




# Steering Committee Meeting No. 1

Lawrence Loop - 7<sup>th</sup> Street to Constant Park

November 9, 2023

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    - UI - Art, Culture, Aesthetics
    - RAISE Grant
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  7. Next Steps



# Meeting Agenda



# Introductions



Staff Advisory Team



Consultant Team



Steering Committee



# Goals & Objectives

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**Phase 1** - *Community Engagement +  
Concept Design = RAISE grant*

**Phase 2** - \*Final Design

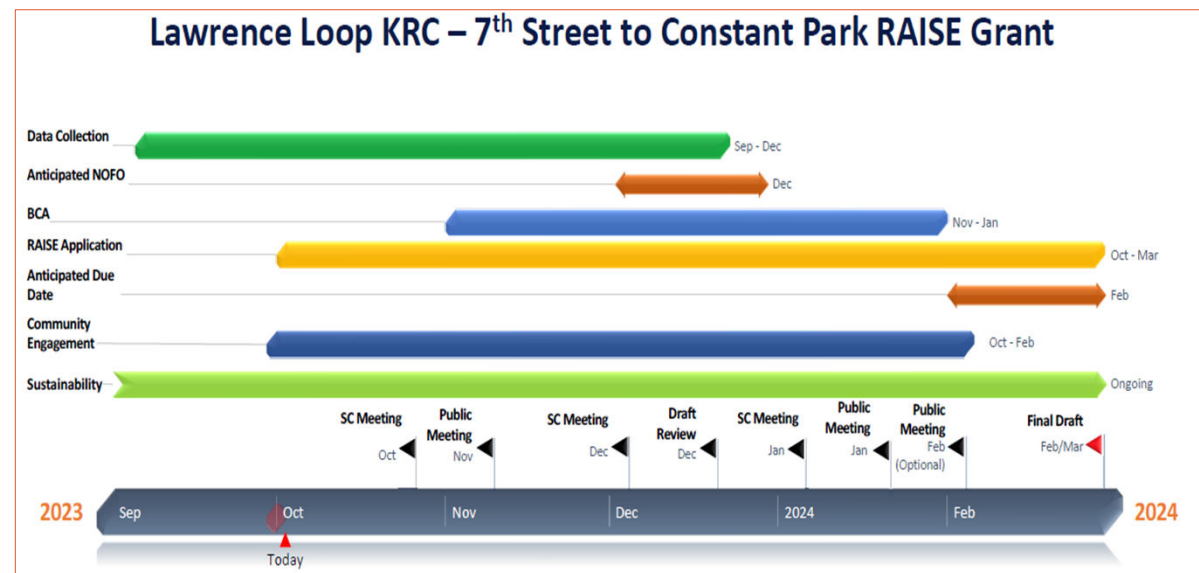
**Phase 3** - \*Build





# Schedule & Process

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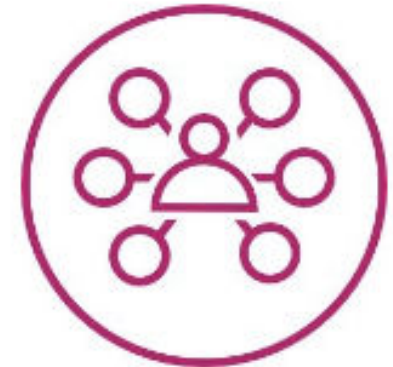


“The day you plant the seed is not the day you eat the fruit”.



# Objectives & Process Feedback

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We invite and welcome all community members to collaborate and innovate with us. Through strong and equitable engagement with our community, we share and receive information about important city services and community life.







## COMMUNITY VOICES ARE SAYING...

CONNECT NORTH LAWRENCE - PROMOTE RIVER PLACES AND ACTIVITIES - CELEBRATE THE ARRIVAL TO DOWNTOWN - ECOLOGY IS IMPORTANT - WE JUST WANT TO WALK TO THE RIVER AND FISH - **LOOP**  
**THE LOOP** - CONNECT DOWNTOWN TO THE RIVER - CREATE LAND-MARKS THAT ARE BEAUTIFUL AND MEANINGFUL - FUEL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
GREET VISITORS WITH A WELCOMING AND POSITIVELY EXPERIENCE - BUILD SAFE PATHWAYS - WEAVE AN ELEGANT FLOW OF BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENTS AND PAUSES - PLACES TELL OUR STORIES AND REFLECT OUR HISTORY  
THOUGHT PROVOKING AND MORE - BAKE ART & AESTHETICS INTO THIS PROJECT  
INCLUDE OUR FIRST NATIONS VOICES - RESOLVE THE DEAD-ENDED PROMENADE ...







