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Mr. Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
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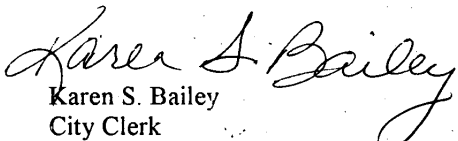
Dear Mr. Williams:

The Goddard City Council would like to request an extension of the Notice of Interim Trail Use (NITU) negotiation period. Our City has been having several discussions in open meetings for all citizens to voice their opinions prior to making such an important decision of future land use within our community's boundaries and immediate area of influence. We have also placed a public forum on our website at www.goddardkansas.us for comments (linked from the rails-to-trails article).

The City Council has voted to request an additional **120 day extension** for the NITU and on August 17, 2002, took a bus tour of existing rail trails in eastern-central Kansas to see how other communities have developed their trail systems. Our tour included members of the City Council, Planning Commission, developers, engineers, planners and citizens for and against the trail gathering information first-hand to determine if this is a valid option for our city.

We are awaiting a response from Mr. Mike Ogborn at Omnitrax regarding this request. We look forward to hearing an early and positive response to this request and working toward the completion of this project.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Mayor and City Council,


Karen S. Bailey
City Clerk

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