

This document outlines the public input collected during the Brick Streets and Sidewalks Policy 15-day values survey. This survey was open from April 4 – April 19, 2024.

176 responses were received.

Public involvement is a critical component in the transportation planning process and the development of the Brick Streets and Sidewalks Policy. This survey was available for all members of the community to take and was not targeted at specific areas or neighborhoods. This reflects the City Strategic Plan key commitments of Equity & Inclusion and Community Engagement. This work honors that commitment through initiating a process which gathers a wide-range of community input and allows for all members of the community to have a voice in this process.

An Open House was held on April 4th from 4-7 PM to facilitate this community conversation and ask attendees to take the survey. Staff also tabled at the Lawrence Public Library on two separate occasions for 6-hours total. These in-person events created more opportunities for the public to speak with planning staff and address concerns or misconceptions. The most frequently asked question was “Are you getting rid of the bricks?” to which staff would respond something along the lines of “No, the City of Lawrence doesn’t have a policy on how to handle brick streets and brick sidewalks and we’re looking for your feedback on what you’d like that to look like.” Passersby were quick to come chat with staff about their thoughts on the subject.

The survey asked respondents to rank a set of ten values from 1-10 to help [us] understand how they prioritize conflicting values. Results are as follows:

Priorities for **Brick Sidewalks**

- 1. Safety**
- 2. Accessibility**
- 3. Sustainability**
4. Tradition
5. Charm
6. Uniqueness
7. Cost
8. Community
9. Equity
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Additionally, respondents were asked two follow up questions for both brick sidewalks and brick streets after identifying their value prioritization. Staff have summarized all responses submitted into their best fit categories.

Brick Sidewalks open comment: (Accessibility pages 2-5) (Cost 6-8) (Historic 9-13) (Maintenance 14-17) (Safety 18-20) (Other 21-26)

Brick Streets open comment: (Accessibility page 27) (Cost 28-30) (Historic 31-34) (Maintenance 35-37) (Safety 38-40) (Other 41-48)

Survey Responses relating to Brick Sidewalk:

When asked “Considering your highest prioritized values (top three) for brick SIDEWALKS tell us why those were important to you?” and “What else should be considered in the brick SIDEWALK policy development?” the following responses were received:

Accessibility

- Accessibility must be considered so that those with mobility limitations are not unduly negatively impacted by the sidewalk design
- accessibility and cost
- Accessibility and safety: Poorly-maintained brick sidewalks are a serious barrier to accessibility and safety. I wouldn't remove them. I'd maintain them. Sustainability: Brick is extremely durable when maintained.
- Accessibility is key with sidewalks, but there are currently brick sidewalks that are much easier to maneuver than the many East Lawrence and elsewhere concrete sidewalks in disrepair. At least when weather happens and the ground shifts, brick adjusts with the ground underneath.
- Accessibility is obviously important; I have no idea as to how you might weight this consideration in light of the larger community
- Accessible to walkers of all abilities. Safety to avoid injury. Sustainable to last.
- ADA standards are necessary for everyone's benefit
- As a full-time wheelchair user, brick sidewalks are extremely difficult for me to negotiate. Brick sidewalks also present problems for people who use walking aids (canes, walkers, rollators, etc.), as well as many blind and low-vision people. In addition, brick sidewalks, especially if they are less than perfectly maintained, create tripping hazards. For all of these reasons, they create a more isolated environment for disabled people and send the message that we are not really part of the community.
- Brick sidewalks are difficult to maintain and keep level, or flat, unless a concrete base is poured. Because of this, the uneven sidewalks present a tripping to walkers and a danger of falling. Additionally, the bricks are unable to be traversed with walkers or wheelchairs because they get caught or stuck on the brick layout.
- Brick sidewalks are inaccessible and dangerous for wheelchair users, persons with low or no vision (including the elderly), persons with strollers and many others. They present enormous tripping hazards and cannot be maintained well for safety. I support removal of all brick sidewalks and roads in all Lawrence. Public the city can't maintain them well because of the structural and costs problems they present.
- Brick sidewalks can be slippery when wet especially if there are leaves. Wheelchairs may have trouble negotiating these.

- Brick sidewalks pose accessibility issues for people with mobility issues, including people who use walkers. They are also difficult for people using strollers and can pose tripping hazards for all people.
- From an accessibility standpoint I understand why brick sidewalks are not ideal. In a perfect world I'd love Lawrence to be able to keep their brick sidewalks while also being safe for all types of mobility. For example: maybe historic areas can keep their brick sidewalks, but thoroughfares are prioritized with concrete (and in some areas that may mean one side of the street is brick while the other is cement). Or perhaps outside of the box thinking in areas that need good accessibility with stamped concrete that looks like bricks. I think the best answer isn't choosing brick or no brick, but making the best decision on the specific location.
- I care most that as many Lawrencians as possible can use sidewalks that are safe and usable. I hope the city will prioritize strategies that allow our community to maximize the limited resources we have available to improve sidewalks that are not safe and not usable for all our community members. I think it is more important that we have a vibrant, walkable community than that we prioritize brick sidewalks. Where we do have resources, grants, or private willingness to invest, brick sidewalks can be a great project to help create attractive, charming neighborhoods.
- I have mobility issues. Brick sidewalks are slippery when wet, uneven tripping hazards, and often completely overgrown with grass and weeds or narrowed to impassibility. Mud gathers in them, another fall hazard
- I love the idea of brick sidewalks in OWL because they are a highly visible contributing element to maintaining the integrity of the historic neighborhood. I chose safety, equity and accessibility as my top three values though because I would not want to see these installed at the expense of our mobility-challenged neighbors and or visitors. My hope is that a well built brick sidewalk is not an impediment to mobility for those walking assisted with walkers, wheelchairs, or the like.
- I really like the historical value and uniqueness of the brick sidewalks, but we still need to make sure the sidewalks are accessible for all. The part of history where only able bodied folks are considered in public decision making has no place in today's civic work.
- I ride a motorized mobility scooter at times, and bricks and cobblestones are awful. For kids who ride bikes or roller skates or scooters, there are similar concerns. Any large cracks are problematic.
- I understand about ADA compliance so maybe some part of the sidewalk can keep the tradition of the bricks.
- I understand that accessibility and the uneven nature of a brick sidewalk is a conundrum. This is true of many structures of historic nature, but we don't destroy them just because they present difficulties. Replacing brick with concrete does not guarantee accessibility. There are plenty of jacked up concrete slabs along sidewalks in these neighborhoods that represent major tripping hazards, and there's no way a wheelchair can get over them. In

fact, it might be better with brick in those sections. Tree roots are the real problem in creating uneven sidewalks, but cutting the tree roots will kill the tree. I vote for leaving the trees, and accepting undulating brick.

- I understand that accessibility is an issue, and that there need to be ramps, which we have at many intersections in Old West Lawrence
- I want residents who use wheelchairs, power chairs, walkers, baby strollers and other rolling devices to be able easily use all sidewalks for transportation and recreation. Little children of all abilities should be able to use sidewalks for trikes, bikes, scooters, and other active play toys. Brick sidewalks with countless potential for deflections obstruct all of these users. I get that brick sidewalks may be charming and reflect history, but we need to prioritize higher values of access and equity across our entire community.
- It is my opinion that the most important function of sidewalks is giving individuals a firm, reliable, path to walk from one point to another. Sidewalks need to be easily used by all individuals regardless of physical ability or other limitations. They need to be safe to walk down and easy to maintain and repair.
- It's important that people of all abilities can easily and safely get around.
- My kids are not able to ride their bikes safely on the sidewalks. Our sidewalks are not accessible by a wheelchair. My kids have frequently fallen on rough parts of the uneven sidewalks.
- One accessibility issue, which applies to all sidewalks, whatever they are made of is the alley crossings. The city installed ramps at intersections years ago, but there are sizeable curbs at many alleys, which provide insurmountable difficulties for anyone in a wheel chair. Ramps should be added to those alleys which have curbs.
- Our brick streets and sidewalks are inaccessible for many users, including persons with physical disabilities (wheelchairs), persons with low vision, and people with strollers. Given ADA requirements, and an ethical obligation to building safe streets for all, the City should remove all of them.
- "People have a right to move about their space free from harm; historic brick sidewalks infringe this right by being an unsafe tripping hazard. Given this right, sidewalks must be accessible. Brick sidewalks are prone to buckling and are less accessible than modern alternatives.
- Safe and accessible transportation is the function of sidewalks and streets. Cost should always be a major consideration in any infrastructure decision.
- Safety is the most important; otherwise, Murphy's Law applies even more. Accessibility connects to equity. It must be accessible in every neighborhood, regardless of political, educational, social, or economic position or status. It strengthens the community, these three.

- Sidewalks need to be walkable.
- Sidewalks should be accessible to all users, economical and sustainable.
- Sidewalks should be used and usable by everyone without being super costly. Understanding equity is key to making sidewalks accessible without putting undue burden on the city or people for maintaining them.
- Smoothness of the sidewalk surface.
- The accessibility is important because of the issues that can be posed by the brick sidewalks, like unstable ground and difficult terrain to walk or use a wheelchair on.
- The older brick sidewalks tend to be in terrible condition. They're hard to walk on as a fully able bodied person. For people with mobility issues, there are areas where sidewalks functionally don't exist.
- Those sidewalks are NOT ada compliant.
- We all need to be able to use the sidewalks and most of the brick sidewalks are not in good repair or ADA compliant. Let's not go backwards to a time when those with disabilities were expected to stay hidden.
- We must make our sidewalks accessible for all ages and abilities.
- When they are laid with the proper substrate they can be smooth and even. With concrete corner ramps for accessibility they can be a bit more accessible, though admittedly not as accessible as concrete.
- when we make things accessible everyone can participate
- Width and specific location. There are areas where they don't seem to work as well, and certainly can present an issue for mobility-impaired, e.g., wheelchair-bound citizens.