## *PRELIMINARY*

# EXPLORING NEXT STEP QUESTIONS...

- HOW DO WE COMPLETE THE LAWRENCE LOOP IN AN AREA WITH SIGNIFICANT PHYSICAL BARRIERS ?
- HOW DO WE CREATE CONNECTEDNESS TO THE KAW RIVER ?
- HOW DO WE DEMONSTRATE **UNMISTAKABLE IDENTITY** WITH THE PLACES AND THINGS WE CREATE ?





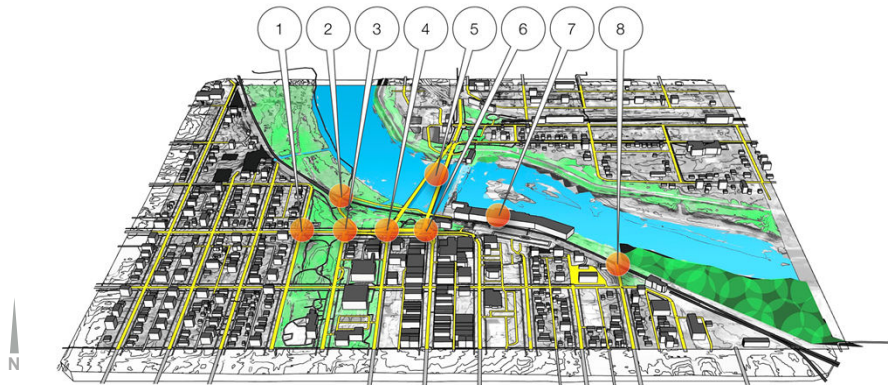
## *PRELIMINARY*

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES MIGHT INCLUDE...

OPTIMIZE LOOP EXPERIENCE AND FLOW - PROVIDING PLACES FOR STILLNESS / CONGREGATION  
BAKE-IN ART & AESTHETICS - FORMS, TEXTURES, COLORS, PROSPECT & DISCOVERY, STORYTELLING  
**RECOGNIZE THE KAW RIVER AS FUNDAMENTAL** FOR ALL THESE OPPORTUNITIES

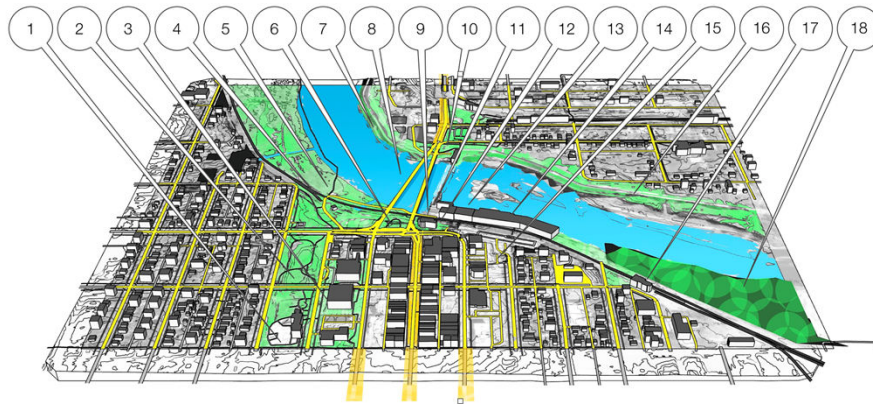


# HISTORY & BACKGROUND



MAJOR CONFLICTS

- 01 6TH AND TENNESSEE ST
- 02 NON SIGNALIZED RAIL CROSSING AT BERCHAM PARK
- 03 6TH AND KENTUCKY ST
- 04 HWY-40-S AND 6TH ST
- 05 BIKE/PED CONSTRAINTS CROSSING BRIDGES
- 06 HWY-40-N AND 6TH ST
- 07 RIVERFRONT MALL / OPACITY AND PROMENADE DEAD-END
- 08 RAIL CROSSING AT NEW YORK ST



