

## MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwayne Umbarger at 8:30 a.m. on January 21, 2009, in Room 136-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Mike Corrigan, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Hank Avila, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Cindy Shepard, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Terry Heidner, Legislative Liaison, Kansas Department of Transportation  
Dale Goter, Government Relations Manager, City of Wichita

Others attending:

See attached list.

### Bill Introductions

Terry Heidner, Legislative Liaison for Kansas Department of Transportation, requested the introduction of a bill relating to motor vehicles, concerning the use of safety belts. This bill will require all occupants to wear seat belts, changing the violation of this law from a secondary offense to a primary offense, and raising the fine to \$60.00. Senator Donovan moved, Senator Apple seconded, to introduce the bill. Motion carried.

Senator Umbarger presented two requests for bill introductions. The first is from the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 59, concerning affiliation with the Kansas Police and Fireman's retirement system for certain officers and employees of the Department of Wildlife and Parks. Senator Donovan moved, Senator Marshall seconded, to introduce the bill. Motion carried. The second bill request is from The Great Plains Development Authority relating to redevelopment districts within a federal enclave. It would allow the local redevelopment authorities to sell property without going through the bidding process. Senator Apple moved, Senator Marshall seconded, to introduce the bill. Motion carried.

Dale Goter, Government Relations Manager representing the City of Wichita, requested the introduction of a bill creating the ability to establish a Traffic Safety Corridor (Attachment 1). Senator Donovan moved, Senator Brownlee seconded, to introduce the bill. Motion carried.

### Summary of Conferee Testimony of the Special Committee on a New Comprehensive Transportation Plan.

Jill Shelley, Legislative Research Department, provided the committee with a staff summary of oral or written testimony that was presented at meetings held in five cities across Kansas. These meetings took place in Wichita, Overland Park, Garden City, Pittsburg, and Topeka during December 2008 and January 2009 (Attachment 2). The first section summarizes testimony on policy considerations for a new plan, including funding. The second section summarizes specific improvements for which conferees sought funding.

Chairman Umbarger reminded committee members that tomorrow's meeting is a Joint Senate and House Transportation Committee Meeting at 12:00 p.m. in Room 143-N of the Capitol. Deb Miller, Secretary of Transportation, will be delivering an overview of transportation in Kansas, and information about the soon to be completed Transportation-Leveraging Investments in Kansas (T-Link) report.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2009.