



City of Leavenworth
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Leavenworth, Kansas 66048

CITY COMMISSION STUDY SESSION
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023 6:00 P.M.

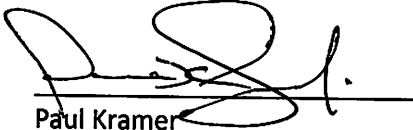
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Study Session:

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Policy Report
Centennial Bridge Presentation
January 17, 2023

Prepared by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Kramer', written over a horizontal line.

Paul Kramer
City Manager

Issue:

Various members of the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) bridge team and representatives from the design and engineering team will lead a discussion about the current status of the replacement of Centennial Bridge.

Attachment:

A copy of the presentation



Leavenworth City Commission Centennial Bridge Presentation

January 17, 2023



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Project Needs

- The existing bridge has outlived its functional lifespan
- Does not meet modern transportation needs
- Vulnerable to flood damage from erosion, debris, and barge collisions
- Increase in maintenance frequency
- Advanced Preliminary Engineering (APE) Study (2016)



Planning for a New Bridge

The new bridge will:

- Not be tolled
- Incorporate public input
- Expand from two to four lanes
- Have a dedicated pedestrian and cycling path
- Meet modern design and safety standards
- Have a longer lifespan
- Improvement of flood resilience
- Resolve Missouri River navigation challenges
- Maintain traffic throughout the construction



Anticipated Schedule



FAQs

Why do we need a new Centennial Bridge?

- The existing bridge is nearing the end of its useful life and major repairs to the steel structure will become more numerous and expensive over time. The new bridge will double traffic capacity, include a dedicated pedestrian and cyclist pathway, increase safety, reliability, and environmental outcomes, and create new commercial and community opportunities. It will also enhance transportation and security for U.S. Army Garrison Fort Leavenworth.

Can the existing bridge not be repaired?

- The bridge is in satisfactory condition but does not meet modern design standards and has become functionally obsolete. A major repair project was required in 2011 to repair damage and deterioration to the bridge's steel structures and roadway. Unexpected and costly repairs (outside of routine maintenance) will increase over time.

FAQs

What will the new bridge look like?

- The new bridge's final design and aesthetic features are still being developed and will be shown to the public once available, likely in early 2023.
- Whenever possible, public stakeholders will be given an opportunity to provide input on bridge design features.

How will the new bridge improve traffic conditions?

- Expanding the river crossing from two to four lanes (two lanes going east and west) will reduce traffic congestion, improve access and maneuverability for bridge repairs, improve public safety, and provide U.S. Army Garrison Fort Leavenworth with increased reliability.

Will commuters experience delays?

- The existing bridge will remain open to the public during the project's construction phase and delays are anticipated to be infrequent and short in duration. Notification of all anticipated traffic impacts will be publicized via this website, outreach emails, KDOT and MoDOT social media channels, and local news media.

