

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND TOURISM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ben Vidricksen at 9:05 a.m. on March 11, 1998 in Room 254-E of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Harrington

Committee staff present: Hank Avila, Legislative Research Department
Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes
Marian Holeman, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Max Zimmerman, Liberal
Phyliss Wendal, Liberal
Steve Williams, Dir. Wildlife & Parks
Larry Cope, Jefferson Co
David Bossemeyer, Junction City
Bill McHale, Ft. Riley Cavalry Museum
Jeff Lueker, Junction City
Sue Wasylyk, Junction City Chamber

Others attending: See attached list

Recognition of Southwest Passage Initiative for Regional and Interstate Transportation (S.P.I.R.I.T) group

Chair introduced the group that was formed in October 1995 to work for the development of this southwest passage involving four states. Max Zimmerman, SPIRIT Chairman, introduced attending members of the group: Don Witzke Liberal Mayor, Phyliss Wendall former Liberal Mayor, Steve Webb, Jack Taylor, Gary Denning, and Bernie Koch. Mr. Zimmerman made the presentation explaining the importance of this I-35 to I-40 connection (Attachment 1). Discussed possible additions in a new transportation plan. Ms. Wendall also briefly added supporting comments. The section in Oklahoma has just had funds allocated for the four lanes to be built in the Oklahoma segment of this route. Texas this year is engineering all of their segment of this route and funds have been allocated for construction next year. This year New Mexico has already started work on the project in their state. He also provided supporting statements from many entities along the proposed route and a list of those involved (Attachment 2).

The Chair thanked the group for their efforts, advising them that every effort will be made to have their group involved in a task force to develop a comprehensive transportation plan for the state. He reaffirmed the need for groups such as SPIRIT and expressed appreciation for all the work they have already done.

HB 2899: Implementation - State Lake Resorts.

This bill is the enabling legislation for implementation of the consultants report on the feasibility of building resorts at state lakes in Kansas. Representative Allen, Chair of the House Tourism Committee, was present. Steve Williams, Director, State Wildlife and Parks Department explained the bill and the technical amendment as it was recommended favorable for passage by the House Committee (Attachment 3). Development will be driven by the private sector. The bill has checks and balances built in. The state will not guarantee any bond issues. Any proposed developments will have to come back to the legislature.

Larry Cope, Executive Director Jefferson County Economic Development Commission, spoke in support of HB 2899. He discussed the activities that are already making Northeast Kansas a destination area and the potential to be realized by adding resorts at state lakes (Attachment 4).

David Bossemeyer, Executive Director, Junction City/Geary County Economic Development Commission urged passage of the bill. The Milford Lake group is eager to pursue development of such a resort. He provided supporting material including letters of endorsement from several surrounding communities. (Attachment 5).

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Statehouse, at 9:05 a.m. on March 11, 1998.

Bill McHale, U. S. Cavalry Museum, Ft. Riley, discussed the tourism attractions at Ft. Riley. There is a tremendous amount of history at Ft. Riley - national as well as state. The large number of visitors to the Fort would also be a source of usage for a resort at Milford (Attachment 6).

Jeff Lueker, Retail Specialist, Junction City/Geary County Economic Development Commission and Sue Wasylyk provided additional input in support of this bill and development of a resort at Milford State Park (Attachment 7).

It will be necessary to continue discussion on HB 2899 as soon as it can be scheduled.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 12, 1997.

SENATE TRANSPORTATION AND TOURISM
COMMITTEE GUEST LIST

DATE: MARCH 11, 1998

NAME	REPRESENTING
<i>Max Zimmerman</i>	<i>SPIRIT Highway 54</i>
<i>STEVE WILLIAMS</i>	<i>KDWP</i>
<i>Dick Koerth</i>	<i>KDWP?</i>
<i>Mike Tropper</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Jack Taylor</i>	<i>SPIRIT Liberal, Ks.</i>
<i>Nary Denning</i>	<i>" " "</i>
<i>STEVE WEBB</i>	<i>SPIRIT - LIBERAL, KS.</i>
<i>Bernie Koch</i>	<i>Wichita Area Chamber</i>
<i>Mark Barcellona</i>	<i>KDOC+H</i>
<i>Dick Bauman</i>	<i>KDOT</i>
<i>Robert Trauzle</i>	<i>KGC</i>
<i>Rebecca Floyd</i>	<i>KDFA</i>
<i>Jenny Burgess</i>	<i>Sunflower Racing</i>
<i>Norm Kruse</i>	<i>KDOC+H, Tourism</i>

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OUR MISSION IS :

TO MEET THE CHALLENGES THAT FACE OUR STATE, COUNTIES, AND
COMMUNITIES IN THE 21ST CENTURY BY IMPROVEMENT AND
EXPANSION OF THE SOUTHWEST PASSAGE TO LINK MAJOR MARKETS,
BOTH REGIONAL AND INTERSTATE, THROUGH RURAL AREAS TO
ENHANCE THE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE, PRODUCTS AND SERVICES
IN A SAFE AND TIMELY MANNER.

