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2. City Performance Audit (11.18.16) - Fellers, Raybould, Lamm
3. Problem Resolution Team (11.17.16) - Lamm
4. Downtown Lincoln Association (11.22.16) - Eskridge, Gaylor Baird
5. Partnership for Economic Development (12.01.16) - Camp, Christensen, Eskridge
6. Telecommunication/Cable TV Board (12.01.16) - Fellers
7. Correctional Facility Joint Public Agency - Gaylor Baird
   (Week of 12.05.16)
8. Railroad Transportation Safety District - Christensen, Raybould, Lamm
9. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board - Christensen
10. Information Services Policy Committee - Raybould

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2. Verlen Rittenbush stating we should have more competition in the movie theater area.
3. Don Crouch against allowing skateboards, etc on downtown sidewalks. Not safe.

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2. Norlyn and Cindy Raisch with concerns about the proposed 20 year plan for Lincoln streets. Reject the plan.
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4. Gary and Faye Gutgesell against the 20 year transportation plan, giving reasons.
5. Carolyn Mohr requesting the transportation plan not be passed.
6. Steve Clements with thoughts on street tree replacement. Would like to hear viewpoints on this matter.

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XI. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS
See invitation list.

XII. ADJOURNMENT
U.S. 77 NOT OPEN TO BLUFF ROAD LANDFILL

Those who usually use U.S. 77 to reach the City’s Bluff Road landfill will need to find alternate routes today. A fatal accident this morning at U.S. 77 and Waverly Road has resulted in the closure of U.S. 77 between Interstate 80 and Waverly Road. The closure may last all day. The suggested route is to use N. 70th Street. Those accessing the landfill from the west are reminded that a bridge on Bluff Road between N. 27th and N. 40th streets is closed.

More information about the City’s Solid Waste Operations is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: landfill).

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:  December 7, 2016
FOR MORE INFORMATION:  Wayne Mixdorf, Parking Manager, 402-441-6097

CITY PARKING RATE CHANGES BEGIN JAN. 3

Several City parking rate changes will take effect Tuesday, January 3, 2017. City garage rates and short-term metered parking (two hours or less) will increase from $1 to $1.25 per hour. The rate for long-term parking (five- and ten-hour meters) will decrease to $.75 per hour. The first hour of parking in all City garages remains free.

Wayne Mixdorf, Lincoln Parking Manager, said the increases are needed to fund increased maintenance and renovation costs for Lincoln’s parking system. He said City parking garage hourly rates have not increased since 2002. The changes were approved as part of the City budget.

Parking Services will offer a special discount on I-Park Cards purchased in December and January. Customers who purchase a $30 I-Park Card will receive $45 worth of parking, instead of the usual $36 worth of parking. I-Park Cards can be purchased at the Park and Go Office, 850 “Q” Street, and they can be reloaded online at parkandgo.org.

For more information, call Parking Services at 402-441-7275 or visit parkandgo.org.

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RESIDENTS, BUSINESS AND ORGANIZATIONS URGED TO SIGN UP NOW FOR “SNOW ANGELS” PROGRAM

Individuals, businesses and community organizations are needed again this winter to volunteer to shovel snow for those who are unable to clear their sidewalks and driveways themselves. The Public Works and Utilities Department’s Snow Angels program links volunteers willing to shovel snow with residents who need the service. Those wishing to volunteer may sign up online at snow.lincoln.ne.gov.

About 40 individuals and St. Luke’s United Methodist Church participated in Snow Angels last winter. Scott Opfer, Right of Way Manager, urged individuals, businesses and organizations to sign up before it snows so the service is available when it is needed. The program has helped several hundred residents with snow removal since its inception in 2012.

Those who need help can find volunteers near their home online at snow.lincoln.ne.gov/snow-angels (select “Map of Participating Volunteers”) or by calling the Snow Center 402-441-7644 during regular business hours. Due to limited staffing, those needing assistance are asked to wait until after it has snowed to call the Snow Center for assistance.

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DATE: December 7, 2016
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

Mayor Chris Beutler will discuss the importance of supporting the Long Range Transportation Plan at a news conference at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, December 8 in room 303, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street.
NATURE CENTER HAS OPENINGS FOR SPRING SEMESTER PRESCHOOL

The Pioneers Park Nature Center is now registering children for its spring semester preschool classes, which begin January 9, 2017. Morning and afternoon sessions are available for children ages three through five. Open sessions include Tuesday and Thursday preschool for children age three and four and Monday, Wednesday and Friday pre-kindergarten sessions for children age four and five.

Preschool Director Sueann Ahrens said the nature-focused activities include hiking, climbing, digging, building and exploring the outdoors, regardless of the weather. “We count with sticks, make patterns with leaves, and dig in the sand, soil and snow,” she said.

Preschool registration for the 2017-2018 school year begins February 1, 2017. Parents are invited to attend an open house Thursday, January 19, 2017 to learn about the Nature Center’s preschool and pre-kindergarten programs. The event is from 10 to 10:45 a.m. at the Prairie Building Auditorium at 3201 S. Coddington Avenue. In case of inclement weather, the open house will be rescheduled for Thursday, January 26, 2017.

For more information, contact Ahrens at 402-441-8669. More information is also available at parks.lincoln.ne.gov.

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AGENDA

I. Roll Call

II. Approval of Minutes of October 27, 2016, Commission Meeting

III. Approval of Agenda for December 15, 2016, Commission Meeting

IV. Case Dispositions
   A. Reasonable Cause / No Reasonable Cause
      1. LCHR Case No.: 16-0719-031-E-R
      2. LCHR Case No.: 16-0804-033-E-R
      3. LCHR Case No.: 16-0826-039-E-R

V. Pre-Determination Settlements
   1. LCHR Case No.: 16-1012-009-H
   2. LCHR Case No.: 16-1102-011-H
   3. LCHR Case No.: 16-1104-048-E-R

VI. Administrative Closures
   A. Failure to Cooperate
      1. LCHR Case No.: 16-0706-028-E-R
   B. Lack of Jurisdiction
      1. LCHR Case No.: 16-0818-036-E

VII. Old Business
    A. Outreach
    B. Civil Rights Conference
    C. New Commissioner Status

VIII. New Business
    A. Elect 2017 Chair and Vice-Chair

IX. Public Comment**

X. Adjournment

**Public comments are limited to 5 minutes per person. Members of the public may address any item of interest to LCHR during this open session with the exception of LCHR cases. Also, no member of the public who wishes to address the Commission will be allowed to examine any individual Commissioner or staff member on any item/question before the Commission unless invited to do so by the Chairperson.