Additional information and FAQs at newcentennialbridge.org

Detailed Design

- Roadway Layout
- Bridge Layout
- Aesthetic Features

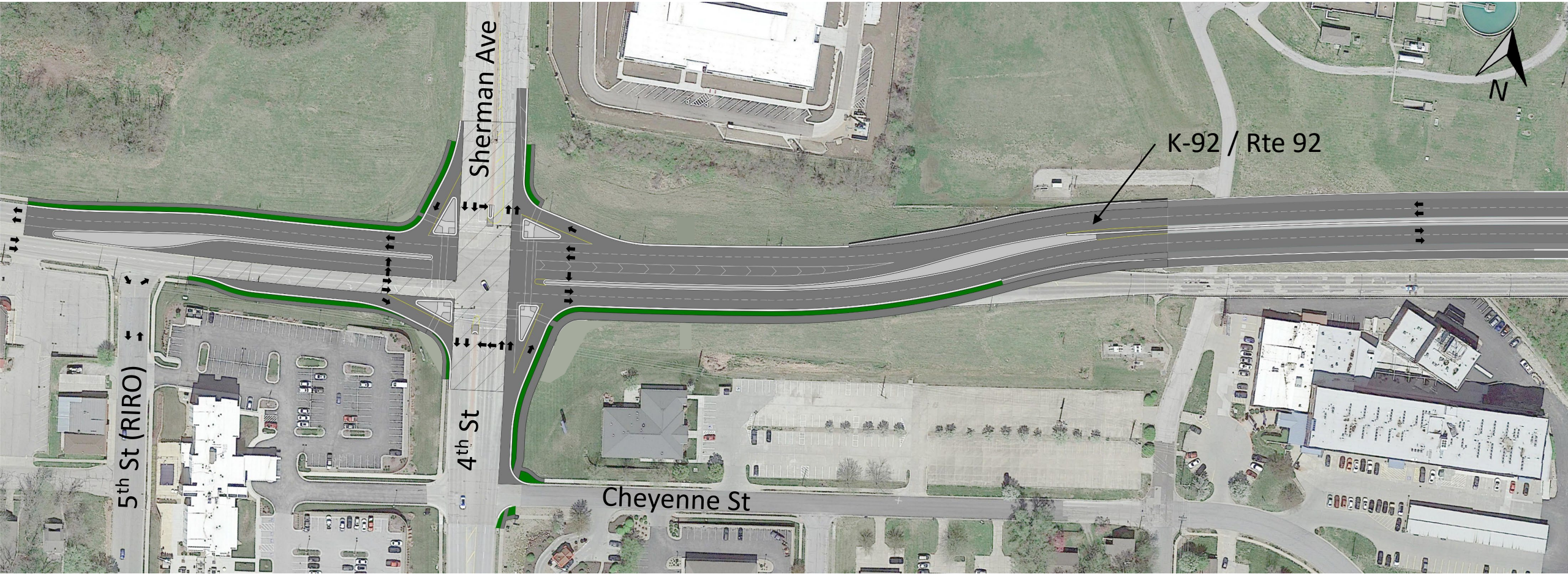


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Preliminary Concept - Overview