Cost

- A sharing of the cost between the City and the homeowner. A standard expectation for the visual of the improved sidewalk and the length of time to complete the project (we had a brick sidewalk repair in our neighborhood last for what seemed like a year). Will the entire block of a brick sidewalk be addressed uniformly and at the same time?
- Affordability for those of us who are homeowners who have been for decades replacing replacing bricks stolen by KU students (both as mementoes and to sell on eBay - seriously) It's frustrating that we have this burden while many people in newer houses don't even have sidewalks to worry about. So our money and time (doing repairs) are subsidizing people who can just stroll the streets and pay nothing.
- Another top concern or question I have is what if any expense for brick sidewalks would be subsidized by the residents? That would negatively impact how I feel about the program. If it can be paid for with a grant and be safe for mobility challenged people, then I'd be for it.
- Assist financially etc. the homeowner instead of telling them in "entitled manner" - white entitlement.
- Brick sidewalks and streets are not maintained well because it is very expensive to do so. Historical commissions often block efforts for removal because they consider them to be "historical" relics of the past that did (and do not) accommodate all users.
- Brick sidewalks are great and should be preserved IF the cost, safety, and accessibility are reasonable. The city has limited funds so to make sure the project makes sense those are the most important in my opinion.
- Brick sidewalks, while looking nice/pretty are a maintenance nightmare, a tripping hazard and are extremely costly.
- City financial resources are finite. Brick streets and sidewalks are impractical, potentially unsafe for some users, and not accessible or sustainable.
- Cost and maintenance are an important consideration
- Cost benefit. Brick sidewalks are expensive to install and maintain. The practical benefit just isn't there for taxpayers. We have so many other demands on city resources. If some neighborhood wants to create a benefit district for brick sidewalks, maybe we let them, even though it's an inferior choice for mobility. But I'm against my tax dollars going toward high cost, high maintenance streets that may end up being being hazards for me and others.
- Cost is a determination that SHOULD BE BORN BY THE CITY AT LARGE. Sidewalks are not for the primary benefit of the tha landowner, but for the pedestrians in the neighborhood. While brick sidewalks are more expensive to lay, demolition and construction of concrete sidewalks also are considerable. Perhaps, the land owner could pay the difference between new concrete and rehabbed brick.

- Cost is always important because it impacts other choices for the use of funds by the city.
- Cost is clearly important as individual property owners are responsible for maintaining the sidewalks at an acceptable level.
- Cost should always be considered in any public works project. I would assume that any existing, or new, analyses would show it is more expensive to repair and maintain brick sidewalks, but, unless that delta cost was tremendously higher (and I would question those studies if that was the case), I would be willing to pay my fair share to maintain the existing brick sidewalks.
- Cost to low income and fixed income households who can't quickly repair their sidewalks then the community can't use the sidewalk that are unsafe due to disrepair.
- Cost vs. concrete.
- Cost, cost, cost
- Cost: Tree roots cause most damage to sidewalks. i can fix my brick sidewalk myself. i could not fix a concrete sidewalk myself and with concrete there would be more sidewalk to fix. i would be at the mercy of city contractors.
- Equity is important when thinking about public infrastructure; brick sidewalks are costly to install and maintain, which is not fair to residents who do not have any sidewalks at all.
- Funding
- Grants should be considered for home owners who may be unable to pay for the difference between concrete and brick sidewalks. Lawrence prides itself on historical context, but all too often, fails to follow through on it.
- Helping people with the cost of repairing the sidewalks.
- Homeowners should be offered choices of affordable options and contractors. An HOA sort of option could be available to help with maintenance. State or Federal funding to help homeowners be able to keep the historic feel of Lawrence.
- If the cost of rehabilitating and maintaining safe brick sidewalks is significantly greater than the cost for concrete, the city should explore ways to assume at least a portion of the difference so as not to disincentivize property owners from seeking to have their properties listed or join an historic district.
- Long term cost of sidewalk maintenance.
- Raise Taxes. Tax me.
- Sidewalks are not important historic landmarks. They should be functional and cost effective.

- The city put them in, so the city should pay for them.
- The cost is higher to repave - the city should pay for their repair.
- The cost of repairing and maintaining should not be more than similar costs in other parts of the city.
- The cost to maintain brick sidewalks and keeping them up to date for safety reasons does not seem very equitable.
- The cost to maintain in and how it will be funded.
- The cost to residents. Many of the brick sidewalks are in older parts of town where the people that live there may not be able to afford to have them rehabbed unless there is a special rate offered by the city or vendors.
- They cost so much more than conventional concrete sidewalks, are less accessible, and are less safe. Plus, only select areas of the city have brick sidewalk, so it is not equitable for the rest of town to have to pay for these inferior sidewalks. We should not be placing higher value on sidewalk material because some people are emotionally attached to it.
- Who cares about it. Really a waste of time and tax money. Concrete has worked fine for the last 100 years.
- Who pays for their repair? If The City pays (meaning taxpayers), then everyone should get that option.
- With inflation and the increase in taxes to homeowners, many folks don't have a lot of spare money to put towards their sidewalks. Thus, keeping the costs down is important.

History / Visual

- Add beauty to the neighborhoods
- Brick sidewalks add a lot of character to historic neighborhoods in Lawrence. They make our city special. If the bricks are properly installed and maintained, they can be accessible as well.
- Brick sidewalks are a critical aspect of the look and feel of our historic neighborhoods. Improving brick sidewalks preserves the history, avoids waste of throwing away and buying new concrete, and is accessible and safe.
- Brick sidewalks are historically appropriate for certain neighborhoods. If we are interested in retaining a sense of place and the historic, character defining features of a neighborhood then we should invest in maintaining these brick sidewalks/replacing them in kind where needed/restoring them where they have been lost. It is also more sustainable to replace a broken brick in a larger sidewalk than to have to pour an entire new concrete pad.
- Brick sidewalks are lovely, charming, and historic. Concrete is ugly, doesn't last, and basically says we don't care what our city looks like.
- Brick sidewalks are part of the history of our town. They do require maintenance, but you can't put a price on the charming feeling they add to our neighborhood.
- Brick sidewalks contribute a sense of character and are a vernacular building method that is no longer predominately practiced.
- Brick sidewalks create an atmosphere of a traditional community. They also are more sustainable than concrete, a major source of greenhouse gas emissions, and also crack and heave with the larger trees. Bricks can be re-laid over and over as the ground changes. Concrete has to be torn out and replace completely.
- Brick sidewalks in historic districts and in proximity to structures on historic registers must be preserved to preserve the context of the surrounding structures. They must be properly maintained to be safe for pedestrians.
- Brick sidewalks reflect the age and persona of the East Lawrence neighborhood. They are eminently sustainable, and can be maintained by homeowners. And they are without doubt a charming aspect of any neighborhood.
- Brick sidewalks reflect the historical aspects of our community and help to delineate where our historical neighborhoods are located. Bricks can be different colors, patterns, and shapes and contribute to the uniqueness of Lawrence. Bricks are durable and can be re-used if a sidewalk is in need of repair.
- Brink sidewalks are durable and time appropriate for the neighborhoods. They've been in place for decades, made from sustainable material and are enjoyed by the community.

- Charming bricks were laid by workers during Depression and have strong meaning because of the deep respect and appreciation I feel for the memory of their efforts to make our neighborhoods lovely and useful.
- Community can make you feel as though it truly is a neighborhood while maintaining the historical context of the structures it appends. Tradition is a continuation in the historical context of the property it appends.
- Cost is definitely important, but keeping the historical look in our older neighborhoods, as well as the tradition is important - especially considering we have such high historical preservation standards when it comes to homes and outbuildings. Sidewalks should be treated the same. Bricks will last a long time if treated and cared for - they just need a little TLC.
- Historical materials and methods create character and contribute towards placemaking, e.g. downtown vs. more generic suburban districts.
- I live in a historic district (South Rhode Island and New Hampshire Historic District) in East Lawrence. I feel it is very important to retain and maintain the existing exposed brick sidewalks in the downtown area. They are traditional, charming and unique (see what I did there?!).
- I love that we've protected our history by maintaining brick sidewalks.
- I love the look and feel of our Victorian neighborhoods.
- I think the brick sidewalks make Lawrence unique, and connects to the past
- In an old neighborhood like ours, a brick sidewalk reflects a historical beauty.
- In historic areas, they are an important part of that history.
- It is important to maintain historic infrastructure in Lawrence's original townsite. This is part of the "unmistakeable" charm and character that we care about. "Historic" means more than what is officially designated. By definition, any brick infrastructure is historic because it is part of the original town. Designation is often a matter of economic and cultural bias. Historically working class Black and Hispanic neighborhoods are less likely to be designated than areas settled by the white gentry, but are no less "historic" and no less worthy of preservation.
- It is important to preserve community history. Sidewalks are literal community connectors and they also can connect us to the history of our neighborhood. Connecting to history helps us understand that we are part of a larger story and community. Once brick sidewalks and streets are gone, we won't get them back. We lost so much connection and engagement during the pandemic. We must keep these visual connections as a foundation to rebuild an engaged community that cares about its past and understands the importance of community.

- it is nice to look at
- It is part of 19th century Lawrence neighborhoods.
- It makes it better to live in a unique area that doesn't have the homogenized look of concrete or asphalt.
- Lawrence is a unique place and the brick sidewalks just add to that uniqueness and charm.
- Lawrence Kansas has a unique history that is woven into our brick sidewalks. Those sidewalks should be kept up and maintained to celebrate our history.
- Many of the oldest neighborhoods in Lawrence have significant historical character that is enhanced by the brick sidewalks. In part because many brick streets have been paved over, the brick sidewalks remain a way that we can remain connected to that era.
- My East Lawrence home (and the one I own next door) date from the late 1800s. My residence is listed in the DG Co Historic Homes book. BOTH my brick sidewalks are original to the homes, are maintained, are in excellent condition and easily traversed by anyone irrespective of mobility. I've spent my share of time on crutches, so I'm well aware of limitations.
- Pedestrians use the road because its to dangerous. the city is so stuck on tradition that they dont care if it will last
- Peoples' feelings for the visual beauty of their neighborhoods bricks are easier on the eyes than gray concrete, and the meaningfulness of this beauty that defines our memories of place and home.
- Please do not let "historical" advocates continue to obstruct building a city with the "historical character" excuse for preserving brick sidewalks and roads.
- preservation of culture is the top priority. brick streets and sidewalks are part of that. so charming.
- preserve historic neighborhood character, point of interest for tourists that helps make Lawrence unique and compelling, nostalgic sound and texture especially during the lineup for the Christmas horse parade (!) connects current residents with the past, brick (and limestone curbs) are historic building materials in Lawrence, it's a visual means to tie the neighborhood community together, brick is an eco-efficient resource and offers long-term sustainability
- Preserving the neighborhoods' sense of place and history.
- Provide historic framing for neighborhood. Aesthetic quality.
- Reusing bricks from the Lawrence Vitrified Brick Co. They are usually stamped simply LAWRENCE KANSAS and many were used as pavers.