ACCOMMODATION NOTICE
The City of Lincoln complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 guidelines. Ensuring the public's access to and participating in public meetings is a priority for the City of Lincoln. In the event you are in need of a reasonable accommodation in order to attend or participate in a public meeting conducted by the City of Lincoln, please contact the Director of Equity and Diversity, Lincoln Commission on Human Rights, at 402-441-7624 as soon as possible before the scheduled meeting date in order to make your request.
OFFICE OF TREASURER, CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

DECEMBER 5, 2016

TO: MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER & CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: FINANCE DEPARTMENT / CITY TREASURER

SUBJECT: MONTHLY CITY CASH REPORT

The records of this office show me to be charged with City cash as follows at the close of business October 31, 2016:

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<td>Cash Balance on October 31, 2016</td>
<td>$ 319,913,873.77</td>
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I desire to report that such City cash was held by me as follows which I will deem satisfactory unless advised and further directed in the matter by you:

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<td>Cash, Checks and Warrants</td>
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<td><strong>Total Cash on Hand October 31, 2016</strong></td>
<td><strong>$ 319,913,873.77</strong></td>
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The negative bank balances shown above do not represent the City as overdrawn in these bank accounts. In order to maximize interest earned on all City funds, deposits have been invested prior to the Departments’ notification to the City Treasurer’s office of these deposits; therefore, these deposits are not recorded in the City Treasurer’s bank account balances at month end.

I also hold as City Treasurer, securities in the amount of $21,225,993.29 representing authorized investments of the City’s funds.

ATTEST:

[Signature]

Melinda J. Jones, City Treasurer

[Signature]

Teresa Meier, City Clerk
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Memorandum

Date:  December 6, 2016
To:  City Clerk
From:  Amy Huffman, Planning Dept.
Re:  Administrative Approvals
cc:  Mayor Chris Beutler
     Planning Commission
     Geri Rorabaugh, Planning Dept.

This is a list of the administrative approvals by the Planning Director from November 29, 2016 through December 5, 2016:

**Administrative Amendment No. 16073** to Use Permit No. 128B, Morning Glory Estates, approved by the Planning Director on December 1, 2016, to delete the land use table for individual lots, increase the maximum total building area to 121,000 square feet, and remove unnecessary notes, generally located at N. 84th and Holdrege Streets.

**Administrative Amendment No. 16078** to Change of Zone No. 05077, Thunderstone PUD, approved by the Planning Director on December 1, 2016, to revise the building layout and clarify parking for assembly uses, generally located at N.W. 40th and W. O Streets.

City/County Planning Department
555 S. 10th Street, Ste. 213 • Lincoln NE 68508
(402) 441-7491
Mary M. Meyer

Subject: O Street--9th to 10th

From: Jon Camp [mailto:joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com]
Sent: Wednesday, December 07, 2016 4:10 PM
To: Miki M. Esposito
Subject: O Street--9th to 10th

Miki:

Today I drove on O Street from 10th to 9th for the first time since work was performed last week. I was both amazed and very pleased—every single joint, crack and other opening in the street had been sealed with tar.

Thank you and Public Works. While to some the extensive sealing may not be pretty, it is a great preventative maintenance measure. As you know, I am a strong supporter of sealing our joints and cracks.

I also continue to observe more and more storm sewer inlets with steel on the leading edge. Thank you again for this.

Best regards,

Jon

JON A. CAMP
Lincoln City Council
200 Haymarket Square
808 P Street
P.O. Box 82307
Lincoln, NE  68501-2307

Office:  402.474.1838/402.474.1812
Fax:     402.474.1838
Cell:    402.560.1001

Email:   joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com
Dear Jon,

I'm opposed to the proposed Costco at 14th & Pine Lake. You've heard all of the reasons, and they are valid reasons. We live in this neighborhood. We experience the traffic everyday. We wait in a seemingly endless line of cars at 14th & Old Cheney as we try to get to our jobs downtown, after negotiating crazy traffic to drop off our kids at Scott Middle School and Southwest High School. We experience the same issues at 3 p.m. and between 4:30-6 p.m. If you haven't experienced it, please try driving through the area at 8 a.m., 3 p.m. or 4:30-6 p.m. on a school/work day.

So please excuse me when I scoff at the studies that City traffic experts use to justify a big box store being shoe-horned into an area that's already busting at the seams. We live here - we should know. The City has already acknowledged the traffic problem at 14th & Old Cheney: it's proposing to construct a super roundabout in 2020 for a whopping $25 million. You are elected leaders who are supposed to represent US, the electorate, and we are telling you that we don't want Costco at 14th and Pine Lake. There's a great location for Costco nearby at Hwy 77 and Warlick, with infrastructure already in place.

It seems the Mayor has made up his mind - he wants Costco at 14th & Pine Lake. He seems blinded by the supposed economic benefits that Costco will bring, but the benefits will be more than offset by the infrastructure problems and negative side effects. The unrealistic and patronizing traffic 'studies' used justify this project should be set aside in favor of common sense and real life experience of local residents. I've supported many of the Mayor's projects in the past - he's done some great things for Lincoln, but this is not one of them. Please exercise some independent judgment - Lincoln has a proud history of independent leaders who aren't tied to political parties.

Please vote against Costco at 14th and Pine Lake.