*Senate Transp. & Tourism
3-11-97
Attachment #1*

We should be investing in this vital national road link.

Add A Branch to the Proposed NAFTA Superhighway


Southwest Passage


★ US HIGHWAY 54 is the most traveled 2-lane highway in the United States, and traverses 4 states to its junction with I-35 - Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Kansas. It is a natural for a branch of the NAFTA trade route, drawing from Western Mexico and the Southwest USA - complementing and tying into the already existing I-35 route.

 Shortest Route from Southwest to Northeast. Saves Time and Money!

 Historical and Scenic Route. Recreation Facilities abound!

 Many State and Federal Parks and tourist attractions.

 Traverses the Ogalala Aquifer, the largest aquifer in the United States.






 Gas and Oil
Largest Natural Gas Field in the USA.

 Agriculture - swine, cattle and farm produce.

★ Along US HIGHWAY 54 you will find industries, such as the oil and gas industry, agriculture - including wheat, corn, milo and sorghum (the bread-basket of the world is right along Southwest Passage), parks and recreation areas, and military bases. HIGHWAY 54 is the shortest distance to many places, and with 4-lane upgrading, the traffic along this highway is destined to greatly increase!






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What has S.P.I.R.I.T. done so far?

-  Urged members of congress for more federal investment in highway infrastructure.
-  Submitted proposals for US 54 improvements through members of congress.
-  Met with state and local transportation officials about planning and funding improvements.
-  Urged local governmental units to advance planning and engineering work so that US 54 project segments are "on the shelf", ready to go.
-  Worked with national organizations to support highway improvements.

*There's more to do . . .
we need YOUR help.*

SPIRIT's business plan includes more targeted activity on behalf of the corridor.

-  Regular updates to members about news on the corridor.
-  Candidate questionnaires and interviews to determine who supports our efforts.
-  Continued tracking of highway legislation.
-  Lobbying state and federal elected officials for funding.
-  Working with local communities to build more support.

Our Mission

To meet the challenges that face our states, counties, and communities in the 21st century by improvement and expansion of the Southwest Passage to link major markets, both regional and interstate, through rural areas to enhance the movement of people, products and services in a safe and timely manner.

*Please join our team,
We've got . . .*

S.P.I.R.I.T.

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S.P.I.R.I.T.

**Southwest Passage Initiative
for Regional and Interstate Transportation**



**A better
HIGHWAY 54
will provide . . .**

- Improved Safety
- Convenience
(shortest route)
- More Business

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March 11, 1998

State of Kansas Senate Transportation Committee
State of Kansas House Transportation Committee
Sedgwick County Legislative Delegation

Gentlemen:

Thank you for the invitation to meet with you today. We represent a group known as the Southwest Passage Initiative for Regional and Interstate Transportation, or SPIRIT. Our members represent all of the communities and counties from Wichita, KS to Liberal, KS along the Highway 54 route plus most of the communities and counties along the 54 route through Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico, all the way to Tucumcari, New Mexico. This represents a distance of 400 miles, with 200 miles of the route in Kansas.

SPIRIT originated in Liberal, after an October 1995 meeting in Liberal with the Kansas Senate Transportation Committee who showed interest in a 54 highway project. We have since had 11 meetings from Tucumcari to Wichita with over 350 people in attendance. We have 30 resolutions supporting a four lane 54 Highway from cities and counties along the route. This is truly a "grass roots" effort.

We have handed you a copy of a news item from a 1948 Liberal newspaper showing that a public awareness of the importance of Highway 54 has been going on for over 50 years.

*Highway 54 is a critical National Highway linking I-35 at Wichita with I-40 at Tucumcari, New Mexico. This diagonal roadway saves the motorist or trucker 120 miles each way versus staying on interstate 35 to Oklahoma City and I-40 on west. Highway 54 is a critical link to Wichita, Topeka, and Kansas City because it feeds traffic to and from these areas of the state, as a gateway to the State of Kansas. This road keeps the motorist in Kansas 140 miles longer than the alternative route, allows all the communities in South Central Kansas and Southwest Kansas a chance at the tourism dollar (Garden City's zoo, Dodge City's Front Street, Liberal's Air Museum, the Greensburg Well, etc), not to mention the huge economic factor in having a well traveled highway that connects this part of Kansas to the rest of the State of Kansas and the nation. We have enclosed 1994 traffic figures which points out the 216% increase in truck

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traffic in recent years, with an overall increase in traffic due in part to the tourism travel, particularly the snowbirds from the northern and eastern states going to and from the southwest who use Highway 54, witnessed by the many RV's and out of state tags during the fall and spring months.

