

# APPLICATION FORM

## Kansas Traffic Engineering Assistance Program (TEAP)

City: City of Arkansas City, Kansas

County: Cowley County

Date: 1/14/2022

KDOT District: 5

### Location (PLEASE ATTACH LOCATION MAP):

An area of northeast Arkansas City generally bounded by and including East Osage Avenue to the north, North C Street to the east, East Kansas Avenue to the south and North Summit Street to the west. This area includes three schools (Jefferson Elementary School on Osage, Arkansas City Middle School at C Street and Kansas, and Ark City Christian Academy at A Street and Kansas), as well as a

### Problem Description:

Jefferson Elementary School, which was built in the 1950s, lacks access on all sides due to property constraints and the presence of the C Street Canal to the south. Limited access along one narrow roadway, East Osage Avenue, that connects our busiest traffic corridor (North Summit Street from Kansas Avenue to Radio Lane) and C Street, which serves the Arkansas City Middle School and is an alternate feeder between Kansas and Radio Lane, limits parking and residential access heavily.

There have been numerous safety, visibility and injury concerns at the school, which has one of the largest elementary student bodies in Ark City, for about a decade now due to the complicated intermix of parking, pedestrian travel, vehicle drop-off and pickup, and cross traffic, most especially during the hours of 7:00 AM and 9:00 AM and 2:30 PM and 4:00 PM on weekdays during the school year.

Further complicating the matter is the presence of a large assisted living facility just to the east, Medicalodges, which also has limited on-site parking and thus impacts on-street parking, as well as frequent travel between Jefferson and Arkansas City Middle School, just to the east, by parents and guardians who have children enrolled at both schools. These roads feed directly into traffic coming into Arkansas City from the U.S. 77/U.S. 166 roundabout via the new railroad overpass on East Kansas Avenue, a challenge that did not exist 20 years ago before the roundabout and overpass were built.

### Assistance Requested:

We are requesting professional engineering assistance with a traffic safety study for the entire site, to include analysis of traffic/pedestrian conflicts. Challenges that will need to be accounted for and analyzed in this study include, but are not limited to, crosswalks (including a current mid-block crossing of Osage Avenue between Summit and A streets, a crosswalk at A Street and Kansas Avenue, and the potential for raised crosswalks/speed tables or even pedestrian access to Jefferson from the south); student drop-off/pickup practices at all three schools (including parking, potential for a one-way street, pickup/drop-off lanes or bays, school bus pickup/drop-off, a possible canal driveway, and traffic

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### Letter of Support

January 14, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter of support and encouragement for the City of Arkansas City as it seeks to obtain support and funding from the Kansas Traffic Engineering Assistance Program (TEAP) through the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT). USD 470 supports Arkansas City in its effort to bring a healthier, safer community to the public and to areas in close proximity to our schools, while considering transportation safety options and opportunities.

We are a collaborative partner in the Traffic Safety Committee and will be a committed partner of the City in executing this proposed traffic study. And we have always supported KDOT as the State worked on U.S. 77, when it still aligned with Summit Street, and when constructing both the U.S. 77/U.S. 166 roundabout and the BNSF Railroad overpass on East Kansas Avenue. These projects are all related to why we must consider some traffic abatement and modification, in the interest of citizen and student safety. The financial challenges facing the School District and the City of Arkansas City make it difficult fund this traffic study locally; necessitating state assistance, if possible.

The paramount importance of safety for children, parents and staff at three school locations gives this project heightened importance and concern. The complexity of the entire issue, especially as it relates to capital improvements or school policy/procedure changes that may have to occur to make needed improvements in Arkansas City, begs for professional engineering assistance.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools  
Arkansas City Schools

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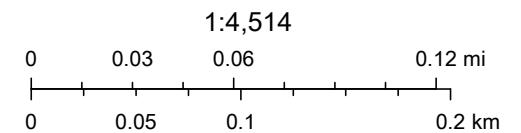


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