Sincerely,

Chris Heinrich
6739 Blue Ridge Lane
Lincoln NE 68516
Mr Camp I would like to express the reason I believe we should have more variety or competition in the movie theater area. There are numerous times when a movie comes out that it is only available at the Grand Theater downtown. I am one who would rather not have to go all the way downtown to see the movie and know I am not alone. If I live in the southeast, southwest area of town I should have it available here.
This administration has done everything in it's power to eliminate motorized traffic in downtown Lincoln. I have to admit it is working as it is now scary and dangerous to drive an automobile downtown. I avoid it whenever possible. Now they want to allow skateboards etc. on the sidewalks. This will mean that it's not safe to drive or walk in the downtown area. How can this be a good idea? I would point out that older individuals do not ride bicycles or skateboards and many do not live close to bus routes.
To Mayor Beutler and the members of the Lincoln City Council:

I want to unequivocally state my disapproval of the long-term transportation plan under consideration. It allocates entirely too much funding for alternative transportation and neglects our streets and highways. As a south Lincoln resident who commutes daily and year-round, this is unacceptable. This plan will increase taxes and yet—by the admission of the planning commission—will leave roads in poorer condition.

This is all for the sake of securing federal funds in support of a flawed, statist utopian vision for centralized transport that ignores a simple truth of life in Nebraska: Winter is coming. The commerce and daily life of Lincoln residents rests on their ability to move freely and efficiently. A long term plan that forces citizens to rely on the efficiency of government transportation and bike paths during the long, cold winter months is doomed to fail everyone.

The city can do better. The city must do better.

Sincerely,

Nathan R. Hoppe
Lincoln, NE
Council members:

I have some concerns about the proposed 20 year plan for Lincoln streets that purportedly proposes to spend millions of tax dollars over the next twenty years to leave city streets in worse shape than they are today.

I'd like to address the following question specifically to Ms. Raybould and Mr. Cook, given each of your business experience: What do you suppose would happen to the facilities maintenance director of any company if he should come up with a plan, with these results, for maintaining corporate buildings and assets? My business experience tells me such an individual would not be viewed as competent or successful, and would either change his performance or be replaced.

Why should the taxpayers of Lincoln be expected to not only tolerate, but fund, such incompetence?

Secondly, in regard to 21% of budgeted expenditures being dedicated to mass transportation and biking/ hiking trails, my question is this: What % of the revenues to pay for these expenses do you expect to be contributed by the users of the biking and hiking trails, and the users of mass transport.?

I understand the plan is for the wheel tax to increase every five years, as motorists are expected to help maintain the streets they use. So when will bikers and trail users have fees imposed on them to pay for the improvements on the facilities they use?

What is the plan for the bus system to pay for itself?

A good many of us are growing weary of giving up our pizzas so others can have theirs for free.

We count on you council members to represent the interests of all Lincoln citizens, not just the vocal few who make the loudest noises.

This roads plan is entirely unacceptable in its present form, and I urge you to reject it and hold accountable those who have made such a poor effort on behalf of the citizens they serve. Lincoln can do better, and so can all of you.

Norlyn Raisch
After living in Northeast Nebraska our entire lifetime, we moved to Lincoln in 2009 to be nearer our children and grandchildren. It was a difficult move, but the nearness of family was an overriding factor. I must say, the people of Lincoln have been the most positive of the experience. Coming from a town of just over 1000, it has been a rather comfortable transition. However, the jury is still out on the affordability of remaining here. Being in our 70’s, we have been blessed with reasonably good health, thus providing us with the opportunity to continue to be gainfully employed. The wheel tax was certainly an eye-opening experience. I have had many long-time residents tell me that the object of the wheel tax is to maintain the streets, but have since been told it possibly is being utilized in other areas, thus leaving the streets in many places in pretty shoddy condition. After listening to DTL this afternoon, on my commute home from work, it was brought to the attention of many listeners that there is a huge increase being considered up to 2020 to be focused on transportation. As I understand, 21% of this increase will target non automobile transportation, such as bike trails/lanes, StarTran etc, with only about 6% of the population utilizing these methods of transportation. Now, with that said, I am by no means an expert on the matter of city government, but I must say, I am not impressed. The most recent power struggle of the Mayor’s office to pass HIS budget to the point of spending our tax dollars to sue HIS own council, sure leaves much doubt in my mind as to whether the city government is truly working for the people. If the transportation increase is primarily going to be shoved down the throats of ‘we the people’ to secure some federal government funds, I believe it would be advisable to reconsider. I am not familiar with you the council or mayor personally, so it is not my intent to pretend that I am criticizing you as individuals, as I appreciate your willingness to serve in your capacity. Thank you for that! All I am asking is that consideration is given to making the city more affordable for all choosing to live here. One final matter that likely has no connection to city government, is the price of gasoline. Our son lives in Columbus and consistently informs us of the much lower price of gasoline. Just recently, the price of gasoline jumped overnight 10 cents per gallon and then before the end of the day was down 3 cents. It is as if the price is a rubber ball. I beg your apology if I have offended anyone, but for us it is a matter of survival. My wife and I would prefer to remain here with family near, but may be forced to make other arrangements away from Lincoln, should the cost of living continue to climb at a pace beyond our ability to ‘pay the price’ on a limited income. I am finished. Thank you for your consideration!

Rod Porath
9025 Colby St
Lincoln, NE 68505
We've just heard about the 20-year transportation plan which will be sent to the council. How foolish it would be to even consider this plan which will provide for roads that will be no better than the poor ones we rock and roll on now. It makes no sense to allow 21% of funding to be used for alternative modes of transportation (bike trails and lanes, buses, etc.) when only about 6% of commuters use them...And then our wheel tax, already too high, will be increased $5 every five years! This smells like Agenda 21!

Please tell our mayor the folks out there aren't buying into this baloney.

Gary and Faye Gutgesell
7154 Culwells Ct.
Lincoln, NE 68516
Please don't pass the transportation plan. It needs reworked. We cannot continue to fund alternate modes of transportation at 21% of the cost for less than 6% usage. Put more into bus system and less for trails, bikes etc. The bike lanes downtown now are treacherous and definitely not utilized enough to warrant what they cost. Lincoln already is one of the most taxed cities in the country. This needs to stop.