- Signifies the historic significance of a neighborhood
- The brick sidewalks along with the streets are a historic part of Lawrence. Once they are gone they are never coming back. The small window into the past will be gone. The brick is what makes downtown Lawrence unique and charming but most of all historic.
- The brick sidewalks and roads represent a history in Lawrence that should be preserved.
- The brick sidewalks are a part of the historic nature of Lawrence and should to be preserved. They do require more maintenance than concrete sidewalks, but can easily be repaired in small areas that need it. There are many concrete sidewalks that have failed, and restoring those is a much bigger undertaking.
- The bricks are one of the things that make Lawrence unique. It's part of Lawrence History.
- The character of older neighborhoods needs to be maintained.
- The charm of historic neighborhoods
- The historic original town site is worth continuing. They are already there and it is better to reuse.
- The neighborhood's relevance in the history of the town
- The uniqueness and charm of brick sidewalks bring life to the houses and streets around Lawrence.
- They are charming to see.
- They set our older neighborhoods apart and add to their historic nature.
- This is how our neighborhood was built, and we are a historic neighborhood.
- This town has historical importance and some of the brick sidewalks and roads are very old. Retaining some of the history is important to the look and feel of the town
- Tradition/charm/uniqueness If they are to be preserved, these are the reasons to preserve them. And that means that they will likely be the most expensive alternative. Even if they are not very accessible or safe in some situations, they create a feeling of history and place.
- Tradition: older neighborhoods should have brick sidewalks in keeping with the architecture of the houses.
- Unique characteristics like brick sidewalks make a positive statement about our community and the value we place on history. The colors and patterns in a well-laid walk are visually pleasing. Re-laying a brick walk reuses historic materials rather than sending all the old material to the dump and buying new.

- We lived at 9th and New York for almost a decade. I loved the brick sidewalks and streets. The charm is hard to describe, but there's something about the sound of the car rumbling by and the natural growth of plants through the bricks. When we had kids we would walk our stroller and that had disadvantages on the brick sidewalks that weren't well maintained. Our particular block was very nice and easy to maneuver on. I feel like I'm walking on history when I walk on those bricks.
- Where brick sidewalks exist, they should continue to exist as part of the historic character of the original part of Lawrence. The sidewalks are charming and unique, just like many of the residents (and businesses and activities) of this part of Lawrence. This is regardless of whether it is in an area of official historic designation or not. The parts of Lawrence that were built in the 1800s and early 1900s are special. The brick is part of what makes me love this part of town.

Responsibility / Maintenance

- A policy detailing exactly how brick sidewalks should be constructed and will be funded by the city.
- A policy that would assist homeowners in rejuvenating deteriorating brick sidewalks.
- An ongoing maintenance plan needs to be part of the policy.
- "Be very careful about removing brick sidewalks, since the policy currently does not allow a brick sidewalk to be installed where one does not currently exist. Perhaps amend that policy to allow restoration of a section of brick sidewalk where one previously existed, or where it is compatible with the historic nature of the neighborhood.
- Maintenance is also a tricky topic, since sidewalk maintenance falls to the property owner. Brick laying is a dying art. And, it's not cheap. Residents may be limited in ability to restore a brick sidewalk. But the city should not force a property owner into a position where they are forced to remove a brick sidewalk and replace it with concrete just because they can't afford it."
- Brick lasts longer and has a unique charm.
- Brick sidewalks are a cool unique feature in Lawrence. But they are hard to maintain and fix. Certain areas should be protected
- Brick sidewalks give such a nice feeling to a place - that it is well loved and taken care of. I think it adds to the "heart" of a city, instead of being the unimaginative concrete jungle we find so many other places. The biggest issue with brick sidewalks is maintenance. A well maintained brick sidewalk is lovely, an unruly one is treacherous for everyone.
- brick sidewalks may be durable and adjust to ground movement.
- Brick sidewalks tend to have more than concrete sidewalks, or at least that's my impression, but they last well if properly attended.
- Brick sidewalks, if properly installed on an excellent base, can last for a very long time before the bricks need maintenance. I have a large back driveway that was laid eight years ago and it is still perfect.
- Bricks crumble, but I like them.
- Cost/ease of maintenance in years to come and meeting needs of future infrastructure projects and utilities
- Ensuring that any rebuilding of brick streets and sidewalks be done by or led by experts with a mind towards longevity.

- Equity: Provide maintenance and repair assistance, with priority given to lower-income areas. Bear in mind that some absentee owners/landlords do not necessarily have financial resources for this.
- Homeowners with brick sidewalks need help with maintenance, especially in historic neighborhoods.
- How they will be monitored and maintained. Tree roots can damage brick sidewalks and safety is very important.
- How will it be maintained.
- I am 100% against installing new brick or "restoring" existing brick unless the homeowner demanding it can show history of appropriate maintenance.
- "I don't want what has happened to city streets. Improper installation and maintenance has been poor, to say the least.
- If you intend to save the bricks, please make it sustainable, safe and spend the money to do it right."
- I like that they fit into the neighborhood and that they can be more easily taken up and put back down if a tree root dislodges it or a utility worker needs to dig under the sidewalk. The alternative is concrete that has to be replaced (and not reused like brick) if such a thing happens. Brick sidewalks last much longer than concrete ones too.....they just need maintenance every now and then.
- I live in a neighborhood where some have brick sidewalks and they are never well maintained. Usually muddy and trip hazards.
- I think they make a community unique. Anyone can pour concrete. Bricks are a part of our old history, and we should try to maintain our traditions. We abandon these things too quickly in America in favor of "new"🗑️
- If part of the sidewalk needs to be repaired the bricks can be removed in that area, the repair done, and the bricks replaced. That is a much more simple procedure than fixing a concrete sidewalk.
- If the neighborhood has brick sidewalks, any repair/replacement should be with brick.
- If they already exist, the city should be responsible for maintaining them.
- It should be the responsibility of the City, particularly in problematic stretches of sidewalk.
- I've also noticed that all over town, every year there are streets being torn up, sidewalks being torn up, the construction is ceaseless. The brick sidewalks don't seem to need near the attention that the modern ones require. The last thing we need is to have annual construction in our neighborhood.

- Maintaining the brick sidewalks costs significantly more than concrete and the city should prioritize other commitments, such as housing the unhoused.
- Maintenance should be prioritized so that the brick sidewalks are kept in good condition and contribute to safe, easy, comfortable active transportation facilities for all community members.
- Owners need help maintaining these
- People should try to keep their sidewalks in better shape than they do now.
- Preserving the brick streets and sidewalks should be a community endeavor and not the sole responsibility of the homeowner because they might decide to go back with concrete sidewalks.
- Properly installed and maintained, bricks have an exceptionally long usable life span. They accommodate ground movement and tree roots without being broken and destroyed and can be repaired as required rather than needing removal and replacement.
- Property owners don't maintain brick sidewalks. Many are covered in grass or uneven.
- Regular maintenance is necessary
- Show us how we keep tree roots from bringing brick sidewalks out of their place? Especially as trees are required along all sidewalks...
- Sidewalks are there for people to use. Bricks are horrible. They always degrade and become horrible, unusable monstrosities.
- Sidewalks are a public asset, used by and for the public, and should be constructed and maintained with public funds. Individuals should not be mandated to improve or repair sidewalks within the public right-of-way. The City should pay for sidewalk upkeep.
- Snow removal. It is nearly impossible with brick sidewalks.
- Sustainability: bricks are easy to replace and you only need to fix the problematic part. they hold up longer than cement. my sidewalk has been there for a LONG time. (you can tell by looking at the bricks.
- Sustainable easily maintained and repaired including ease of snow and ice removal.
- That brick sidewalks along with the streets are the sole responsibility of the city or a commission that fully funds, stores, recycles, and rebuild existing and reestablish brick sidewalks where concrete has been installed.
- The city should insure they're well-maintained
- The city should regularly inspect sidewalks for whose upkeep property owners are responsible and require the property owners to maintain them.

- The expectation of property owners with the upkeep of brick sidewalks is an important aspect to communicate thoroughly.
- They are accessible and safe when installed properly. Neighborhoods like East Lawrence have spent countless volunteer hours maintaining the sidewalks for neighbors who cannot. Wonderfair did a wonderful art project about preserving sidewalks and making them accessible in 2020.
- Unsure if this will be within the purview of the policy, but ensuring those installing them do so correctly is important. If they are done incorrectly then I can see how they could be a hazard and require more maintenance.
- upkeep

Safety

- All sidewalks should be safe and accessible for all - first and foremost but I also believe that maintaining and using/replacing concrete sidewalks with brick is in the best interest of Old West Lawrence specifically.
- Bad for fall victims. I fell and caused great left shoulder pain level 8 dull for 7 days. Not important for victims of a fall. victims like me.
- Because many existing brick sidewalks are unsafe for pedestrians on foot and are not accessible for people with disabilities.
- Brick sidewalks and streets are rarely well maintained and in some cases are possible accidents waiting to happen for pedestrians or bicyclists.
- Brick sidewalks have become a hazard in the city, especially in East Lawrence. Non-maintenance and steady decline have created many physical hazards and multiple falls and multiple injuries in the community.
- Brick sidewalks, even newer ones are more hazardous and difficult to clear snow and ice. I am strongly opposed to replacing any sidewalks with bricks. Even in historical areas. Safety and accessibility are so much more important.
- Brick surfaces are more difficult to walk upon. They increase the chance of tripping and falling. They increase the difficulty of snow removal.
- Even the highest maintained brick sidewalks are a safety hazard. People are constantly injured walking, jogging, or rolling on uneven bricks, of which there is a lot because these types of sidewalks are almost never laid over a solid foundation and mortared into place. It's unfeasible that even the wealthiest of downtown Lawrencians would/could pay to have their brick sidewalks regraded and relaid every two years, which is how long it seems to take for them to become uneven again. Wheelchair and stroller use over roughly 85% brick sidewalks in our city is very difficult.
- I have had friends fall when jogging on the brick sidewalks - I think they are unsafe.
- I love the look of brick. It is certainly charming. But I have seen too many brick sidewalks end up uneven and broken, creating tripping hazards and accessibility issues. Any consideration should incorporate assurance of safety and upkeep
- I ranked safety and accessibility first because sidewalks are supposed to serve a specific function of enabling people to walk around. They are not yard decorations.
- I use sidewalks... a lot! If they are not safe or accessible, that is a problem. We need to find a way to make brick and competitive in cost. If not we lose brick.
- I walk to and from work daily and walk on many errands, for about 20 miles a week. I've established paths that are the safest surfaces. I avoid brick surfaces because they tend to

be tripping hazards when dry and slipping hazards when wet or frozen. If the sidewalk isn't safe, what is the point? And if it costs more to dig up and replace the brick with more brick, I vote no.