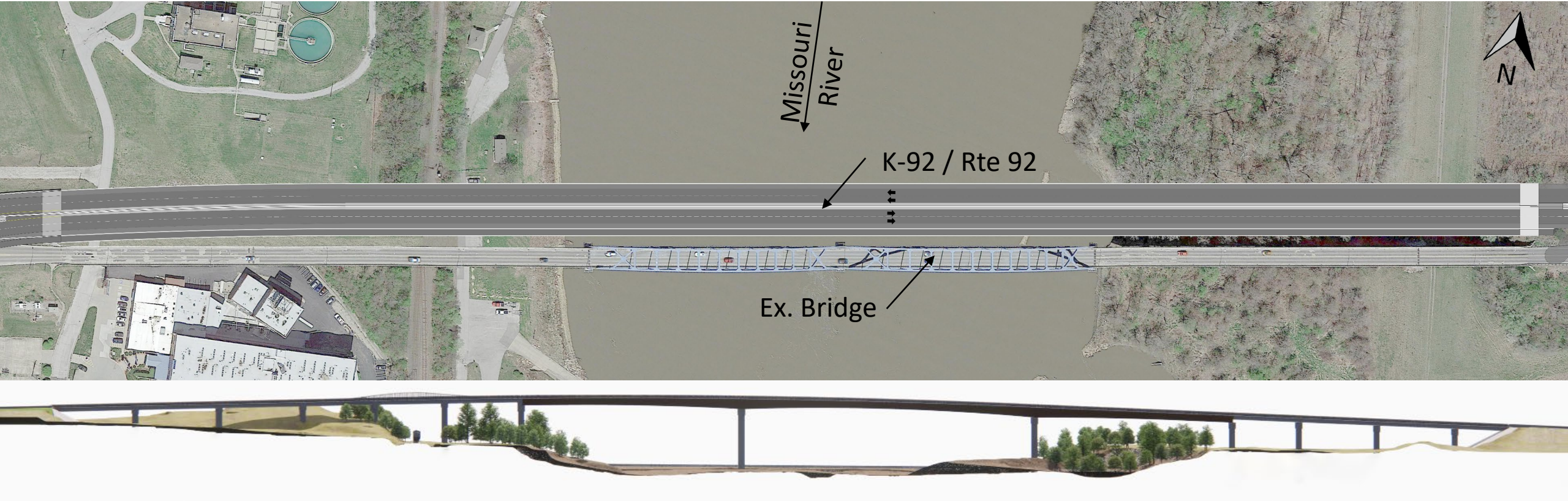


Preliminary Concept - Kansas



RIRO = Right-In, Right Out

Preliminary Concept - Bridge



Preliminary Concept - Missouri