Sent from my iPad
Mary M. Meyer

Subject: street tree replacement

From: Steve Clements
Sent: Wednesday, December 07, 2016 11:09 AM
To: 'mayor@lincoln.ne.gov' <mayor@lincoln.ne.gov>
Subject: street tree replacement

Dear Mayor Beutler:

I wanted to draw to your attention to what I consider to be a short sightedness on the part of the City of Lincoln regarding street trees. I recently had to have a street tree removed because it was dying and dropping large limbs into the street (recommended by the city and I agree). I received a $50.00 voucher toward the replacement of the tree. The estimate to replace the tree was roughly $400 (including installation). This price is for a tree basically meeting the minimum requirements of the city. Interesting to note that I am told that the tree and installation will also be charged sales tax despite the fact that the tree then becomes property of the City of Lincoln. I have replaced the tree as I feel that is the correct thing to do. I am not asking for anything rather just want to express my opinions.

- Many of our neighbors have had their street trees removed over the last few years yet few have replaced them; I assume this is because of the cost. Lincoln is losing its street trees. The City of Lincoln would have much better buying power to purchase acceptable trees and could probably install at a lower cost. This seems shortsighted.
- Being charged sales tax on a product that is then owned by the City of Lincoln feels wrong. My understanding is that the city is exempt from Nebraska and city sales taxes.

I would like to hear the Mayor’s viewpoints on this matter. Thank you for your time.

Steve Clements
I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR CORRESPONDENCE
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2. NEWS RELEASE. Seniors invited to participate in Aging Partners events December 12 through December 18, 2016.
3. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler’s public schedule for the week of December 10 through December 16, 2016.
   a) Slides of street funding, StarTran impacts, and trails impacts.

III. DIRECTORS

PARKS & RECREATION
1. Lynn Johnson’s, Parks & Rec Director, message on Woods Park parking proposal.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Committee meeting agenda for 12.15.16.

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2. Mary Beecham-Schwab, Witherbee Neighborhood Association President, expressing thanks to Councilman Camp.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
1. LES Administrative Board meeting agenda for December 16, 2016.
2. Jim Frohman stating thoughts on the Charter Amendment.
4. Jeffrey Payne’s InterLinc feedback on the City Charter amendments.
5. Mike Fitzgerald’s memo on green space in Woods Park.
   a) Letter from the Witherbee Neighborhood Association on relocation of Parks & Rec Administrative Offices to the City County Health Building, resulting in expanded parking in Woods Park.
6. Rosina Paolini’s InterLinc feedback on the budget and Charter Amendments.
7. MaryAnn Hirsch in favor of building Costco at 16th and Pine Lake Road.
8. Sarah Knight, Susan Larson Rodenburg, and Julie Harris thanking the City with creating the LTTP plan.
9. InterLinc correspondence regarding not enough handicap parking in downtown Lincoln.

VII. ADJOURNMENT
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: December 8, 2016
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Doug Kasparek, “F” Street Community Center, 402-441-7951

FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT "F" STREET SUPPER PROGRAM
IS DEC.10

Lincoln Parks and Recreation invites the public to a fundraiser Saturday, December 10 to benefit the "F" Street Community Center's supper program, which serves thousands of free meals annually to children in the Everett and Near South neighborhoods. The event is from 5 to 8 p.m. at O'Rourke's Tavern, 1329 "O" St.

Funds will be raised through donations, food sales and a silent auction for original art and hand-made Christmas tree ornaments. This event has raised more than $18,000 for the “F” Street Community Center since 2009. Cash and checks are accepted. Beverage fees are not part of the fund-raising event.

Doug Kasparek, "F" Street Community Center Director, said demand for the supper program continues to grow, and that the fundraising event provides valuable assistance that allows the center meet the community’s needs.

The "F" Street Community Center is part of the Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department. For more information, visit parks.lincoln.ne.gov.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: December 9, 2016
FOR MORE INFORMATION: David Norris, Aging Partners, 402-441-6156

SENIORS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN AGING PARTNERS EVENTS
DECEMBER 12 THROUGH 18

Aging Partners invites senior citizens and the general public to attend a variety of senior-focused activities and classes in Lincoln and Lancaster County from December 12 through 18:

Monday, December 12
- Contemporary Yoga, Cotner Center Condominium – 9 a.m.
- Holiday meal, Firth Senior Center – 11:30 a.m.
- Tai Chi demonstration by Aging Partners Health and Fitness, Belmont Senior Center – 11:30 a.m.
- BINGO, Firth Senior Center – 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 13
- Chair Tai Chi, Aging Partners Health and Fitness Center – 9:45 a.m.
- BINGO, Lake Street Senior Center – 10 a.m.
- BINGO, Belmont Senior Center – 11:30 a.m.
- Holiday meals, Belmont Senior Center and Northeast Senior Center – 11:30 a.m.
- Holiday meal, Bennet Senior Center – noon
- BINGO, Bennet Senior Center – 1 p.m.

Wednesday, December 14
- Vermeer House Senior Health Promotion Center UNMC Health Clinic (foot care only) – 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- BINGO, Northeast Senior Center – 10 a.m.
- BINGO, Downtown Senior Center – 10:30 a.m.
- Holiday meals, Asian Senior Center and Hickman Senior Center – 11:30 a.m.
- BINGO, JoAnn Maxey Center – 11:30 a.m.
- BINGO, Hickman Senior Center – 12:30 p.m.
- 10-Point Pitch and Bridge, Northeast Senior Center, 12:30 to 3 p.m.

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Thursday, December 15

- Downtown Senior Health Promotion Center Health Clinic (foot care only), Downtown Senior Center – 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- “Surfing the Internet” introductory class, Northeast Senior Center – 9:30 a.m.
- Holiday meals, Downtown Senior Center and Lake Street Senior Center – 11:30 a.m.
- Holiday meal, Bennet Senior Center – noon

Friday, December 16

- Holiday meals, JoAnn Maxey Senior Center and Waverly Senior Center – 11:30 a.m.

