Street, for this treatment which I believe to be unequal and unfair .

As far as I know this sets a precedent which I believe should not be set. It breaks the implied contract between those who govern and those who are governed. Obeying this implied contract is what makes our system work. In my opinon this arbitrary proposal breaks the implied contract.

I believe that two lanes of traffic on Kasold would provide adequate short-term access. The traffic count at Kentucky street south of 23rd is 15,340. The street is a two-lane street very similar to two lanes of Kasold. Kentucky at 23rd most of the time is not overloaded. I believe that two lanes of Kasold would also not be overloaded most of the time.

Currently both of the double lanes of Kasold between 15th and 22nd Street are in workable condition. I believe that keeping two lanes of Kasold open will solve a lot of the problems described above. I believe the best interest of the adjacent home owners, the people currently using this section of Kasold, and the commercial facilities from 6th Street to Clinton Parkway are best served by keeping two lanes of Kasold open.

Very truly yours,



Jack Rose