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**Subject:** RE: comments on regular item 2

To: City Commission  
From: Patricia Sinclair  
Re: Regular Agenda Item 2  
Date: March 8, 2016

The layout of the city, and K.U. within it, leads to many problems for drivers, particularly those living east of it (and maybe from other adjoining neighborhoods).

K.U. has decided to make a major shift in their campus layout and functional locations. They would like the city to go along with this (and pay for much of this).

At the same time, K.U. has become less easy to access and parking is a nightmare for any citizen who just wants to visit a museum or somesuch. I have long ago given up basketball seats.

This plan is not only not fully explained, but it appears to be a bad idea. A meeting was held on March 2 with 40 in attendance, according to a staff memo dated Feb. 23, showing amazing foresight. This meeting seems to have been merely a last-minute gesture for a plan which has existed for a long time and there is no comment on the responses of those attending.

It is unclear from the power point just what is proposed. Are there going to be sidewalks on both sides of the street? When the intersection is going to be closed at Ousdahl, what does that mean for through traffic? And why was the intersection of Naismith not discussed, as a roundabout was discussed for this location in the past, a horrible idea, in my opinion. What will these concrete barriers do?

I live east of campus and must use 19th Street frequently or go all the way north to 9th to access points west. This is already inconvenient and the "improvements" proposed seem designed to make it more difficult to get around the city. Sometimes I like to turn onto Ousdahl, but that does not seem to be a crime. Perhaps K.U.'s plan predicts so much more traffic that they now consider our previous normal use of the public streets to be unworkable.

Certainly neighborhoods of residential dwellings should not become throughways, but that is just what is happening to my Barker neighborhood and I'm waiting for the time when the city discusses their long-laid but relatively unknown to the public plans for E. 19th Street.

If this design does not serve pedestrians and normal usage driving residents of Lawrence, then it should not be allowed to continue.

Thank you.