Location addresses:
Aging Partners Health and Fitness Center, 233 S. 10th St.
Asian Senior Center, 144 N. 44th St.
Belmont Senior Center, 1234 Judson St.
Bennet Senior Center, 970 Monroe St.
Cotner Center Condominium, 1540 N. Cotner Blvd.
Downtown Senior Center, 1005 “O” St.
Firth Senior Center, 311 Nemaha St.
Hickman Senior Center, 300 E. Third St.
JoAnn Maxey Center, 2032 “U” St.
Lake Street Senior Center, 2400 S. 11th St.
Northeast Senior Center, 6310 Platte Ave.
Vermeer House Senior Health Promotion Center, 4000 S. 84th St.
Waverly Senior Center, 14410 Folkestone St.

For more information, visit lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: My Center News) or call 402-441-7070.

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Date: December 9, 2016
Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
Week of December 10 through 16, 2016
(Schedule subject to change)

Monday, December 12
  • Mayor’s Award of Excellence presentation, remarks – 3 p.m. City Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.

Tuesday, December 13
  • Mayor’s Multicultural Advisory Committee meeting – 4 p.m., Mayor’s Conference Room, County-City Building
Mayor’s prepared remarks, 12-8-2016

We are here today to talk about the future of transportation in our community. We all know that providing safe and efficient ways for people and goods to move around in our community is essential to economic development, education and our quality of life.

Lincoln has invested record amounts in roads over the past few years. Street funding has increased 58 percent since the 2009-2010 fiscal year. With recent budget action, we have also expanded bus services in our community, with investments in StarTran that will help many residents, employers and businesses across the City. We are investing in Green Light Lincoln to improve traffic safety and flow. We have fully funded the South Beltway. We want to continue these investments. Unfortunately, we are aware of some confusion in the community about the LRTP – confusion that could derail our transportation goals.

First, some background: The federal government requires cities to plan for their transportation futures with a document called the Long Range Transportation Plan or LRTP. This is essentially the transportation chapter of our Comprehensive Plan, which predicts and guides City growth into the future. Over the past year, hundreds of elected officials, city leaders and members of the public have been involved in developing the new LRTP. The Planning Commission recently voted unanimously to recommend approval of the LRTP.

Unfortunately, members of the community are hearing last-minute misinformation in the local media about the LRTP. In short, some important facts about funding for bus service, trails and sidewalks have been misrepresented. Facts do matter. And it is extremely important that decision makers and the public understand the real proportions, not the distortions.

The fact is that the vast majority of funding anticipated in the LRTP -- $1.9 billion over 24 years from 12 different sources – is dedicated to roads. Some are saying we should shift even more money to roads, at the expense of other forms of transportation that many in our community rely on. The fact is that major cuts would have to be made in bus service, trails and sidewalks to fund a relatively minor increase in road funding.

It’s important to understand that we cannot shift the funding in the way some are advocating because many funds are legally restricted to specific purposes. For example, federal funds for bus service and trails cannot legally be moved to roads. It’s also important to understand that many of the funds are matching funds – we only receive the state or federal dollars if the City provides a local match.

When you take all those facts into consideration, a big shift in local funds would cost Lincoln citizens many millions of dollars in matching federal funds for bus service. This would mean huge cuts in StarTran, and the negative impact would rip our community. We have to remember these important statistics about those who use the bus:

- Half of StarTran riders have no other means of transportation.
- About 43 percent of riders are from households with an annual income of less than $20,000, and unfortunately, we have an increasing number of folks facing poverty in recent years.
• Nearly 65 percent of StarTran trips are for work or school.

Imagine how these cuts would affect the daily lives of our low-income families, our seniors, our students, and our friends with disabilities. Imagine the impact on employers who already face worker shortages.

This giant step back would also directly contradict the City Council’s very recent decision to invest more funding into improving StarTran service. Let me repeat – shifting funds is a direct contradiction to the City Council’s recent investment in StarTran – investment supported by both Republicans and Democrats. Why would we choose to move backward rather than forward?

Earlier this week, Lonely Planet – the largest travel guide book publisher in the world – named Lincoln one of the top three most exciting places to visit in the U.S. in 2017. One of the reasons – our extensive, nationally recognized trail system. A radical shift in funds would not only result in deep cuts for our trails system, it would also reduce funds to repair sidewalks and install handicapped ramps. Since none of the trails funding is eligible for roads, we would sacrifice one of our City’s jewels, with no increase in road funding.

The worst case scenario – failure to pass a comprehensive LRTP in a timely manner could jeopardize federal funding for roads themselves and even cause a delay in the South Beltway Project. An adopted LRTP is a prior condition of receiving federal funds for roads, transit, trails and sidewalks.

Curiously, it appears that some of those who are calling for better roads and more investment in roads are also disingenuously calling for cutting the sources of funds that go to roads – the wheel tax and the property tax. The fact is that you cannot pay less and get more. That is why Planning Director Cary said that we cannot guarantee our roads will improve in the future without adequate funding. That’s why we continue to call for a community conversation on road funding.

We all share a goal -- to invest more funds in roads. That’s why we have worked together to dramatically increase roads spending during my time in office. But the bottom line is this -- If our decision makers choose to shift funds, it may decimate StarTran. If we do not enact an LRTP, that would jeopardize our federal funding for all transportation – including roads.

I want to emphasize that this is not about cutting off public discussion. Let's have this dialogue about transportation funding. Let's talk about moving forward, not backward. Dialogue is an important part of a robust democracy. But to have that dialogue, we need to rely on facts and actual data--not mis-information and half-truths. If we don't, we run the risk of bringing the type of divisiveness we see now at the national level here to Lincoln. Lincolnites don't want that. Lincoln is better than that.

We appreciate the City Council’s unanimous support of increasing StarTran’s service and funding during the budget process just three months ago. I call on our City Council members to continue their support, ignore the misinformation and do the smart thing. We should not give in to political rhetoric masquerading as fact.
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Good afternoon Rick. The purpose for my message is to follow up on the recent correspondence from the Witherbee Neighborhood Association (WNA) to the City Council dated December 5, 2016. I am hoping that you will share my message with other members of the Witherbee Neighborhood Association Board. (Yours is the only email message I have for WNA board members.)