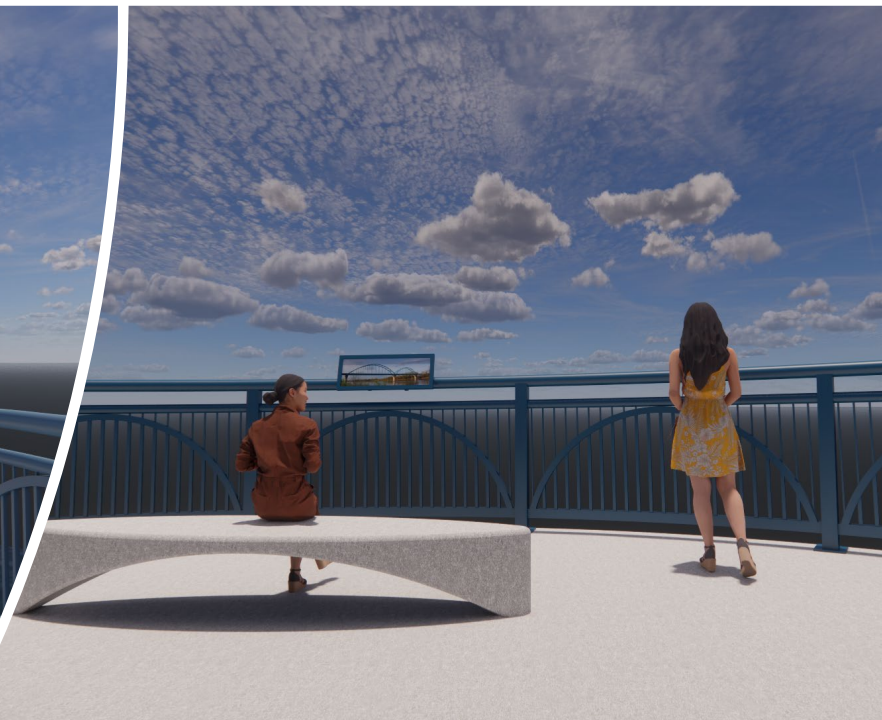
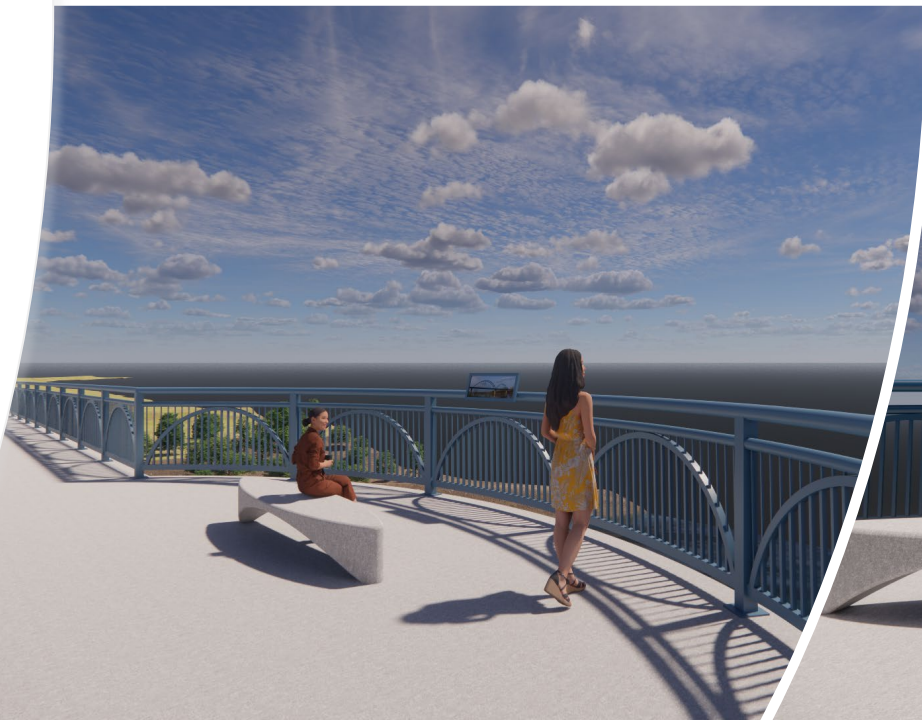
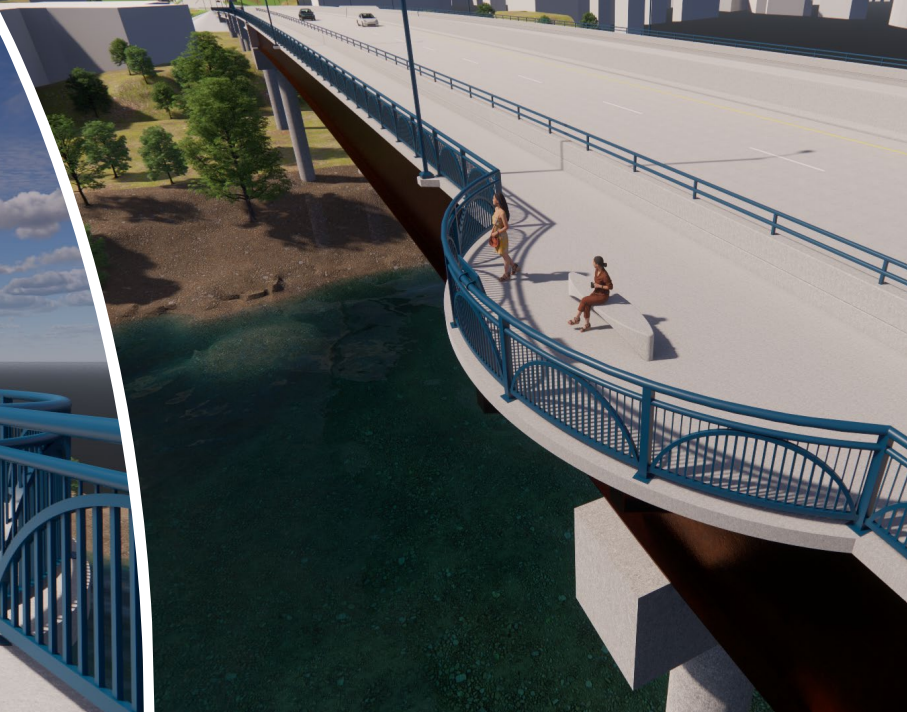
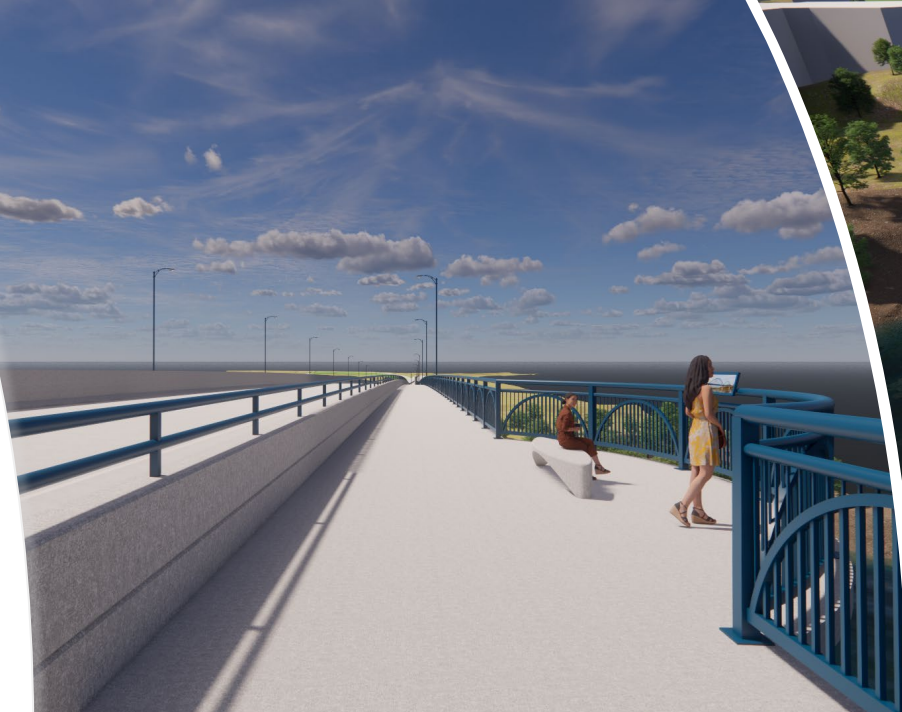
Aesthetics