- If an area is unsafe it should obviously be fixed, but just paving over everything brick or replacing it with asphalt or concrete ruins it.
- If existing brick has not been maintained by the homeowner they should not be allowed to mandate brick replacement instead of concrete - any new brick sidewalks will soon be as overgrown and hazardous as the old sidewalk. Concrete is safer and more cost effective. I have had three major injury falls on brickwalks in the last 4 months!
- If not taken care of or affordable they are really dangerous, especially at night.
- If the sidewalks aren't safe and accessible, then they won't work. In terms of sustainability, they need to be constructed with this in mind for long term value.
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- Keeping existing brick sidewalks safe
- Limiting falls due to uneven bricks sticking out is most important, whether it's protecting drunk college students or those in a wheelchair.
- Make sure they are even (no trip hazards)
- Must be maintainable to remain safe.
- Safe accessible use for all.
- Safety and accessibility are also significant concerns regarding the brick sidewalks.
- Safety because the way some of them are now, they can easily be tripped over and people could get hurt. Sustainability because we don't need to be doing this again in 10 years. Accessibility because it needs to be accessible to everyone!
- Safety is important and especially with people who are not able bodied.
- Safety requires that sidewalks remain flat and level. This is much harder to achieve with brick compared to concrete.

- Safety should always be the first priority for transportation infrastructure. I appreciate the aesthetic of brick but am concerned about cost as a property owner with adjacent brick sidewalks and streets.
- Safety, accessibility, sustainability.
- Safety. I feel the brick sidewalks are a hazard. They can be dangerous at night in poor lighting. They are more difficult to clear of snow.
- serious safety concerns particularly in poorly lit locations due to uneven surfaces
- Sidewalks are about transportation; charm, tradition, aesthetics all need to come second to a safe, level, reliable walking path.
- Sidewalks are made to be used. They're an important transportation asset -- not an aesthetic one.
- Sidewalks should be safe and accessible as a minimum. They exist because pedestrians using the street is not safe or accessible.
- Sidewalks should be wide and smooth enough for all community members to use easily and safely.
- So we'll be able to walk easily without being prone to stumbling.
- The increased trip hazard combined with the cost of making them accessible and not likely to trip leads my uninterested in seeing brick sidewalks and roads continue to exist.
- The policy should be applied to historic neighborhoods but there has to be a requirement to maintain these brick sidewalks to ensure safety for walkers. Some of our brick sidewalks around East Lawrence are simple an accident waiting to happen!
- The purpose of a sidewalk is to be able to navigate safely along a street on your own power, without risk of falling, etc. Brick sidewalks add a high degree of 'character' to a neighborhood, but they MUST be safe.
- The sidewalks are a huge part of the community feel (at least in OWL) but need to be safe because that's the whole point of sidewalks. Sustainability needs to factor in so that repairs aren't having to be done all the time.
- Trip hazard
- we need safe sidewalks to be able to walk on

Other

- 1 unique part of old west Lawrence, 2 they need to be safer (better built and maintained) and 3 they are historically charming
- Adding general guidelines for constructing, repairing and maintaining brick sidewalks would be helpful. This ensures an underlying uniformity and usability level for all.
- Age and limited physical ability to maintain sidewalk cause me to hope my sidewalk will not be brick. Snow and ice removal are more difficult with the many edges especially as they age. Grass and weeds grow in the seams between bricks and are hard to remove. Brick sidewalks are more prone to distortion with ground movement and tree root growth.
- All streets should have sidewalks on both sides be they brick or concrete. Do brick sidewalks add value to the community at large by increasing utility or attractiveness to neighborhoods or commercial districts?
- As someone who recently moved to a brick street with brick sidewalks, I absolutely love the look, but they have to be safe and accessible. My block has some sections of sidewalk in poor repair, covered in grass, tree roots making them push up out of the ground. No way could a wheelchair get down the sidewalk and even I feel unstable walking when there is snow down, leaf cover or even at dark. We often walk in the street at night to prevent trips, slips and falls.
- As the city grows and infrastructure ages, I believe a balance should be found between modern sustainability/accessibility and the tradition/aesthetic for brick sidewalks in future planning.
- Avoid tree roots that mess up the flat surface of the sidewalk. Ha ha!
- Brick has lasted many years and can be reused and repaired easily compared to concrete. Concrete has energy and resource issues that we need to consider. Brick has (unknown) energy and resources that should be used. The charm factor is obvious. When I think Langston Hughes may have walked on the bricks in front of my house I think that is something to maintain.
- Budget which includes hiring City staff in order to maintain and/or build the sidewalks. I am sure there are community masons or builders who would love to participate.
- building ownership.
- Certainly can be a less uniform surface, but concrete is no guarantee to avoid trip hazards.
- Charm and tradition are wonderful but most are in bad shape so low on safety.
- Citywide procurement of contractors that homeowners can "buy into" to repair their brick sidewalks.

- code requirements for new developments and renovations. i'd say required to preserve or restore existing brick sidewalks and streets; concrete that is already in place can be grandfathered in. maybe incentives for replacing concrete with brick. i think it's important to maintain the limestone curbs as those are part of that historic building system so are authentic and unique. publish design guidelines and work with Peasley to create a training program for public works employees to learn the craft and do it well. ensure quality standards are upheld with maintenance over time.
- Community is an ambiguous term but I believe it subsumes charm, tradition, uniqueness and perhaps to some degree, sustainability.
- Concrete is so damaging to the environment. Brick leaves room for plants to grow.
- Consider the design
- Consideration for the stone curbs (if any) and curb cuts that are ADA accessible. Consideration for tree roots that have pushed up historic brick sidewalks. How will they be treated without harming the tree?
- Cost to community, value to community, safety of pedestrians.
- DO NOT BRICK. Make regular concrete sidewalks. My righ finger was amputated because of my fall because I am not get any pain meds for my shoulder.
- Don't put them in.
- easy to shovel in the winter, drainage, our sidewalk gets horrible puddles and mud
- Efficiency, history, and utility
- Equity in this context should be equity of funding for sidewalk repair, but also equity of implementation. Homeowners in OWL had to repair our sidewalks, but there are still long stretches that are impassible because they are brick.
- "First, there should be design specs and standards to promote accessibility, sustainability and longevity for repaired sidewalks. Done properly, brick infrastructure will last longer than concrete. It already has. Second, where repairs are mandated, it should be cost neutral for the property owner, so that they are not forced into choosing concrete because of cost. Third, this is a great opportunity to partner with Peasley Tech to teach people how to repair to the design specs. A great opportunity for people to start small businesses. Fourth, doing it right and paying for that to happen may take time. Prioritize safe routes to school, etc., but if it takes a decade or so to get it done, so be it, as long as steady progress is being made.
- Hundreds of cities (or more) have brick sidewalks and have successfully maintained and/or repaired them. Seek out best practices. There is no need to reinvent the wheel. "
- From an accessibility standpoint I understand why brick sidewalks are not ideal. In a perfect world I'd love Lawrence to be able to keep their brick sidewalks while also being safe for all

types of mobility. For example: maybe historic areas can keep their brick sidewalks, but thoroughfares are prioritized with concrete (and in some areas that may mean one side of the street is brick while the other is cement). Or perhaps outside of the box thinking in areas that need good accessibility with stamped concrete that looks like bricks. I think the best answer isn't choosing brick or no brick, but making the best decision on the specific location.

- help homeowners learn how to fix them. make landlords keep them safe. the bad parts of the sidewalk are in front of rentals, overgrown with weeds (very slippery in winter ice/snow); not leveled when tree roots make it even. with the percentage of rentals in the brick sidewalk areas , most are rentals. landlords need to be responsible.
- How to get rid of them
- How to rebuild brick sidewalks. Just as the City has specs for building concrete sidewalks they should have specs for building brick sidewalks. Numerous brick sidewalks have been rebuilt by the City (9th street for one) and it is discouraging for the homeowner that must maintain them that they were not built to a standard.
- I don't care for brick sidewalks.
- I don't have a problem with brick sidewalks.
- I don't think brick sidewalks are necessarily appropriate in areas of higher foot traffic where they might be harder to maintain and less accessible, but they are very valued in historic neighborhood.
- I have a brick sidewalk and it's complicated as a homeowner. Do I replace them with concrete so they are easier to maintain and more cost effective, but potentially angering preservationist neighbors (east Lawrence)? Do I wait for the city to come through and decide what to do with my sidewalk - potentially saving money and hassle?
- I like the look of brick sidewalks, but concrete is superior for most all functional purposes.
- I love the brick sidewalks and streets in Lawrence and own a home on a street with both brick sidewalks and streets; they are charming, unique and a reflection of our history. This said, a sidewalk and a street are both modes of transportation and should be accessible to all - so if brick sidewalks and streets are not maintained properly, they are not usable for those with mobility constraints or who use walkers or wheelchairs.
- I strongly don't want to lose these amazing features of Lawrence, but also realize that areas much be accessible for people with disabilities - it is a hard balance, but I'm certain it can be solved with creative thinking.
- I think brick sidewalks and brick streets should be considered separately in their policy and development. They each have unique needs and hurdles, if you will. Brick sidewalks in older neighborhoods are greatly impacted by older trees and the gaps between the bricks and the uneven bricks can be quite dangerous. The time and cost related to rehabbing the sidewalk

(remove bricks, level the ground and replace the brick sidewalk) is beyond most homeowners.