We recognize and appreciate the longstanding efforts of the to encourage preservation of green space in the city center. We also have appreciated opportunities to work with WNA to acquire and develop park and green space areas in underserved areas of the Witherbee neighborhood, including Witherbee Park at 44th and O Streets, and Midtown Commons at 50th and N Streets.

Thank you for the opportunity to meet with the WNA Board on October 6 to initiate discussions about relocation of Parks and Recreation offices to the third floor of the office building next to Woods Park that currently houses Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department offices on the first and second floors. As we discussed, parking for the third floor space was not identified or developed when the building was constructed. The timing of having a tenant for the space, or who that tenant(s) would be was unknown. Thus, securing parking for the space was deferred and we are working to develop parking in conjunction with preparation of the third floor space for relocation of Parks and Recreation offices.

We appreciate the thoughtful consideration given to suggesting alternative locations for parking, as well as options to minimize the need to develop additional parking. We reviewed the alternative locations suggested for parking, as well as one additional option. The following is a brief summary of the review organized by the numbers on the attached version of the map with the highlighted areas provided by WNA.

Areas 1 and 2: The parking areas drain to the north and these areas are used for storage of snow cleared from the parking lots during winter months, which would preclude them from being designated for staff parking.

Area 3: Existing parking stalls would need to be converted to drive lanes to access potential parking spaces in this area resulting in a minimal net increase, if any, in parking stalls.

Area 4: Serious consideration was given to converting the parking lot east of the office building from angled to 90-degree parking. There would be a net gain of about eight stalls, and this change would require that the east boundary of the parking lot extend about 20 east into Woods Park. The cost of reconfiguring the parking lot, grinding off the existing striping, installation of new striping, along with the impact to the existing trees and berm in the park made this an undesirable option.

Area 5: At the time of the Health Department Expansion, there was a commitment to eliminate the connection between Roger’s Memorial Drive and O Street. The outdoor seating area was developed with donations from Health Department employees. About four parking spaces could be added to the south end of the east parking lot, if the outdoor seating area is to remain.

Area 6: This area is large enough to develop two additional spaces.
Area 7: Converting this area to parking would conflict with the turning movements of vehicles exiting the south parking lot and turning right.

Area 8: It may be possible to develop additional angled on-street parking spaces in the right-of-way on the north side of N Street. Where this type of parking has been developed in other areas of Lincoln, it has been used for short term parking (one or two hours) and not long parking for business employees. The Woods Park Neighborhood Board has advocated for having the south side of the Health Department clinic building present a well landscaped green face to the residences located to the south.

Area 9 and 10: These areas would likely need to be developed together. Area 10 is the building where grounds maintenance equipment is stored associated with care of the grounds and parking lots. It is desirable to have this building in close proximity to the grounds for efficiency of operations.

Area 11: This parking lot is designated for clinic patient parking.

We continue to believe that the most appropriate location to add parking is at the south end of the current employee parking lot, in the area where a former parking lot was previously located. This will be shared parking with staff using the lot during business hours, and the lot available to park visitors during evenings and weekends. The location is very close to activity areas in the central area of Woods Park. The Game and Parks Commission in conference with the National Park Service have reviewed the proposal for the shared use parking in this area and have found it to be in
conformance with guidelines for parks where Federal funds have been used in their development. (Improvements to
the tennis courts and the walking path system in Woods Park were funded in part with Federal grants.)

Thank you for again sharing the suggestion regarding exploring securing an option for future acquisition of the home
located at 3111 N Street. The Woods Park Neighborhood Association Board has had a longstanding position of
preserving existing residences in the neighborhood. Working to acquire this property would be inconsistent with the
stated desire of the neighborhood association board.

We certainly recognize the significance of Woods Park as meaningful and well-used green space in the center of
Lincoln. As stated above, we also recognize and value the strong voice of the WNA for preservation of the park as a
valued neighborhood and community asset. Please let me know if there are questions or if I can be of
assistance. Thanks, Lynn

Lynn Johnson
Parks and Recreation Director
Lincoln Parks & Recreation
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TO: Technical Committee Members  
FROM: Pam Dingman, Technical Committee  
SUBJECT: Technical Committee Meeting

A Technical Committee meeting is scheduled as follows:

DATE: December 15, 2016  
TIME: 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
PLACE: Conference Room #113  
County-City Building

Meeting Agenda:

Roll call and acknowledge the "Nebraska Open Meeting Act"

1. Review and action on the draft minutes of the November 10, 2016 Technical Committee meeting. (enclosure)

2. Review and action on the MPO endorsement of the updated Federal Functional Classification map as included in the updated 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. (attachments)

3. Review and action on the draft 2040 Lincoln MPO 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

The purpose of this meeting is to complete the MPO Technical Advisory Committee review of the draft 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update process, and address any current issues concerning the transportation planning activities of the draft LRTP. The MPO Technical Advisory Committee is asked to provide comments from their representative agencies and an overall recommendation to the MPO Official Committee for the adoption of the final Lincoln MPO 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan.

4. Other topics for discussion.

ACCOMMODATION NOTICE
The City of Lincoln complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 guidelines. Ensuring the public's access to and participating in public meetings is a priority for the City of Lincoln. In the event you are in need of a reasonable accommodation in order to attend or participate in a public meeting conducted by the City of Lincoln, please contact the Director of Equity and Diversity, Lincoln Commission on Human Rights, at 402 441-7624 as soon as possible before the scheduled meeting date in order to make your request.
Dear Councilman Camp,

We are writing this letter in regard to the upcoming deliberations regarding approval of the proposed Costco location. We feel this location is too close to schools and poses a safety hazard to students and others. This location does not seem suitable for a business that would generate a great deal of additional traffic. There are surely better locations available to Costco than their proposed location around 14th and Pine Lake Road.

Thank you for your consideration.

Patti and Tom Lintel
Hello Jon,

We of Witherbee NA would like to thank you for taking the time to visit with us again about our concerns regarding the loss of green space at Woods Park. We will sincerely offer to participate in the solution.

In response to our visits with Council members as well as to the letter Lynn Johnson sent December 9 to Richard Bagby and Council members, we are sending a follow-up letter today with new requests and our offer of assistance to all members of the Lincoln City Council, and would ask that you consider our requests as well as share with other council members that our letter was sent to them, also.