Aesthetics Design Process

- Kick-off Brainstorming Session
- Development of concepts
- Concept refinement
- Cost estimates and budget validation
- Selection of preferred concepts

Aesthetics Concepts: Overlook



Aesthetics Concepts: Railing, Fencing, Lighting





Questions?

**STUDY SESSION POLICY REPORT
PRESENTATION BY
LEAVENWORTH INTERFAITH COMMUNITY OF HOPE**

JANUARY 17, 2023

ISSUE:

Myranda Agnew, Executive Director of Leavenworth Interfaith Community of Hope will provide an update to the City Commission.

POLICY REPORT

Study Session on Rental Property Coordination

January 17, 2023



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ISSUE: Rental Property Coordinator position in place for 3 years. Last study session on March 16, 2021. This session provides continued update and information to the City Commission.

BACKGROUND: Rental Property Registration Ordinance passed in 2009. Rental Property Coordinator position filled January 23, 2020. Update to Ordinance in April 2020 codified the 2018 International Property Management Code (IPMC).

DISCUSSION: Continued progress and accomplishments since the inception of the position. The established process achieves a resolution rate of 70%. Cases increased from about 5-6 per month under the previously contracted system to 6-7 per week under the new position. About 950 cases logged to date. Only three cases required adjudication in Municipal Court, all successful.

During COVID19, City Manager signed city up as a Community Partner in the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation (KHRC) Kansas Eviction Prevention Program (KEPP) which ran from October to December 2020. The follow-on program, the Kansas Emergency Rental Assistance (KERA) program, ran from March, 2021 to December 2022. Program assisted an estimated 750 families and provided reimbursement of about \$4.8 million directly to landlords and property owners; 1/3 of families applying were directly assisted by the city. The city received \$10,000 in reimbursement for administrative support.

The rate of rental registrations has increased from 54% to about 75%, with the number of unregistered units down to about 25%. Revenue from rental registration has increased from an average \$785 per year for the five years from 2015 in 2019 to \$3200 in 2022, and an average of \$2,386 per year over the past three years. This is an increase of over 300%, totaling over \$7,000.

The City's application for a Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) Grant, approved by the Commission on June 23, 2020, was awarded with an \$85,000 grant in December, 2020. Over \$60,000 expended as of December 31, 2022. City received \$4,450 in reimbursement for administration to date.

This session provides updates on the changing rental market in the city, increases in average rents, decreases in available lower-income units, information on rental registration programs in other Kansas jurisdictions, and other observations since the last study session.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- No action at this time. Information provided to inform the City Commission.