- I think how long the sidewalks will last and how safe will they be is important. We have brick sidewalks and the sand/direct etc get washed away during rain storms so the bricks shift. I also worry how much it will cost to get them fixed. They are an art form in my opinion.
- I think that replacement/repair of brick sidewalks should not be required - they should be able to be replaced with concrete where the homeowner chooses.
- I think that the inherent durability of brick makes it a good choice plus the character that it gives a walkway.
- "I think we need to consider trade-offs: if X feet of brick sidewalks are installed/maintained, what are we losing in terms of other potential infrastructure improvements?"
- Also, just wanted an opportunity to say that I think asking members of the public to rank values is a GREAT way to do community engagement. The city should be engaging with the public on a value-basis on ALL of its public improvement projects. Keep at it!"
- I walk and bike a lot. I prefer to bike on sidewalks if the street is busy, plus I am a senior citizen.
- If a sidewalk is fully functional, it should be allowed to remain even if a corner is lifted an inch or less.
- If there is a brick sidewalk, there should not be a brick street. If there is a brick street, there should not be a brick sidewalk. That way, pedestrians and bicyclists stand a chance of smoother, safer passage.
- In areas where there are no brick street and sidewalks are of mixed construction residents should be given the chance to opt out of brick side walks.
- Issues with tree roots
- It tells the history of our city through materials. It is important to not prevent people in wheelchairs or with strollers to use.
- Just curious on seeing if brick roads/sidewalks
- Keep and improve
- Last 7 are nice but relatively unimportant
- listen to what neighborhoods say about it. these people have been studying and living with brick sidewalks and streets for 20 years. save yourself some work, don't reinvent the wheel. they've already done the leg work. just do what they say.
- Low cars being damaged by uneven brick pavers. As well as loud car noise and rumble.

- Maintenance cost for brick sidewalks with regard to ADA, trees, etc. What happens to the brick sidewalk where it crosses a driveway? Will sidewalk ramps be built with brick? ADA compliance will be a challenge.
- Making sure the sidewalk is wide enough for two people to walk on, as well as far away enough from shrubs and the road.
- My children and I ride our bikes on the brick without incident and it seems to deter the motorized skateboards and electric bikes.
- My grandfather was a brick mason! Bricks are in my blood. Do not take them away please.
- Obvious reasons: safety as bricks tend to shift unevenly over time; historic tradition is important to me; equity for all, including ADA users
- One option I didn't see on your boards was this (picture on paper form), majority concrete with just a border of brick. This retains the charm of brick as a decorative border but allows the majority of the sidewalk to be safe, if boring, concrete.
- Orphan sidewalks should be the lowest priority. Longer stretches need to be subsidized by the City to encourage homeowner replacement and to mitigate as much as possible the issues of accessibility and safety.
- Replace brick sidewalks with concrete.
- Sidewalk and street policy should remain separate. These are two very different issues.
- Sidewalks and street considerations are similar- repair, maintain, with exception of who uses it. So you must weigh public support of a good that is used by a smaller area.
- Sidewalks should be accessible to all, cost as little as possible to maintain long-term, and be safe for everyone.
- Sustainability, efficiency, equity
- The appearance of a brick sidewalk can be created with strong underlayment, which may not have existed in the original. Techniques that make the sidewalk more maintainable should reduce future maintenance cost. Investments now will pay off in the future.
- The brick sidewalks are great connectors to Lawrence's past, both historic and architectural. As more and more of Lawrence becomes homogenized I think it's important to keep traces of our past. But - safety has to be considered and the burden on us individual homeowners who have been doing the best we can dealing with not only the usual sidewalk problems, but also constant student brick theft.
- The brick sidewalks aren't real practical and I wouldn't have a problem if we eliminated them.

- The city could invite homeowners to build their own, with perhaps a reduction in that year's property tax as an incentive.
- The people who live in the brick areas ought to have their voices prioritized, for it will be those people who live with the decisions every day.
- There needs to be agreed upon standards regarding bedding (aggregate or sand tamped down) and the placement of framing (soldier bricks) for the sidewalk to last. Another issue on some properties is use of sedimentary rock panels known as bluestone. These 100 or more year-old panels have developed cracks but generally don't deflect unless a tree root is involved. New panels can be had but are very expensive. Case by case evaluation of each walk and panel will be the best way to ensure accessibility while preserving as much of this beautiful material as possible.
- They are ornamental, not functional. Function should prevail.
- Think creatively about creating a not-for-profit to repair sidewalks. Work with Peaslee Tech to start an apprentice program. Subsidize a repair crew to just repair brick sidewalks.
- Tradition, Uniqueness, Community, Charm. In front of my house when I bought it (1900 build) & there now. TIRED OF Lawrence government telling us what I want & terrible property taxes. Entitled white community? Yes.
- Use same style of bricks, not a variety. Use best bricks from the storage pile for sidewalks. Sidewalk bricks should the "Lawrence, Kansas" imprint. Street bricks are placed vertically and do not.

Survey Responses relating to Brick Streets:

When asked “Considering your highest prioritized values (top three) for brick streets tell us why those were important to you?” and “What else should be considered in the brick street policy development?” the following responses were received:

Accessibility

- Accessibility should always be considered because pedestrians crossing brick streets may face more of a challenge if that street is brick rather than concrete.
- As a full-time wheelchair user, brick streets are extremely difficult for me to negotiate. Brick streets also present problems for people who use walking aids (canes, walkers, rollators, etc.), as well as many blind and low-vision people. In addition, brick streets, especially if they are less than perfectly maintained, create tripping hazards. For all of these reasons, they create a more isolated environment for disabled people and send the message that we are not really part of the community.
- Brick streets are inaccessible and dangerous for a multitude of users.
- Brick streets are slick when wet and hold onto ice and snow. They're terrible for people dependent on bicycles for transport (or small, efficient scooters). They're costly and terrible to drive on (greater fuel cost and damage to tires)
- Every single person in this community, regardless of age or ability, deserves to be able to access the streets in their neighborhood without worry about brick deflections and other hazards of brick streets. A bicycle trip down New York Street, among other streets, is a bone jarring, unpleasant experience. I can't imagine how a person in a wheelchair can access a car parked on the street, or cross the street to visit neighbors or a store. The days of people with mobility limitations being trapped in their own homes need to end.
- I think it comes to the streets there is more leeway in terms of accessibility for people with disabilities as cars are being used. But curb cuts must be accessible and not cause problems.
- Like brick sidewalks, brick streets are inaccessible, difficult to navigate, dangerous and uncomfortable to use for all road users. Please remove them.
- Safe and accessible transport is the function of streets. Being cost effective should be a major consideration in all infrastructure decisions.
- Similar to the sidewalks, there is a high priority of safety and accessibility because that is what make the streets work. They need to be constructed in a sustainable manner to insure long-term care and use.
- Streets transport people so I'd want no physical feature to provide a hazard. I'd like all who want to cross or walk on the street to be able to do so without a lot of difficulty
- when we make things accessible everyone can participate.

Cost

- A cost comparison to modernize the brick streets versus maintaining the brick streets over 10, 20, 50 year periods. Be realistic, just because white people made something once doesn't mean it still serves a purpose.
- Again, the cost of maintaining brick streets are funds that could and should be spent elsewhere.
- Attention to the long term cost effectiveness.
- Brick streets seem extremely durable and low-maintenance. Does that make up for the higher installation cost?
- Bricks are a relic of the past. The brick streets are expensive to maintain and not fun to drive on.
- City financial resources are finite. Why should Lawrence have any brick streets? They are difficult to drive on, and difficult to maintain.
- Cost benefit. Brick streets are too expensive to install and maintain. As a community, we need to move beyond funding pavement charm and tradition and focus our paving resources on higher values like access and mobility for all. The historic homes will still make certain neighborhoods charming and of historical interest.
- Cost is always an issue for every decision a city makes
- Cost is important but how sustainable the streets are is too. We have potholes that are not immediately fixed. I'm curious to see how this would go about.
- cost should always be considered in any public works project. I would assume that any existing, or new, analyses would show it is more expensive to repair and maintain brick streets, but, unless that delta cost was tremendously higher (and I would question those studies if that was the case), I would be willing to pay my fair share to maintain the existing brick streets.
- Cost, cost, cost
- Cost: somehow we need to find a way to mechanize or streamline repair.
- Currently our community is built to be accessed by car. Brick roads add wear and tear on vehicles which add car maintenance costs to community members.
- Even if brick costs more, the ambiance created by bricks is well worth the cost. Look at Old West Lawrence. I think the bricks there greatly enhance that neighborhood. Same for East Lawrence.
- I am sure it is expensive to upkeep but the east side deserves to have nice things also.

- I assume they are much more expensive to install and maintain. If so, don't do it!
- I think brick streets, while they inherently provide traffic calming, are costly and should never be the required option.
- I think it would be very expensive to repair the brick streets and maintain them. Some of them like on 10th and Rhode Island have huge dips in them.
- I think safety is less of a concern so I think cost matter the most. If brick street cost more then it is hard to see why we would keep them. If the cost is the same then there is no reason to get rid of the ones we have - but no more should be created.
- It a big waste of time and tax money. Just goes to show that Lawrence leaders are really board and can't tackle any real issues except wasting our money.
- It's not fair that certain streets in Lawrence (brick streets) are costly to maintain when that money could be going to other areas that need street improvements.
- May not be worth the additional cost vs. traditional paving.
- Must be able to maintain brick streets affordably.
- No more taxpayer dollars should be spent on brick streets until all of the other streets in Lawrence are maintained in top notch condition.
- Raise taxes to make it happen.
- Safety and cost are the primary concerns. Brick streets are difficult for people with walkers and wheelchairs to traverse and although charming, is this really where we need to spend taxpayer dollars? This historic homes will still be charming without bringing back brick streets. Paid for by a grant and accessible? I'm in. Otherwise, I'm not interested.
- Streets exist to move vehicles with people and things. Streets are expensive to maintain. With limited resources, the focus should be on safety and efficiency to prioritize the tax dollars.
- Sustainability when it involves construction materials is a big plus, though the long term maintenance costs are higher. We must consider the uniqueness of these streets because it adds to the uniqueness of Lawrence and it will cost to preserve them.
- The cost of maintaining brick streets and maintaining them from constant shifts in the ground to keep them level and safe does not seem sensible.
- The cost of repair and maintenance of this expensive form of road surfacing should be considered.
- The cost of repairing and maintaining should not be more than similar costs in other parts of the city. I don't want to pay more in taxes so someone can have their historic brick street. If

brick streets are wanted and if the costs to repair and maintain are higher than concrete and blacktop surfaces then the homes along brick streets could have a special brick street tax or assessment

- The cost to the individual homeowners and the maintenance required.
- The cost, safety, and sustainability to maintain is the most important consideration.
- They add beauty, convenience, AND the rich people in this town can afford it.
- Those that want brick or other aesthetics in their neighborhood should pay for it. Certain neighborhoods shouldn't get special treatment.
- Unlike sidewalks, brick streets could potentially add to safety as the reverb tends to remind drivers to slow down. Even so, the sustainability and upkeep would need considered in contrast to other street options
- We should choose the most fiscally responsible material to make our roads out of. But we must consider the whole cost, laying, maintaining, and keeping it smooth.