We will see you at Council chambers tomorrow.

With Appreciation of your valuable time,

Mary Beecham-Schwab, President,
Witherbee Neighborhood Association
AGENDA
LES ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD
Friday, December 16, 2016
9:30 a.m.
LES Board Room
1040 “O” Street

9:30 A.M.
1. Call to Order

2. Safety Briefing

3. Approval of Minutes of the November 18, 2016 Regular Meeting of the LES Administrative Board

4. Comments from Customers

5. Introduction and Recognition of Staff
   A. 40 Years – Steve Zechmann, Protection and Controls Relay Specialist, Substation, Energy Delivery

6. Committee Reports
   A. *Report of Nominating Committee – 2017 Board Officers
   B. Finance & Audit Committee
      *1. Recommendation of Rate Stabilization Fund Transfer for 2016 – LES Resolution 2016-16
   C. Legislation & Governmental Affairs Committee
      *1. Approval of 2017 Legislative Guidelines

7. CEO Reports
   A. 2017 State Legislative Outlook
   B. *Sale of Property to Kawasaki Motors Manufacturing Corp., U.S.A. – LES Resolution 2016-17
   C. *Recognition of Libby Raetz – LES Resolution 2016-18
   D. First Responder Video
   E. Federal Election Update

8. Other Business
   A. Monthly Financial and Power Supply Reports
   B. Miscellaneous Information

9. Adjournment

* Denotes Action Items

Next Regular Administrative Board meeting Friday, January 20, 2017.
I like your proposed charter amendment and hope it gets approved.

Below I've list a few suggested changes that will make the amendment easier for voters to read and understand. Thank you in advance for you work and consideration of these changes.

Change title of section 25 to City Budget.

Eliminate section 25a completely, handle it in ordinance.

Eliminate section 26a completely. Move its contents and changes to new paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 under section 25.

These changes make reading your suggested changes and the remaining content much simpler. They also make it easier to understand the entire process. I believe that these changes will increase the likelihood that the amendment will be passed by the voters.

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The charter amendment requiring that all tax increases be approved by the voters is a very bad idea and should not be approved.

Thank you.

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Special THANKS to Cyndi Lamm and to Roy Christensen for placing city charter amendments before the city council for consideration to be placed on the May ballot for Lincoln residents/taxpayers to have a voice in the taxes we must bear. What a concept! Allowing the actual taxpayers to VOTE on the taxes they have to pay! Wonderful! Also, for a much improved budget process. One that actually provides our elected representatives to have an equal part, early in the budget process, on the very important decisions that are made that affect ALL taxing citizens. This at least would make citizens feel like they had somewhat of a say in the budget and how much it will cost them. It is my hope that careful consideration is given to these proposals which really makes it seem like we have a representative government of and for the people. Thank-you!

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Jon,

Thank you for taking the time to discuss with the President and members of Witherbee Neighborhood Association about preserving all possible green space in Woods Park. We truly appreciate your time and attention. In response to our visits with you and other Council members as well as to the letter Lynn Johnson sent December 9 to Richard Bagby and Council members, we are sending the attached follow-up letter which includes with new requests and our offer of assistance.

Sincerely,

Mike Fitzgerald
402-416-1475 - cell
December 11, 2016

To: Lincoln City Council

Fr: Witherbee Neighborhood Association

RE: Relocation of Parks & Rec Department Administrative Offices to City County Health Building and resulting expanded parking in Woods Park

Thank you for taking the time to discuss with the President and members of Witherbee Neighborhood Association about preserving all possible green space in Woods Park. We truly appreciate your time and attention. In response to our visits with you and other Council members as well as to the letter Lynn Johnson sent December 9 to Richard Bagby and Council members, we are sending this follow-up letter which includes with new requests and our offer of assistance.

We ask that you consider the following points prior to the voting on the December 12 agenda item No. 32, 16R-245: Approving an updated Master Plan for Woods Park for adjustment of parking lots to accommodate expanded uses at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. (Related Items: 16R-245, 16-103, 16-104, 16-105, 16-106, 16-112, 16-113, 16-115, 16-114, 16R-246, 16R-247, 16-116)

1. WNA reiterates that we support the expansion of Lincoln Children’s Zoo and understand the proposed move of the Lincoln Park and Recreation administration office.

2. WNA requests the December 12 agenda be amended so item 16R-245 is not be included in the vote on Zoo expansion related items (16-103, 16-104, 16-105, 16-106, 16-112, 16-113, 16-115, 16-114, 16R-246, 16R-247, 16-116) and the vote on 16R-245 be delayed to allow more time for all stake holders to develop a plan that will not take additional green space out of use in Woods Park.

3. WNA, when asked what we would offer as a "carrot", will offer to provide funds for the first right of refusal incentive to owners of the properties at 3111 and 3101 N Street. This could be executed immediately, on both properties or separately, with the goal of adding those properties to the City-County Health Department and Woods Park.

4. Because expansion of the Lincoln Children’s Zoo is the catalyst for Parks and Recreation staff parking near the Health Department, WNA would like the Lincoln Children's Zoo to pay for the acquisition of the properties, on a willing-seller basis. This would allow all green space in Woods Park to remain and Lincoln Parks Department staff parking to be accommodated.