MAJOR ELEMENTS

- 01 AQUATIC CENTER
- 02 WATSON PARK
- 03 PUBLIC LIBRARY
- 04 RR CROSSING
- 05 **LAWRENCE LOOP**
- 06 In'zhúje'waxóbe
- 07 FUTURE PARK
- 08 BIKE PED BRIDGE
- 09 CITY HALL
- 10 NORTH MASS
- 11 LYNCHING MEMORIAL
- 12 BIG STAIRS
- 13 BELOW DAM RECREATION
- 14 PROMENADE
- 15 PULP MASHER (READYMADE SCULPTURE)
- 16 LEVY TRAILS
- 17 SANTA FE STATION (AMTRAK)
- 18 CONSERVATION AREA
- TWIN HIGHWAY BRIDGES (59/40/24)
- **DOWNTOWN**
- STAN HERD EARTHWORK
- DAM AND TURBINE HOUSES
- LONG VIEWS TO SUN/MOON RISES
- DOWNTOWN NORTH \*
- **BURCHAM PARK TRAIL**
- ABE AND JAKES / RIVER KINGS
- **BURROUGHS CREEK TRAIL**

## MAJOR ELEMENTS AND CONFLICTS MAPS



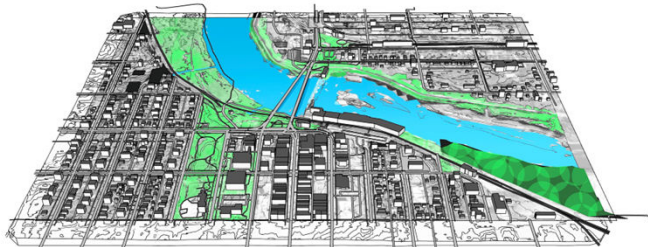


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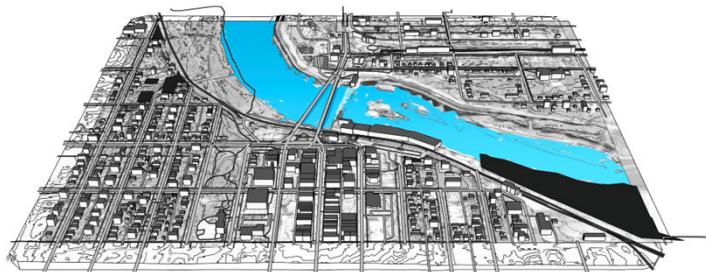
TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

REALIZING BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN INFRASTRUCTURE  
CONNECTING NEIGHBORHOODS



PUBLIC LANDS

PROMOTING HEALTHY LIFESTYLES AND ECOSYSTEMS



KAW RIVER

WATER IS LIFE

## PUBLIC ASSETS MAPS





# HISTORY & BACKGROUND

• East Lawrence ..... RIVER ..... Downtown ..... Pinkny and West Lawrence •

## KAW RIVER

National Water Trail & Public Asset

Bowersock Dam

Abe & Jakes / Riverbank Improvements

Lynching Memorial

I'zhúje'waxóbe

Jayhawk Ravine Sanctuary



**CULTURE** / PEOPLE + MEANINGFUL THINGS + PLACES + RELATIONSHIPS





# HISTORY & BACKGROUND

Below Dam ..... RIVER ..... Built Environment ..... Above Dam

## KAW RIVER

National Water Trail & Public Asset

River & Riparian Habitats

Bowersock Dam

Biodiverse Edges

Jayhawk Ravine & Giant Cottonwoods

Burcham Park



**SUSTAINABILITY / ECOLOGY + ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER + PROTECT HABITAT**





# HISTORY & BACKGROUND



**INFRASTRUCTURE / LOOP THE LOOP + SAFE CROSSINGS + CONNECTIVITY**





# CONNECTED CITY ALIGNMENTS

Kaw River **COMMONS**  
**LAWRENCE** Kansas

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INDEX OF ELEMENTS AND SCHEMATIC CONNECTIONS

BIRDSEYE VIEW LOOKING NORTH





# CONNECTED CITY ALIGNMENTS

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- A POWERHOUSE MEADOW PATH
- OXBOW LOOKOUT / BIG TURN AND HELIX
- RIVER CROSSINGS ABOVE AND BELOW DAM
- 6TH ST CROSSINGS