History

- Again the brick streets are charming in an old neighborhood
- Again these are part of our history and a unique feature of the older Lawrence neighborhoods.
- Again, brick streets reflect the heritage of this old part of the city. Brick streets last longer than any other type of street construction; i.e., they are eminently sustainable--as our existing brick streets demonstrate. People tend to drive a bit slower on brick streets than on pavement, making them safer.
- As for streets, I like the look of brick, but concrete (or asphalt) is superior for most all functional purposes.
- beauty
- Being unique. The brick streets have an old world charm.
- Brick manufacturers have a rich history in Lawrence and in the surrounding areas. There are many streets that have been covered over with pavement essentially erasing part of the past. Would really like to see the pavement removed and the original brick brought back to life.
- Brick streets are a wonderful way to preserve the historic look and feel. In addition, they act as a traffic calming element / slow down traffic. I live on a brick street and it is GREAT
- Brick streets are part of 19th century Lawrence. Brick streets usually encourage moderate speeds.
- Brick streets can be beautiful and add to the charm for visitors of our downtown area.
- Brick streets contribute a sense of character and are a vernacular building method that is no longer practiced. Asphalt and concrete have taken over.
- Brick streets define our city history and define our communities. They slow traffic and signal to slow down.
- Brick streets in historic neighborhoods make Lawrence special and beautiful. This helps maintain the unique community and identity of Lawrence.
- Brick streets look nice, but have lower functionality. They are bad for bicycles, strollers, scooters, and really for cars as well. They look nice, but functionality should be a higher priority.
- Brick streets, especially when paired with historic districts, are very unique and again convey the community's intentional connection to their community and its history. They are a natural speed deterrent in residential neighborhoods as well.

- Charm is important in some older neighborhoods and possibly in the downtown business district to add to the attraction of such places for a slower, more pedestrian-friendly atmosphere.
- Charming bricks were laid by workers during Depression and have strong meaning because of the deep respect and appreciation I feel for the memory of their efforts to make our neighborhoods lovely and useful.
- Historic original townsite is important. They last for a long time. They are natural traffic calming.
- Historic tradition should be preserved; safety involves slowing down traffic; brick streets make our community unique
- Historical materials and methods create character and contribute towards placemaking, e.g. downtown vs. more generic suburban districts.
- I live in a historic district (South Rhode Island and New Hampshire Historic District) in East Lawrence. I feel it is very important to retain and maintain the existing exposed brick streets in the downtown area. They are traditional, charming and unique (see what I did there?!).
- I love the brick streets as it's what makes Lawrence unique. It is part of Lawrence history
- I think it's important to maintain/retain neighborhood history, and with surviving brick streets unique to neighborhoods it makes sense to maintain them. I'd also suggest they discourage traffic, a plus for older neighborhoods hoping to minimize drive-through traffic. Finally, asphalt overlays seems to crumble within a few years; brick seems to last forever.
- "I want to emphasize that I would have the same opinions about preserving brick streets and sidewalks no matter where in Lawrence I lived. It just so happens I am lucky enough to live on a brick street.
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- I was absolutely thrilled to be able to live on one of Lawrence's brick streets. I love it! I grew up in Lawrence and returned to retire here, and I have always loved these streets. They are so special, and remind us we are in the original heart of Lawrence. It stands in sharp contrast to the house farms and strip malls of far west Lawrence.
- They are beautiful, charming, and natural traffic regulators. It's a pipe dream, but I would love to see the asphalt removed from the top of any street that has brick under it - like taking ugly carpet up and revealing a beautiful hardwood floor."
- It is important to maintain historic infrastructure in Lawrence's original townsite. This is part of the "unmistakeable" charm and character that we care about. "Historic" means more than what is officially designated. By definition, any brick infrastructure is historic because it is part of the original town. Historic designation is often a matter of economic and cultural bias. Historically working class Black and Hispanic neighborhoods are less

likely to be designated than areas settled by the white gentry, but are no less "historic" and no less worthy of preservation.

- Keeping brick streets intact and maintained in historic neighborhoods is key to maintaining the context for the surrounding structures. They also appear to discourage speeding in the neighborhoods where they remain
- Lawrence has historically had brick streets. We need to preserve them.
- Lawrence's brick streets are an important element of our community's historic design, and create a strong sense of place in the neighborhoods that have the traditional brick streets and sidewalks. In this era of cookie-cutter developments, it is incredibly important to preserve unique neighborhood character and historic design elements in neighborhoods. As an urban planner (not part of city staff), I can say that it is incredibly important to preserve recognizable, unique, and traditional design and character elements of communities as a critical component of fostering age-friendly communities for older adults. Brick streets and sidewalks (when well-maintained) are a unique feature that can contribute to recognizability in a community. Lawrence's ADU policy, and other affordable housing policies, are positively contributing to age-friendliness in the Lawrence community. I would love to see this trend continue by preserving features that help older adults recognize and feel familiar with and comfortable in their community.
- Lawrence's unique history is woven into our brick roads. Those roads should be visible, not covered up, and our history of Lawrence Kansas should be celebrated.
- Not only do they add to the history of Lawrence neighborhoods, but brick streets are longer-lasting, if well maintained, than asphalt or concrete surfaces.
- One of the reasons Lawrence is different from other Kansas cities, is uniqueness. They have managed to keep much of the historic feel of the area. Many other towns have covered and change the nod to the past. Lawrence embraces that past and that is part of its charm.
- Other cities that have invested in maintaining historical essence of their heritage
- Peoples' feelings for the visual beauty of their neighborhoods bricks are easier on the eyes than gray concrete, and the meaningfulness of this beauty that defines our memories of place and home. And NO (or fewer, at least) potholes!
- Streets are infrastructure NOT historic landmarks.
- The brick streets are part of the historic nature of Lawrence. They add to the charm which draws many visitors and should be preserved as much as possible. They are long lasting, and bricks can be removed to perform repairs, and then replaced. Unfortunately, in the past some repairs to brick streets had concrete poured in the places where the repairs were made. And when streets in East Lawrence were milled to remove the asphalt, the milling went to far, and damaged the bricks, shortening their life significantly.
- The brick streets of Lawrence are a unique part of history. It is a unique item of our city.

- The character of older neighborhoods needs to be maintained.
- The historical value is definitely important. The brick roads have been here in our historic neighborhoods giving charm for many decades and should be kept.
- The streets should reflect the original look and feel of the neighborhood.
- they add charm and neighborhood cohesiveness and connect present with past, helping brand Lawrence for tourism.
- They are nice to look at but bumpy to drive on.
- They have a more organic look than asphalt or concrete.
- They look charming
- tradition: the very old neighborhoods should have streets matching the architecture of the homes.
- Uniqueness: Brick streets add historic/visual appeal
- We don't have a lot of them, or very large areas, but they provide a lot of character to the town and some area just won't look the same without them.
- When claiming "tradition" as a reason to keeping brick streets, we need to recognize that brick streets can be synonymous with colonization and pushing Native Americans out of their homes.

Responsibility / Maintenance

- A regular maintenance schedule to fix potholes, and fix them correctly (not just pouring asphalt filler in there). publish design guidelines for bricklaying and limestone curb masonry and work with Peasley to create a training program for public works employees to learn the craft and do it well. ensure quality standards are upheld with maintenance over time.
- Again, brick streets are part of the charming character of our community. As with the brick sidewalks, if a repair needs to be done in one area, the bricks can be removed and replaced after the work is done with much less effort and expense, than would be needed on an asphalt street, which needs to be overlaid on a regular basis. Brick streets can last for many decades with little maintenance.
- Brick streets are attractive and enhance the historic characteristics of older neighborhoods. They are safer than paved streets because of they encourage slower traffic speeds. They are far more durable and easy to maintain than paved streets.
- Brick streets can be wonderful when maintained
- Brick streets last for a long time compared to other street materials.
- "Brick streets last longer with less maintenance than asphalt or concrete. Also asphalt tends to raise the level of the street leading to a disappearing curb and drainage issues. Asphalt hides and disrespects the workmanship and craft involved in laying down brick streets. When a street needs to be torn up for utility repairs, the brick can be relaid and making things look more uniform than patches of asphalt and concrete."
- Concrete/asphalt is so hard to undo and destroys the ground underneath it. Brick streets may be more work to maintain but are cool and probably less bad for the environment. I've ruined many tires this year on pot hole filled asphalt roads but the brick ones have been serving me fine!
- Consider how to maintain them
- Cost/ease of maintenance in years to come and meeting needs of future infrastructure projects and utilities
- Do it right, no shortcuts!
- Do the research and install them correctly!
- Ensuring that any rebuilding of brick streets and sidewalks be done by or led by experts with a mind towards longevity.
- Herringbone intersections. Use stone curbing. Make sure streets have a crown to them. Re-use bricks from water treatment plant site. sort out the best bricks for sidewalk repairs.
- How will it be maintained.

- If brick streets 1. are more expensive to maintain and 2. need more frequent repairs, we should move away from them.
- If brick streets are installed and maintained properly, their aesthetic and structural design will vastly outweigh maintenance costs when comparing concrete or asphalt paving.
- It's important to identify a repair strategy that can address sunken areas by removing brick from those areas and repairing the substrate before replacing the brick. An asphalt or concrete patch is unacceptable and re-laying an entire street too expensive. Public Works officials in Holton Ks. have educated themselves on brick streets and would be a good resource.
- Maintainability and safety.
- Maintenance is a given. It impacts one's property tax. if a street lasts a long time that's a good thing.
- Only maintain the brick streets in certain areas, i.e. downtown Lawrence
- "People drive slower on brick roads. This is a family neighborhood and a school zone (we live by the New York Elementary School). I've also noticed that all over town, every year there are streets being torn up, sidewalks being torn up, the construction is ceaseless. The brick roads don't seem to need near the attention that the modern roads require. The last thing we need is to have annual construction in our neighborhood."
- Safe reliable travel. East of maintenance, snow removal and repair.
- Safe streets are important well-maintained brick streets slow traffic and are safe. Brick streets are sustainable because they can be removed for infrastructure repair.
- Safety and repair, however I would argue the brick streets hold up longer than the concrete and asphalt from my experience. Never had pothole problems when I lived around 13th and Vermont
- Safety of pedestrians and bicycle use. Cost and effectiveness of maintenance snow/ice removal and repairs.
- Should not be required - too costly and upkeep is a nightmare.
- Some of the better maintained brick streets are charming. Still, the streets need to be functional. Having brick streets means having a frequent maintenance plan.
- There should be a maintenance budget for brick streets. There should be a standard for building them. The City should have expertise in maintenance and the building of brick streets. In the last 12 years or so the City hosted 2 prior public engagements looking for what to do about brick streets and sidewalks. The data already exists. Develop a budget and develop the expertise were cited as solutions in both of those engagements. The same questions are being asked today that were answered back then.