5. Because we only received a response to our ideas for utilizing green space around the City-County Health Department building from Lynn Johnson on early Saturday Morning (Dec. 10), we request additional time to discuss points included in the letter.
   a. In paragraph 3 of the letter from Johnson, he states “...parking for the third floor space was not identified or developed when the building was constructed.” We want a full and factual review of why the third floor was built and why parking space was not provided when it was constructed. When the parking lot was expanded for the Health Department we were told that no additional parking or conversion of green space would be needed in the future
   b. We want a full discussion of how many parking spaces could be added utilizing green space around the City-County Health Department building and how many are actually used now. Johnson does not state in his letter how many spaces can be gained and/or added adjacent the Health Department building, nor how many are currently being utilized. We propose that the Parks and Recreation staff move into
the third floor of the Health Department building while parking solutions are developed that reflect true need and do not convert green space from the park.

c. In the “Area 8” paragraph, Johnson states additional angled on-street parking spaces could be added, but he does not state how many. Also, when the landscaping on the west, east and south sides of the building was created we were told no additional parking would be needed. The current proposal for additional parking should utilize space adjacent the building and not convert additional green space from the park.

d. In the “Area 9 and 10” paragraph, while it might be “desirable” to have maintenance equipment shed in close proximity to the grounds, it would also be desirable not to have yet another piece of green space in Woods Park converted to parking or building space.

e. In the “Area 11” paragraph, Johnson states the parking is designated for clinic patient parking, but he does not state how many of those spaces are utilized nor how many of them could be counted in a solution for Health Department related and Parks and Recreation staff parking so no additional park green space will be converted to parking. Also, we have been told that many Health Department employees work away from the Health Department building. Therefore, parking demand is not as high as previously expected. Again, WNA was promised that when the Health Department was completed there would be no more taking of green space from Woods Park.

f. Johnson states that he recognizes and appreciates our efforts to preserve green space in Woods Park and city center, but he does not address our objection to the pattern of incremental loss of green space in Woods Park.

Once again, we ask that you delay the confirmation of the parking lot in Woods Park in your consideration of the Lincoln Children’s Zoo expansion project and amend the proposal of the building of the parking lot for the City of Lincoln Park and Recreation at the City-county Health Department building.

Please consider our offer of help in this matter.

Thank you.

Mary Schwab, President, Witherbee Neighborhood Association.
Fred Freytag, WNA
Mike Fitzgerald, WNA
Good Brisk Morning,
Lincoln is blessed to have a process that works and has for many years. When I vote for a Mayor and City Council members, I trust the decisions made. I can weigh in as a citizen via direct consultation or public hearings.

When the Mayor vetoes a budget, the City Council has the option of overriding the veto. When you cannot get the votes to override, you cannot get the votes to override. Tax $$$$$$ were wasted with council members trying to get their way.

Bringing tax increases up for a vote of the public will encourage utility rates to increase rather than dealing with a public vote for tax increases.

A more transparent budget will help the public understand what pots of money pay for what. So often projects are paid with part grant, part public, part private monies and the public doesn't understand what is actually coming out of the general funds.

Please take a moment to reflect on why the charter needs to be changed... how will it effect the efficiency of city government? Is changing the charter about improving the process or getting one's own way?

Blessings to you all for your commitment and service to this fine city!
*rosina
Attention to all city council member

I have been getting updates on this project via Next Door Neighbor site. I've read lots of pro and con remarks about this project. While I know and feel for those opposed to Costco, I am FOR building the store on this site. This corner is going to be develop so I like the idea of having Costco as neighbors. Restating someone else's Four points in favor of Costco:

1. Gentle hours of 10am to 8pm...not a 24-hour store. Check any historical retail data to confirm that 3 pm is a slow time for retails sales which coincides with school departures.
2. A Member-only store...not everyone on 14th or Pine Lake Rd. will be using the access points...only those with memberships. Students will not be hanging out there.
3. Costco is a generous neighbor and a very good employer with higher pay and benefits. The store backs up to a cemetery and is across the street from a strip mall and the city requiring landscaping buffers.
4. Competition for the gas prices

These points appeal to me in a favorable way. I do go to Costco in Omaha and have been to their stores in Indianapolis, Virginia, Colorado, and on Maui HI. ALL of these stores have maintained their property to positively impact their sites.

I also believe a stop light is presently necessary at 20th and Pine Lake.

Mary, please forward this to all council members. Thank you.

Concerned Neighbor
MaryAnn Hirsch
1750 Garret Lane
Lincoln, NE 68512
402-420-0979

Sent from my iPad
December 12, 2016

Honorable members of the Lincoln City Council:

As users and advocates of active transportation in Lincoln and Lancaster County, we have been following the process by which the Long Term Transportation Plan update has been crafted. We would like to offer our ongoing support to the Planning Commission, Mayor Beutler, City staff and stakeholders involved with creating the plan.

Recent news coverage indicates that some believe that additional funding strictly for projects that accommodate vehicles should come at the expense of projects that would enhance and increase safety for people who walk, bike and use public transit. Taking this approach would be unwise, in our view.

The safety of all users of our transportation system should be considered as long term project and funding goals are established. The City of Lincoln committed to this process when the Complete Streets policy was implemented in 2013, and any plans created moving forward should reflect this accordingly.

The cost for building infrastructure that improves walking, biking and public transit is pennies on the dollar in comparison to that of building and widening roads. Only 1.5% of the projected funding in the LRTP would be spent on trails, none of which would come from the City’s general fund. Other projects would be eligible for state and federal funding restricted to transit or nonmotorized transportation.

As Mayor Beutler discussed in his press conference on this issue, many of our fellow citizens have no choice but to rely on public transit, biking and walking for transportation. University towns have additional and unique needs to reduce congestion and parking issues by encouraging students to use active transportation. Further, the notion that building and widening roads alleviates congestion in the long term is a fallacy. Studies have shown that this approach creates “induced demand,” resulting in even more congestion. The best way to reduce congestion and improve quality of life is to provide citizens safe and convenient transportation options beyond those that can only be used by single occupancy vehicles.

We hope you will recognize the value in the unanimous vote that came from the Planning Commission on the LRTP and commit to a long term vision that recognizes and provides for the needs of all users of our roads. We stand committed to supporting your efforts accordingly.

Respectfully,

Sarah Knight, on behalf of BicycLincoln
Susan Larson Rodenburg, Member of the City of Lincoln Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Committee
Julie Harris, on behalf of the Nebraska Bicycling Alliance
An action has been filed for City Council - General

Tracking Number: 56352

Problem: There are not near enough handicap parking places in downtown. This includes all downtown area for Lincoln.

Comments: There seriously needs more handicap parking places in downtown Lincoln.

Go to your list of actions: https://intraline.lincoln.ne.gov/aspx/City/action/default.aspx?action_num=56352

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