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- B OXBOW LOOKOUT / BIG TURN AND HELIX
- C RIVER CROSSINGS ABOVE AND BELOW DAM
- D 6TH ST CROSSINGS



ALL PHASES

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# UNMISTAKABLE IDENTITY - EXAMPLES

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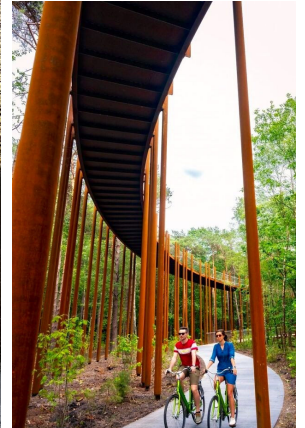
**A** Footbridge / Viewpoint Memorial / Rioseca Mines / Asturias, Spain  
Zon-E Arquitectos / image ImagenSubliminal



**B** Helix Pathway / EDP / Metropolitan Design Lab



**C** Clinton Creek Crossing / Burcham Park Trail



**D** BuroLandschap and De Gregorio  
Toerisme Limburg



**E** Sim Park Pedestrian Bridge and Transmission Line / Wichita / PEC / kwED



CONNECTING PEOPLE AND PLACES





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F High Trestle Bridge Trail / Iowa / David B. Dahlquist



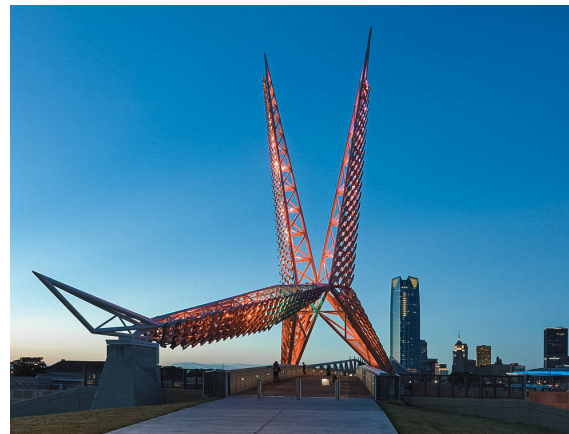
G Rattlesnake Bridge / Tucson / Simon Donovan



H James D. Pfluger Pedestrian Bridge / Austin / Kinney and Associates



J Keeper of the Plains Pedestrian Bridges / Wichita KS / Blackbear Bosin / Law Kigdon



K Skydance Pedestrian Bridge / Oklahoma City / S-X-L / MKEC

CONNECTIONS BECOME **DESTINATIONS**





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L Python Pedestrian Bridge / Amsterdam / West 8



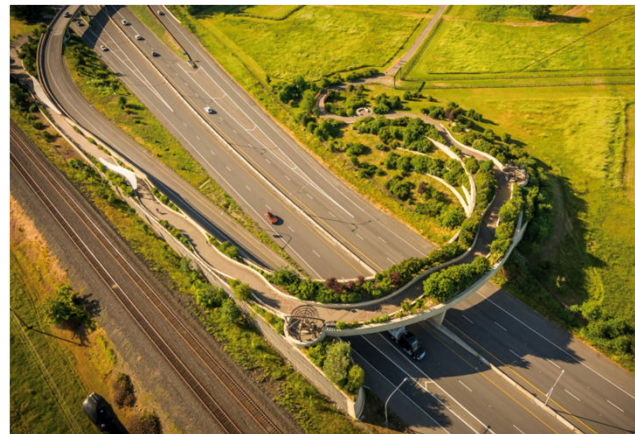
M Liberty Pedestrian Bridge / Greenville / Rosalles + Partners



N Blue Heron Bridge / Wichita / WSP / kwED



O Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge / Omaha-Council Bluffs / HNTB



