

RESOLUTION NO. 7794

A RESOLUTION introduced by Councilmember Clark Duffy establishing a recreational pathway between Topeka, Kansas and Lawrence, Kansas.

WHEREAS, the Cities of Topeka and Lawrence independently have each undertaken the development of recreational pathway systems on behalf of their citizens; and

WHEREAS, President George H. Bush's Commission on Americans Outdoors concluded that greenways with recreational pathways can "draw people together in their communities, to provide open spaces for all close to their homes . . . Greenways are our vision for the future"; and

WHEREAS, a 1999 report by the Trust for Public Land concludes that easy access to recreational pathways and open space has become a "new measure of community wealth – an important way to attract businesses and residents by guaranteeing both quality of life and economic health" and experience shows that Kansans are more than willing to drive to central Missouri to use the KATY Trail; and

WHEREAS, The Kanza Rail-Trails Conservancy and the City of Topeka are currently building the 38-mile Landon Nature Trail in the out-of-service Missouri Pacific Railroad corridor which now provides the cities of Topeka and Lawrence the opportunity to link up their respective communities with a recreational pathway; and

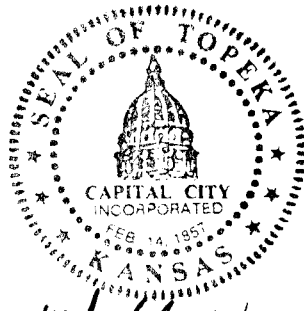
WEREAS, federal Transportation Enhancement funds and other federal funds may be available for paying up to eighty percent (80%) of the cost of construction of a multi-purpose path; and

WHEREAS, the cities of Topeka and Lawrence working together can help achieve a dream of linking their respective communities with a recreational pathway

27 which will contribute to the creation of an interconnected network of off-road
28 recreational pathways in eastern Kansas.

29 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Topeka
30 that it desires to work cooperatively with the City of Lawrence, Kansas and the State of
31 Kansas in ensuring a recreational pathway linking the two cities is established in a
32 timely manner.

33 ADOPTED and APPROVED by City Council May 2, 2006.



CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

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William W. Bunten, Mayor

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42 Iris E. Walker, City Clerk
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APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
DATE 3/21/06 BY BB