- Upkeep and maintaining them is important for long term use
- Utilities doing work under the streets must be required to return the street surface to its former condition whenever street cuts are made.
- When restoring or repairing brick streets do not use bulldozers, backhoes, and dump trucks!! Carefully remove existing bricks and place on pallets. Brick streets should be reconstructed accurately using sand base and not concrete. Double-course, stone curbs. The streets themselves tell us everything about how to reconstruct them!

Safety

- Because when any street is safe, accessible, and efficient, people who use it will feel great and be able to pursue happiness more effectively in their lives without worry.
- Brick roads are not safe nor pleasant to use. Please remove them for the same reasons that are listed above.
- Brick sidewalks and streets are rarely well maintained and in some cases are possible accidents waiting to happen for pedestrians or bicyclists.
- Brick Street are a natural traffic calming technique. In neighborhoods they are brilliant at deterring through traffic, while also looking incredible.
- Brick streets are excellent traffic calming strategies! Throughout many East Lawrence neighborhoods the streets are very wide, contributing to fast moving traffic that contributes to unsafe conditions for pedestrians and cyclists. However, as a resident of East Lawrence, I can say that this is not an issue on the brick streets. The brick streets in East Lawrence should be maintained, and even expanded (if possible) to continue slowing and calming traffic in these residential and otherwise highly walkable areas.
- Brick streets are not "complete streets" that are safe for all road users. The City has a Complete Streets policy that should be accounted for in the evaluation of brick streets and sidewalks
- Brick streets automatically slow people down. On the streets where I live and work I would say that 75% of traffic is driving over the speed limit, sometimes double. The traffic calming quality of a brick street is welcome in certain situations. I also love the character, look and sound of a brick street. The fact that a majority of downtown area streets still have brick under the asphalt may make for an easier transition .
- Brick streets offer traffic calming.
- Brick streets slow traffic down making things safer for residents.
- Brick, similar to cobblestone in other localities, helps reduce vehicle speed without humps, etc. that just increase the amount of braking and acceleration.
- Consistent replacement of streets so they are repaired to safe measures by safety standards.
- curb replacement and safety
- I hope we prioritize creating streets that are as safe as possible for our community. This should include considering neighborhoods where the sidewalks are not accessible for all and so people walk on the street instead. I care more about safety than I do about the material used for streets.

- I like that it offers some speed control without the big speed bumps.
- I ranked safety first because driving is one of the most dangerous activities that occurs in our neighborhoods and streets should be designed with that in mind.
- Inequity hurts our community and when everyone's basic needs are met everyone is safer.
- Once again, they are Charming and people tend to drive slower on them which makes my street Safer. However, I don't have to maintain them so I don't know if the Cost is worth it.
- Recently the city has been installing traffic calming devices. Brick streets are naturally traffic calming. We would not want brick as the surface on major arteries, but in the neighborhoods, they serve a valuable service in slowing traffic.
- Riding a bike on a brick street is more difficult. Easier to catch a wheel and fall. Seems like snow removal would be more difficult.
- Safety and cost
- Safety comes in their ability to allow and calm traffic.
- Safety for streets includes speed control and traffic movement.
- Safety is my main expectation out of the built environment for transportation. I want the most functional and cost effective streets possible. History, tradition, and looks are nice but secondary.
- Safety is top priority for any street in Lawrence, but I think this is table-stakes. Existing brick streets, with proper maintenance seem to hold up over time really well, and deliver an aesthetic that many towns just don't have. It adds to the rich history of Lawrence and offers a charm and uniqueness that is fitting for Lawrence.
- safety of the potholes just being left
- Safety on streets is most important and it can be enhanced by cars moving slowly along brick streets. However the streets must also be sustainable
- Safety should always be the first priority for transportation infrastructure. I appreciate the aesthetic of brick but am concerned about cost as a property owner with adjacent brick sidewalks and streets.
- Safety, accessibility.
- safety: want to enforce slower speeds in neighborhoods? put a brick street down.. EVERYONE goes way slower. 25 miles an hour is pushing it.
- Safety: Brick streets have the added benefit of slowing traffic
- Streets should be safe, cost efficient long-term, and sustainable.

- The efficiency of brick vs concrete or asphalt is important in longevity. The safety of pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers is of utmost importance as well. The charm of these roads brings interest to the neighborhoods and communities around Lawrence.
- The only positive is they can slow traffic speed and maybe reduce traffic (I avoid if possible whenever driving, biking, or walking)
- The streets are terribly uneven. They pose a risk to both pedestrians and motorists.

Other

- 1. Efficiency - Bumpiness, slow speed. 2. Charm 3. Sustainability.
- "A poster at the open house highlighted a street that I live on for its degraded brick. I agree, it is degraded. But how long has that brick been in place? How much maintenance has it required in comparison to concrete and asphalt? I don't know the answer; I'm asking. I suspect that the brick has stood the test of time better than other materials. Let's focus on preserving our existing brick streets for longevity.
- Here's my suggestion: Limit the types of traffic that can traverse brick streets. Prohibit vehicles over a certain length, GVW, or wheel type from using brick streets as throughways. I have watched steel track construction equipment working on the sewer project drive down the brick streets, when adjacent paved streets were available. That can't be good for the brick. Same goes for large trucks, construction equipment, and long trailers. There's just no reason they need to use the brick streets that were not designed for these types of vehicles. Yes - if utility or moving trucks are working at a specific location on a brick street, OK. But as a throughway- no.
- Also, (again a question to which I don't know the answer), what benefit are the street sweepers serving? As far as I can tell, all they do is smear around dirt and make cars really dirty. Do street sweepers and the way they move grit have an adverse impact on bricks?
- Regarding historic designation- I am not necessarily a fan of historic designations, especially at the national level, because of all the restrictions and obligations that come with it. An area can be historic and special, and treated with that regard, without having historic designation. In fact, that is sometimes the preferable scenario, because the absence of designation allows more flexibility. I don't believe that historic designation should be sought for the streets and sidewalks. But the historical nature of them should be considered as the city and community decides how to preserve and maintain them."
- All brick streets seem totally impractical and unattractive. However, brick intersections would add a touch of 'history'. That appeals to me for visual effect and because it can have a traffic calming effect. Connecting brick sidewalks through intersections also has a nice visual effect on the neighborhood.
- Approval by homeowners on each block.
- As a driver, I prefer asphalt, as the brick pavements soon become uneven and bumpy.
- As the city grows and infrastructure ages, I believe a balance should be found between modern sustainability/accessibility and the tradition/aesthetic for brick streets in future planning.
- Asphalt should be removed over brick streets when repair is required.
- Back in 2019, the residents in the 700 block on Indiana met with neighborhood reps from the Brick Street committee and voted not to move forward with lobbying for brick streets in

this block because none of the residents in attendance wanted to subsidize the project. At that time we were told residents would have to pay for the brick streets based on their property frontage square footage.

- Brick streets are a natural speed deterrent and also made from a sustainable and recyclable material. Brick streets can last for centuries.
- Brick streets are awful.
- brick streets are deterrents to bicycle travel and are unfriendly to alternative transportation
- brick streets are deterrents to vehicle traffic resulting in slower speeds
- Brick streets are quite unique in that they tend to have a natural traffic calming effect. They seem to drain water better than asphalt and need to be maintained less than asphalt.
- Brick streets calm traffic and naturally slow down driving in residential neighborhoods. They also provide a great distinction between neighborhoods.
- Brick streets help reduce speeds, made from durable and sustainable materials, enhance the historical neighborhood setting, and contribute to the beauty of the city
- Brick streets help tell the history of the community by showing where the older neighborhoods are located. They provide significant traffic calming benefits as well.
- Brick streets in good repair actually drain better than asphalt or concrete ones. They also add to the originality of historic neighborhoods. The great majority of extant brick streets in Lawrence are low-traffic-volume, and so keeping them ought to be a priority.
- Brick streets is just one of the things that make Lawrence different from Kansas City, but its a major one. It completely changes the feel and atmosphere of a neighborhood. Don't make Lawrence like every other Kansas town. Keep Lawrence unique by Lawrence.
- Brick streets suck to use any wheeled vehicle on from baby strollers to bikes, to cars and trucks, the past is the past and brick streets should stay in the past. The cost to the city versus the benefit of a few brick streets does not in anyway justify what is planned or has been expanded on this process.
- Bricks streets seem to only be for the affluent east-side neighborhoods that always get what they want by complaining.
- Comfort. This may fit onto another category, but when I ride my bike down brick streets, it is VERY uncomfortable. (My daughter also says they make her teeth chatter). It is also hard to maneuver on a bike on these streets.
- consider adjoining residents' desires
- Consider ecosystem. Infrastructure and keeping them in good repair.