P Vancouver Land Bridge / Portland / Maya Lin / Johnpaul Jones / Bruce Forster



Q Bicentennial Bridge / Jefferson City / Bartlett & West

**MERGING** CULTURE, ECOLOGY AND INFRASTRUCTURE





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R Lynching Memorial Soil Collection / Rev. Verdell Taylor / KS Reflector



S In'zhúje'waxóbe / Robinson Park



T Lawrence Loop Trail / Burcham Park



U Lawrence Loop Trail / Burcham Park



V Historic Pulp Grinder / RiverFront Garage



W Historic Bowersock Dam and Powerhouse / Kaw River

INSPIRATIONAL PLACES ELEVATE **COMMUNITY**



## Key Points from FY 2023 RAISE NOFO (assuming 2024 will be similar)

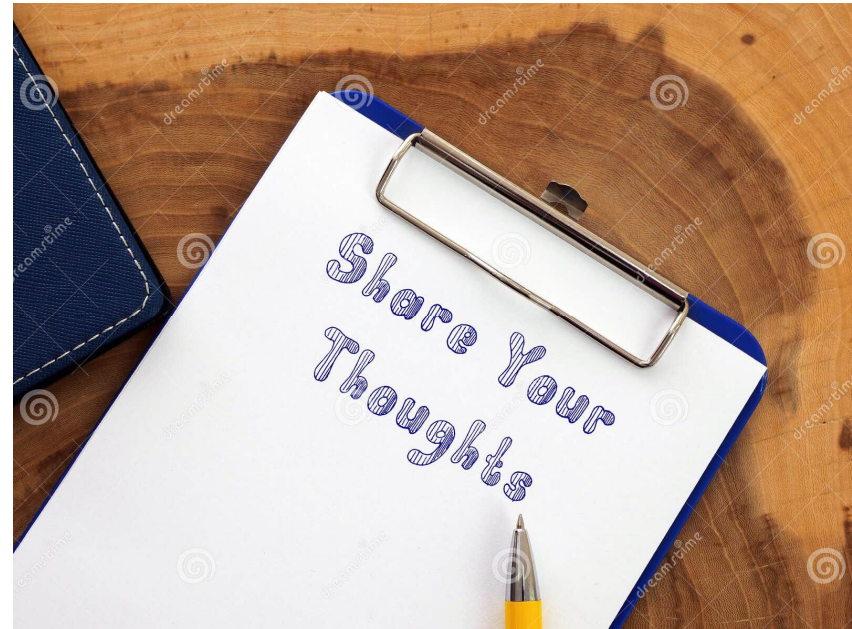
- Lawrence is defined as rural - designated UA that had a population less than 200,000 in the 2010 Census.
- Capital Projects in rural areas minimum is \$1 million, maximum is \$25 million (\$1.5 billion BIL funding), if more only competing for FY 2023 Appropriations Act funding totaling \$800 million.
- Planning projects same minimum and maximum.
- The BIL obligation deadline of Sept 30, 2027 and BIL liquidation deadline of Sept 30, 2032 to ensure efficient delivery of awarded projects.
- Federal cost share may exceed 80% for projects that are rural, or located in an Area of Persistent Poverty (APP).
- USDOT will review Merit Criteria for all applications and will then review Projects Readiness and Economic Analysis only for a subset of projects Determined by the Merit Criteria ratings.
- Merit criteria:
  - Safety
  - Environmental Sustainability
  - Quality of Life
  - Mobility And Community Connectivity
  - Economic competitiveness and Opportunity
  - State Of Good Repair
  - Partnership and Collaboration
  - Innovation
- Project Readiness consists of a Technical Capacity, Environmental Risk Assessment, and Financial Completeness Assessment.





# Roundtable Discussion

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What are we missing?  
What could we do better?  
What do you think?



# Next Steps

- PHASE 1 - RAISE Grant
  - ~~Steering Committee Meeting No. 1~~
  - Public Meeting No. 1 - TBD (November)
  - Steering Committee Meeting No. 2
  - RAISE Grant DRAFT Review
  - Steering Committee Meeting No. 3
  - Public Meeting No. 2
  - RAISE Grant to:
    - Multi-modal Transportation Commission
    - City Commission
  - RAISE Grant Submittal - TBD (Spring 2024)
- PHASE 2 - DESIGN!





Thank You

