



Wichita Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Board

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The Wichita Bicycle and Pedestrian Board shall advise the Mayor; City Council; City Manager; all departments; all offices of the City; City Boards and committees; and other public agencies that provide services within the City, on matters related to bicycling and/or walking and the impact that their actions may have on the bicycling and/or walking environment.

City of Wichita
Ordinance 490441

Mike King, Secretary of Transportation
Kansas Department of Transportation
Dwight D. Eisenhower State Office Building
700 S.W. Harrison Street
Topeka, KS 66603-3745

Subject: Red Project Phase I-235 and Kellogg Bridge demolition

Dear Secretary King:

The Wichita Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board is recommending the Kansas Department of Transportation undertake the following steps regarding the I-235 and Kellogg Red Project set to begin November 16, 2015:

- Remove from the Kellogg and I-235 (Project Red) the demolition of the abandoned rail bridge that crosses the Wichita-Valley Center Floodway located southwest of Kellogg Drive and I-235 in Wichita. (see attached aerial view of the bridge outlined in red)
- Review current plans and look for alternatives to removing the bridge
- Schedule a time for members of our board and the Wichita community to further discuss options relating to the project that will save the bridge from demolition during future project phases.

The board is making this request after hearing concerns from board members and the bicycling community. At our November 9, 2015 meeting our board, along with 30-40 citizens in attendance, heard a project update. At the conclusion of the presentation it was evident that our board and the community is very interested in keeping the bridge intact so that future options can be examined. The bridge could be a link between the Wichita bike network and the Prairie Sunset Trail which extends west to Garden Plain, KS.

The Wichita Bicycle and Pedestrian Board was created by the Wichita City Council in 2013 to advise the council on matters pertaining to bicycle and pedestrian programs, policies and projects. We look forward to working with you on this matter.

On behalf of the board

Jack brown, Chair

Cc: Wichita Mayor and City Council
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- Parcels

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