- Consider efficiency or sustainability and emphasizing it as well as updates
- Consider preserving the stone curbs where possible.
- Eliminating roundabouts. Having 20mph speed limits (signs posted).
- emergency vehicle access, storm water run-off
- Enlist local residents in laying the bricks--really.
- Equity among neighborhoods and clear criteria for deciding where the City puts its efforts; older neighborhoods with brick streets should be treated similarly no matter their location. A policy that is sympathetic to the disruption caused by work on brick streets and the damage to the old limestone curbing, if existing. A clear expectation for the neighborhoods as to what exactly the City will provide; good communication and advance notice along with arrangements for access for older citizens with disabilities or medical concerns.
- Existing brick streets need to be protected. If work is done on a street where there are bricks, the bricks need to be returned to their original place. too often in the past, brick streets have had concrete poured in areas where the street had been dug up, causing irreparable damage. Some might complain about the bumpiness of brick streets, but I feel that serves to calm the traffic. Overlalying a brick street with asphalt just causes traffic to speed up unnecessarily.
- Fine folks who habitually block sidewalks.
- Good for traffic calming and last longer than asphalt
- How are street surface markings done on brick?
- How to get rid of them.
- I don't see much difference in how we should determine the fate of brick sidewalks versus brick streets.
- I feel less committed to brick streets than brick sidewalks mainly because my only experience with driving on brick streets (both in Lawrence and other cities) are less than great. I feel they do add to the character of an area and are historically appropriate for certain neighborhoods. I can somewhat understand the issues that come with installing and maintaining brick streets. Unfortunately if there is a way to do it where they cost the same or less to install/maintain and the quality of driving surface is retained then go for it.
- I hate brick streets.
- I hate the road noise of driving on bricks. And while they don't get pot holes is technically true, it is a very rough noisy unpleasant ride.
- I just think they are too rough

- I like the Victorian neighborhoods.
- I love them but they're going away for a reason.
- I think brick Streets are a great way to reduce the speed of traffic. I never felt like I had cars speeding down our street. Brick sidewalks could be an accessibility problem. When they're well maintained they're easy to get around with a stroller, I could see similar for a wheelchair. But certainly unmaintained sidewalks would not be navigable. So perhaps the streets could be brick, but more sidewalks are traditional materials.
- I think the brick streets add a lot to the uniqueness and image of Lawrence. But during winter I avoid driving on them, so I'm probably not the best person to be commenting!
- I value the streets even over the sidewalks. They are beautiful, long lasting (just look under all that asphalt), slow traffic down, are charming, historic, and I believe economic if your time horizon extends into the future many years. Maintenance can be done by humans, providing work, and allowing for craftsmanship.
- If the bricks have "Lawrence" on them they should be retained and used in some creative public space.
- If there is a brick sidewalk, there should not be a brick street. If there is a brick street, there should not be a brick sidewalk. That way, pedestrians and bicyclists stand a chance of smoother, safer passage.
- I'm pragmatic. We don't expect to use wooden natural gas pipes like those used 100 years ago because of nostalgia. Likewise we should embrace the safest most efficient and cost effective surfaces for today's roads. Charm is delightful but I don't want to ride my bike over brick roads. It's awful!
- in addition to being traditional and charming, brick sidewalks suit situations with mature trees well. unlike a slab of concrete, bricks move with the growth of a tree. You can even build around a trees roots. If you wanna get real wild, you can include artistic aspects -- custom bricks, hollow bricks with objects inside, etc etc. Home grown art is a tradition of our old brick side walk and street neighborhoods as well.
- Increase City staff to maintain brick street.
- Is there a benefit, in efficiency, equity, cost, or other to using the exact same method and material to pave all streets in Lawrence? It seems that the piecemeal approach, no matter how well-intentioned, creates problems.
- It seems the list and questions are duplicated. See response above.
- Just listen to the neighborhoods. I swear to Dolly, ya'll need some institutional memory. We been done talking about this for decades. We've done the research. We know the answers. Just listen!

- Keep the bricks but work on them please. Areas where garbage trucks drive, by alleys, are totally messed up.
- KU students are forever stealing bricks.
- KU students are forever stealing bricks. So when a bunch of bricks are stolen, it seems like a better use of money to just pave that area with concrete.
- Long-term advantage of brick: Is there any? I would think yes, but can't speak from data.
- Make sure to plan for the reversion of these streets to modern transportation materials. There's a reason why we don't build with these anymore.
- Making sure that all neighborhoods are considered - not just the more expensive home neighborhoods. Well traveled roads by schools, businesses should also be looked at as well.
- Making sure that crosswalks and stop signs have markings for drivers to see.
- Making the ride as smooth as possible!
- Mississippi which was done by the neighborhood doesn't flow to the gutters so it becomes a real mess and a mosquito breeding ground. I don't believe Ohio has the same issue but it was done by professionals.
- more important than a brick street would be a street in good condition for the residence to be able to travel or park on.
- My grandfather was a brick mason! Bricks are in my blood. Do not take them away please.
- Navigating brick in a vehicle can make less sense in some places, but preserving the few residential streets where they remain would be ideal for character and keeping speeding down.
- not destroying the neighborhood feel. getting property owners to care about how the houses look (landlords)
- Not only should existing brick streets be preserved, but those that have been paved over with asphalt should be rehabilitated.
- not too important to me as not likely to effect me daily
- Nothing more lovely than driving in areas with brick streets. Also anything that helps to slow people down for the total length of the street instead of obstacles that only slow people down and cause them to focus on the obstacle instead of people and animals.
- Older neighborhoods are neighborhoods with economic diversity and maintenance of the brick streets may have been overlooked in years past. The brick streets should be safe and also well lighted with appropriate stop signs and traffic calming measures. The

neighborhoods with brick streets many times are on a grid system and therefore cut through traffic is a concern.

- Our taxes continue to increase but citizens are becoming very dissatisfied with our ROI. If the city continues to eliminate opportunities for community pride, connections to local history, and safe gathering spaces while increasing frustrations, we will continue to see an overall decline of our town. Follow the actual research on brick streets and quit sending surveys designed to generate the findings you want. The city has paid RD Johnson enough money that they can create an entire historic brick team to properly work on our streets and sidewalks.
- Please do not let this project get delayed by claims of lack of consensus, the need for more community feedback, etc. There are many places in Lawrence where the city has allowed sidewalks to deteriorate because of differing opinions about enforcing the code. It is time for city officials to make a decision about how they are going to enforce the code and do it.
- Policy should not deviate from neighborhood to neighborhood. Oread, Old West Lawrence, East Lawrence, Pinckney, etc. should all be treated the same.
- Provide options to the governing agencies. for example ADA guidelines usually allow accommodations. Ask citizens what they would trade off for the cost of maintaining the brick instead of concrete or asphalt.
- Replace brick streets with concrete.
- Restoring brick streets that are covered with asphalt.
- Safety. They can become a trip hazard when crossing or running. They are loud. I think roads should be as modern as possible. We once had dirt roads and we wouldn't want those back either
- Sidewalks and are there for people to use. Bricks are horrible. They always degrade and become horrible, unusable monstrosities.
- Stormwater.
- Streets are meant to be used. Perhaps it would be nice to hold one brick street/block as a memento to technology past, but maintaining streets for travel and Stormwater conveyance and use should be the primary goal.
- Streets must efficiently move vehicular traffic so efficiency is important for main arteries and secondary streets; however for some residential streets and some commercial districts the slower speeds that brick streets require becomes an advantage.
- Sustainability - what street construction best allows rainwater/groundwater drainage to avoid runoff and erosion.
- The brick streets in Lawrence are amazing, please keep them! I live on a brick street.

- The choices you give are not relevant to the questions. How much did it cost us for this survey?
- the covered bricks make the top road go so quickly and painful potholes. the dip at rhode island is horrible! its not okay
- The damage to vehicles on poorly maintained brick streets should also be considered.
- the not-yet reno'd streets are still pretty darn good and usable with the exception of areas that are potholed. i think the texture and noise made driving on them may slow some drivers down since it's louder and bumpier.
- The old railroad line on New Jersey street has decomposing railroad ties that create very poor road conditions. Some sections even have exposed steel rails. The asphalt that has been laid on top of eroding conditions were a cheap choice that has worsened conditions. New Jersey street in East Lawrence need to be picked up and reinstalled similar to the brick street on Pennsylvania in front of LBC in the arts district. Between 2010 and 2018, about 7 city block had been reinstalled by Greg Randall with GSR Construction. Original pavers were excavated, cleaned and reinstalled on a bituminous base. The streets that were reinstalled will be an improvement for another 100+ years. The block of 2100 Vermont was even installed with new clay pavers, produced by Endicott Clay were extruded to match the existing street paver. Additionally, the asphalt that has been laid on top of clay pavers at 12th street between Delaware and Pennsylvania should not have been laid down. It currently has big patches where the asphalt has failed, exposing random patches of clay pavers. I would like to see most clay streets properly installed to extend their life for another 100 years. I would be happy to discuss further if someone would like to contact me, I have focused on paver and retaining wall installation for 10 years. My name is J [name/address kept on file but removed from comment publication]
- The people who live in the brick areas ought to have their voices prioritized, for it will be those people who live with the decisions every day.
- The streets have been terrible for years. Try driving a Audi twin turbo down them. Brick streets have f'd up my car before. Now as long as lawrence city's risk management actually acknowledge these road can mess up cars and pay out for the damages so we don't have to sue each time would be great.
- There should be design specs and standards to promote accessibility, sustainability and longevity for repaired streets. Done properly, brick infrastructure will last longer than concrete. It already has. In many cases, however, there are perfectly good brick streets buried underneath asphalt, and all that is needed is careful removal of the asphalt. Some of the brick streets in poor condition (East Lawrence) are that way because the bricks were scarred by milling machines preparatory to asphalt overlay. Where asphalt removal was done by hand (Oread), the brick streets have held up well. In addition to the aesthetic, brick streets are naturally traffic calming. Brick streets are sustainable, less prone to pot holes and although the initial investment is higher, will last much longer than concrete or asphalt. Hundreds of cities (or more) have brick streets and have successfully maintained and/or repaired them. Seek out best practices. There is no need to reinvent the wheel. "

- They are a big problem when it comes to riding on them on a bike. Shake a person to death. They do slow down traffic in my experience though, and that's a good reason to keep them.
- They are appropriate for neighborhood streets and much less so for collectors and more heavily traveled and higher speed traffic.
- They Don't - Make it sustainable
- Through streets (9th, Main, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Barker, Tennessee, Kentucky) should never be brick. But the streets around them in the neighborhoods where people walk, would be excellent as brick to keep people to reasonable speeds. Old West Lawrence would benefit from brick streets, especially for football game days when an increase in traffic is inevitable. Lawrence City planners could really strategically use brick streets to influence traffic patterns.
- To be honest, I don't see much point in maintaining or reconstructing brick streets. The character of a neighborhood can be so well established with beautiful brick sidewalks, I would prefer to make streets uniformly concrete or asphalt throughout the city.
- Vehicles
- Which roads are selected? Is the process equitable? Do the neighborhoods want the brick streets?
- Will the limestone curb be included in the policy? Will new curb and gutter be placed on brick streets for better drainage?
- You know how everyone carpeted over their hardwood floors in the 80s? That's the same as paving brick streets. We pave over them and then spend how much putting in ineffective traffic calming devices? They slow traffic, they are beautiful, and they are history. People feel ownership of their neighborhood when they have the essential elements for community connection. Safety and aesthetics are 2 main drivers for attached citizens (Knight Fdn Soul of the Community).