

From: Megan Cross <cross.megann@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2024 7:18 AM
To: Bill Nicks <bnicks@lenexa.com>
Subject: K-10 Lone Elm Interchange

Hello Mr. Nicks,

I wasn't able to attend the meeting last night, but I wanted to share my thoughts on the proposed interchange at Lone Elm and K-10. I have kiddos in the Olathe school district who attend Manchester Park Elementary and will eventually attend Prairie Trail Middle School. I am concerned about their safety as pedestrians in the area north and south of K-10 if an interchange is added. Right now, kiddos walk to Manchester Park from the other side of Lone Elm. Increasing the traffic in this area makes it less safe for them to do this.

I know the city is hoping to develop the land in that area for businesses, and probably having the access from a Lone Elm interchange is key in attracting businesses. I just don't think it's worth the safety of the kids in that area. I have been disappointed by the mayor's dismissiveness of citizen concerns, citing that things been approved for a long time. From what I read, the improvement has been planned for a long time, but there were options before (like an overpass only) that only recently were solidified. Please consider studying the impact of an interchange on our neighborhoods in this area before proceeding.

Thank you,
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From: Greg Hack <gregory.l.hack@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 12, 2024 6:57 AM
To: Bill Nicks <bnicks@lenexa.com>
Subject: Lone Elm interchange meeting

Hi, councilman. I can't make the meeting Thursday evening, but I know many of my neighbors will be there, including my wife. I just wanted to ask you whether I understand the situation. As far as I can tell from what's available online:

1) KDOT says an interchange or overpass are possible options at Lone Elm, but nothing has been decided at the state level. As far as I know, and from how a former KDOT engineer tells me things usually work, this meeting will be part of the state's gauging public sentiment about such a possible project.

2) Olathe officials have long opposed an interchange.

3) Lenexa city government has a capital improvements plan that has already been approved that includes an interchange at Lone Elm, and the plan will be up for final approval at the next council meeting.

Do I have all that correct? If not, please set me straight. And I hope you have a productive meeting Thursday evening.

My best wishes,
Greg Hack
9715 Millridge Drive

P.S. We met briefly after one of the meetings about a possible homeless shelter at I-35 and 95th Street. I wouldn't expect you to remember me, but it was nice meeting you. Thanks for serving on the council.

From: Anne Rinearson <anne.rinearson@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 14, 2024 9:13 PM
To: Bill Nicks <bnicks@lenexa.com>
Subject: Overpass, not Interchange at K10 and Lone Elm

Good evening Bill,

I wanted to send an email to speak up in support of an overpass as opposed to an interchange at K10 and Lone Elm. I feel an interchange would dump traffic on Lone Elm which serves an area that is already almost fully developed and **creates additional traffic around the largest elementary school in the district**. Most of these students live east of Lone Elm so that would only add to the vehicle congestion problem that they're trying to alleviate. No one who lives here minds driving to K7 or Woodland to get on the highway and would certainly do that in lieu of having an interchange at Lone Elm.

If an interchange is the approved option going forward, and the goal is to support traffic to commercial development, then it would be best served by an exit ramp onto 102nd street where a frontage road already exists, rather than funneling that traffic through residential-zoned areas.

This is the only place in Lenexa where an interchange dumps into residential-zoned areas. I understand that "this has been the plan for the last 40 years, but this area has changed and neighborhoods have been built too close to allow this plan to come to fruition in a manner that is safe for our children, pedestrians and cyclists, protects our neighborhoods from industrial traffic, and prevents a highly congested area to have even more traffic routed its way. **Two things that don't belong together: semi-trucks and children crossing a now dangerous street to get to school.**

A lot of the traffic at K7 and Woodland is from people simply going to the PRT/ONW area. An overpass would alleviate this traffic elsewhere.

Thanks for taking time to see another perspective. Would be more than happy to answer any questions you may have or invite you to hang out at 101st and Lone Elm during the school rush to imagine how this interchange would do more harm than good.

Thanks,
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From: lesileestevens@gmail.com

Date: December 17, 2024 at 9:10:56 AM CST

To: Craig Denny <cdenny@lenexa.com>

Subject: K10 and Lone Elm Overpass

Mr. Denny:

We live in Stoneview and would appreciate your vote for an overpass at K10 and Lone Elm and not an interchange.

This is a residential area, not an industrial or a retail area. With that said, our neighborhood will not benefit from an interchange, but it will benefit from an overpass. We have children walking to Manchester Park Elementary School, riding their bicycles with friends to school as well as students driving to Olathe Northwest High School. An overpass will accomplish the need for access as well as meet the safety needs of our neighborhoods.

Please remember, we want Lenexa to be a safe place to raise our kids.

Thank you for your time.

Lesilee Stevens

From: Ryan Campbell <jryancampbell82@gmail.com>

Date: December 4, 2024 at 3:26:06 PM CST

To: Craig Denny <cdenny@lenexa.com>

Subject: Lone Elm Interchange

Please vote against a full interchange. But we do need an overpass/underpass.

Thanks,

Ryan

From: Alexis Guetzlaff <alexis.guetzlaff@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, December 16, 2024 9:46 AM

To: Bill Nicks <bnicks@lenexa.com>

Subject: Lone Elm Overpass

Hi Bill,

I wanted to thank you for your time on Thursday night. I know there is a lot going on this time of the year and I appreciate you carving out a few hours to hear us out.

I know we have covered a lot of the topics in the City Council meeting and the meeting on Thursday, but I wanted to write to you to expand a little bit on why we are asking you all to consider an overpass at Lone Elm and not build an interchange.

I have 4 kids and currently live in Manchester Park. My kids are ages 3-13 and they go to school at MP and PRT. We have many friends who live off of Lone Elm on the south side of K10 and have often thought it would be so nice to be able to bike or walk to their houses. Now, with my son attending PRT and being involved in things like Cross Country or working on projects after school, the ability to safely walk across K10 on Lone Elm has become more valuable than before.

Children develop their problem solving skills that serve them in adulthood around ages 8-12. Research shows that one of the best ways to help them learn these skills is to give them some freedom. This way they can explore, fail, problem solve, etc. on their own. With an overpass, our son would be able to determine for himself whether he would like to go early to school to work with a teacher on something he needs help with, or stay late for Cross Country and then make his way home on his own, or visit friends he has connected with at school, but doesn't live directly next to. This type of independence is crucial to him growing into a successful young person and eventually adult. We often lament about how younger generations aren't taking responsibility for their lives, but then we don't even let them figure things out on their own.

With an overpass, we **expand** a community that makes his world (and all the other residents' worlds) a bit bigger, more inclusive and more accessible.

With an interchange, we **shrink** his world and all of ours. We limit little kids to the confines of the neighborhood boundaries. We second guess what age we allow kids to bike along 101st. And we all struggle to figure out how to get our kids to and from school, since it will require us. And our cars. We have 8 year olds trying to walk to school mixing with semi's trying to access a distribution center.

Please consider proposing an amendment to the CIP to allow for an overpass to be built at Lone Elm and not an interchange. Please help us expand our community, rather than shrink it.

Thank you,

Alexis