

MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON Transportation

The meeting was called to order by Rex Crowell at  
Chairperson

1:30 ~~xxx~~/p.m. on February 11, 1987 in room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Adam

Committee staff present:

Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes  
Hank Avila, Legislative Research  
Donna Mulligan, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Elizabeth Baker  
Senator James Francisco  
Mr. Bruce Armstrong, City Council of Haysville, Kansas  
Mr. John Trout, Haysville, Kansas  
Ms. Willie Martin, Sedgwick County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. Ronald Hartje, Howard, Needles, Tammen & Bergendoff

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Crowell, and the first order of business was a hearing on HB-2189, concerning financing of a turnpike interchange in the vicinity of the intersection of the Kansas Turnpike and 71st Street near Haysville.

Representative Elizabeth Baker, co-sponsor of the bill, briefed the Committee on HB-2189.

Representative Baker recommended the portion of HB-2189 that deals with repayment of the county, be left out so that it would be open for the county to negotiate with the Kansas Turnpike Association.

Senator James Francisco testified in support of HB-2189. (See Attachment 1) He urged the Committee to act favorably upon this legislation.

Mr. Bruce Armstrong, City Council of Haysville, Kansas, testified in support of HB-2189. He stated the city of Haysville is in favor of the interchange, as it will help economic growth.

Mr. John Trout, Haysville, Kansas, testified favorably concerning HB-2189. He emphasized the importance of the interchange to the economic growth of the Haysville area.

Ms. Willie Martin, Sedgwick County Board of Commissioners, presented testimony in favor of HB-2189.

Ms. Martin read a letter from Mr. Tom Scott, County Commissioner, Wichita, Kansas. (See Attachment 2) The letter voiced support of HB-2189, and noted that the feasibility study which was conducted showed the proposed interchange near Haysville, Kansas at 71st Street in Sedgwick County, would be heavily utilized, with more than enough toll revenue to pay the operational costs of the interchange.

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Mr. Ronald Hartje of Howard, Needles, Tammen & Bergendoff, commented concerning HB-2189, and said the revenues will pay for the operating and maintenance costs of the interchange.

Representative Shore asked who owns the land in the area of the proposed interchange. Mr. John Trout replied the land is privately owned.

The hearing on HB-2189 was concluded.

Representative Dillon said Representative Al Ramirez had requested a Committee bill concerning cars that run with extra headlights, and are very blinding.

Chairman Crowell recommended talking to Representative Ramirez further to gain more deail regarding the requested bill.

The minutes of meetings held on January 20 and 27, 1987, were approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

  
Rex Crowell, Chairman



February 11, 1987

MR. CHAIRMAN - FIRST OF ALL, LET ME THANK YOU AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR INTRODUCING HB-2189 AS A COMMITTEE BILL. HB-2189 IS ENABLING LEGISLATION WHICH WILL ALLOW THE SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMISSION TO FUND A NEW TURNPIKE INTERCHANGE AT US-ROUTE 81 AND 71st STREET IN HAYSVILLE, SEDGWICK COUNTY.

TO GIVE YOU A LITTLE HISTORY OF THIS PROPOSAL, AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SEDGWICK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON FEBRUARY 26, 1986, ALL THREE COMMISSIONERS VOTED FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE FUNDING (\$15,000) FOR THE KANSAS TURNPIKE AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THE KANSAS TURNPIKE NEAR THE CITIES OF HAYSVILLE AND DERBY.

ON JANUARY 9, 1987, VOLLMER ASSOCIATES OF NEW YORK PRESENTED TO THE KANSAS TURNPIKE AUTHORITY AND THE SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, THE TRAFFIC AND REVENUE STUDY OF THE PROPOSED NEW TURNPIKE INTERCHANGE. THE STUDY CONCLUDED AND I QUOTE, "FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES, AND WITHIN THE REALM OF ESTIMATING, THROUGHOUT THE FORECAST PERIOD GROSS TOLL REVENUES JUST COVER OPERATING EXPENSES. THERE IS NO NET REVENUE AVAILABLE FOR DEBT SERVICE."

*Attach. 1*

AFTER RECEIVING THE STUDY FROM VOLLMER ASSOCIATES, THE COUNTY REQUESTED THAT THE LEGISLATION CONTAINED IN HB-2189 BE INTRODUCED. HB-2189 IS PATTERNED AFTER SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT WAS INTRODUCED IN THE 1982 SESSION WHICH AUTHORIZED THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SEDGWICK COUNTY TO CONTRACT WITH THE KANSAS TURNPIKE AUTHORITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING TO THE KANSAS TURNPIKE AUTHORITY, THE COST OF CONSTRUCTING AN INTERCHANGE ON THE TURNPIKE. IF YOU REMEMBER, THOSE OF YOU WHICH WERE HERE AT THE TIME, THAT LEGISLATION AUTHORIZED THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TURNPIKE INTERCHANGE AT K-53 NEAR MULVANE, THE TURNPIKE INTERCHANGE AT HIGHWAY 77 NEAR ELDORADO RESERVOIR AND AN INTERCHANGE AT THE LECOMPTON-PERRY ROAD NEAR LAWRENCE, TWO OF WHICH HAVE SINCE BEEN BUILT.

HB-2189 IS LEGISLATION WHICH IS SUPPORTED BY ALL THE SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF HAYSVILLE AND I BELIEVE DERBY. I KNOW OF NO LEGISLATOR FROM SEDGWICK COUNTY THAT OPPOSES THIS LEGISLATION OR ANY OTHER LEGISLATOR FOR THAT MATTER. I HOPE YOU WILL ACT FAVORABLY UPON THE LEGISLATION. THIS LEGISLATION ALONE WILL NOT ALLOW A

TURNPIKE INTERCHANGE TO BE FUNDED. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU  
REALIZE THAT THE COUNTY COMMISSION AND THE MEMBERS OF THE  
TURNPIKE AUTHORITY MUST AGREE ON THIS FUNDING METHOD. A MEETING  
HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1987, AT 6:00 PM  
AT THE TURNPIKE OFFICE IN TOPEKA TO ACCOMPLISH THIS OBJECTIVE.

JAMES L. FRANCISCO  
SENATOR  
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Representative Rex Crowell, Chairman  
House Transportation Committee  
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Dear Chairman Crowell:

I wish to express to you and your Committee my strong support for HB 2189, which would provide the authority for the Kansas Turnpike Authority and Sedgwick County to contract for the construction of an interchange on the Kansas Turnpike near Haysville, Kansas, at 71st Street South, in Sedgwick County. This past year, the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners agreed to pay for traffic and revenue feasibility studies on two new interchange locations in Sedgwick County. The results from the study on the Haysville location show that such a facility would be heavily utilized, with more than enough toll revenue to pay the operational costs of the interchange.

The Haysville/Derby area is one of the fastest growing in Sedgwick County. I believe an interchange at this location would serve both the interests of the community and the Kansas Turnpike Authority. The proposed legislation would simply allow the KTA and Sedgwick County to negotiate an acceptable agreement to construct such an interchange. At this point, no official action has been taken by the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, committing Sedgwick County to fund this project. However, I would point out to you and your Committee that Sedgwick County has an established track record regarding interchange projects in cooperation with the KTA. As you know, Sedgwick County provided the initial financing for the new interchanges near Andover and Mulvane, based on similar legislation enacted in 1982. These two projects have greatly increased the utility of the Kansas Turnpike to our area, and I feel the proposed Haysville Interchange would have the same impact.

I urge your favorable consideration of HB 2189.

Sincerely,

Tom Scott, Chairman  
Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners

Attach. 2