

1. Do you oppose the proposed 32nd Route for the South Lawrence Trafficway? Will you oppose any route that damages the Haskell-Baker wetlands?

I oppose the proposed 32nd Street route for the South Lawrence Trafficway, and I will continue to oppose any route that damages the Haskell-Baker wetlands or that negatively impacts the Haskell Indian Nations University campus. I think the best way to meet our long-term traffic needs in southern and eastern Lawrence is to construct an at-grade boulevard on existing right-of-way south of the Wakarusa, from Highway 59 in the south to the existing interchange on K-10 east of Lawrence. Such a route would minimize both environmental impact and cost of this project and would be better positioned to meet our regional transportation needs for the next generation.

2. Last year, the city signed on to the U.S. Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement, calling for the city government to reduce its emissions of greenhouse gases. Will you support this effort? Will you make it a priority (as signaled by a willingness to spend money in support of it), or will it merely be something you support in principle as long as it costs little or nothing?

I was proud to sign the US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, and I would like to thank Carey Maynard-Moody and other Sierra Club members for bringing this to the commission. We have not made as much progress on the baseline emissions survey as I had hoped by this point, but one staff member has been assigned to work on the baseline survey and to conduct an energy audit of city operations, which I think can tie into the baseline survey. I would like to do a thorough enough survey that the city could qualify to participate in the Chicago Climate Exchange, but my hope is that we can do the survey at a relatively low cost so that we will have more resources to use to actually reduce our greenhouse gas emissions.

3. What development measures, ordinances, or sustainable practices do you support (and will push to adopt) to protect our streams and wetlands, prairies, woodlands, and other habitat from further degradation or loss due to the lack of careful planning or poor development practices?

I support adoption of a Traditional Neighborhood Design code that will allow us to grow without sprawling, and thereby dramatically reducing the amount of greenfields consumed by new growth.

I support the ECO2 plan to simultaneously allocate funds for open space and industrial space acquisition. I hope that acquisition of the Farmland site will give us the opportunity very soon to direct significant funding toward completion of a Two Rivers Trail from the Kaw to the Wakarusa and toward prairie preservation projects.

I support adoption of an urban tree preservation ordinance to help protect trees in the city.

I support altering our stormwater control practices to focus more on preservation of natural; stream corridors.