Only one thing is missing: this critical, National Link is only a two lane road. Southwest Kansas has no four lane, divided highways making this area one of the most if not the most isolated area, transportation wise, in the United States. This area of Kansas is one of the fastest growing areas in the State. The cattle feeding operations with over 4 million head of cattle produced per year and 5 major packing plants in the region plus increased hog operations and major hog processing plant at Guymon, Oklahoma (also on Highway 54) has all increased the need and urgency to four lane the highway. As mentioned, due to increased truck traffic, mixed with increased use, fatality accidents have been on the increase on Highway 54. A safer road is needed to safe lives and property!

Highway 54 has been upgraded to an improved two lane road with 10' shoulders and is being completed now under the last year of the Comprehensive Road Program. We are asking that the State of Kansas include the 160 mile segment of Highway 54, not currently four lane, from Kingman, KS to the State Line Southwest of Liberal in a new comprehensive highway program.

We are suggesting that engineering be accomplished as soon as possible allowing for construction when funds are available, projecting an additional two lanes be built, divided from, and parallel to the existing two lanes which have recently been improved. We ask that you refer to the 1986 Western Kansas Turnpike/Freeway HNTB KDOT/KTA study which recommended this type of road for Highway 54.

The State of Kansas already owns a great deal of right of way along this route, it would least upset existing economic efforts and enhance an infrastructure that is already in place and is well used. We have enclosed a letter from KDOT referring to the cost of K-96 from Wichita to Hutchinson which is currently under construction and is a road similar to a proposed Highway 54 project.

It had been mentioned that if Kansas builds a four lane Highway 54, its improbable that Oklahoma and Texas would do

the same. We are pleased to report that Oklahoma has included in their newly funded road program, 30 miles of Highway 54 to be four lane in the next two years with the remaining 30 miles to be built within 5 years. Texas is engineering its entire 100 miles of Highway 54 this year. It's plans will be "on the shelf" awaiting future funding. Both states are designing and building an additional two lanes with a divider and either a re-build or overlay on the existing two lanes. They are building four lanes with a turning lane through each community, if the road is not currently up to these standards.

So now, Kansas, it's up to us to act in a responsible manner. Roads are expensive--we encourage the Kansas Legislature to plan and carry through with a large enough program to begin working on this and other needed projects in the State of Kansas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Max Zimmerman". The signature is written in dark ink and extends across the width of the page.

Max Zimmerman, Chairman

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E. Dean Carlson
 Secretary of Transportation

Bill Graves
 Governor of Kansas

July 16, 1997

Mr. Max Zimmerman, Chairman
 S.P.I.R.I.T.
 505 N. Kansas Avenue
 Liberal, Kansas 67901

Dear Mr. Zimmerman: ^{Max}

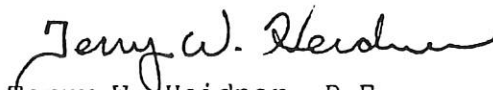
Secretary Carlson asked me to transmit information to you as he promised during the toll road feasibility study meeting on July 8, 1997 in Wichita. You had requested the cost per mile for the four-lane construction on K-96 from Hutchinson to Maize and on US-81 from Minneapolis north to Concordia. The costs shown below include construction, preliminary engineering, utilities, right-of-way and construction engineering.

K-96	Hutchinson to Maize	30.1 miles	\$2.5 million/mile
US-81	Minneapolis to Concordia	32.1 miles	\$2.7 million/mile

The projects shown above were designed primarily with at-grade intersections as opposed to interchanges or over or under passes. These projects even allow an occasional access break at points in addition to public road intersections. These projects also utilized an unusually high percentage of the existing grade line of the original two lanes. Consequently, the construction costs and right-of-way costs for these projects were much lower than for a toll road/freeway design where access is restricted to only interchanges and where intersections are not permitted at-grade.

I hope this information is helpful and if you need additional information, please let us know.

Sincerely,



Terry W. Heidner, P.E.
 Chief of Transportation Planning

TWH:tdt

cc: Michael Johnston, President/CEO, Kansas Turnpike Authority

DISTRICT SIX

Packing Plants

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PLANT	LOCATION	SLAUGHTER PER DAY	SLAUGHTER PER WEEK
1. Iowa Beef	Holcomb	5,600	28,000
2. Monfort	Garden City	4,000	20,000
3. National Beef	Liberal	6,000	30,000
4. Excel	Dodge City	5,500	27,500
5. HyPlains	Dodge City	<u>2,400</u>	<u>12,000</u>
		23,500	117,500

Compiled by E. D. Crockett 1997

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DISTRICT SIX

Truck Traffic Per Day Generated by Packing Plants

Plants Slaughter 23,500 Head per Day, *117,500 Head per Week

Butcher Cattle

23,500/45 Head per Load = 522 Loads per day

Dressed Beef (Boxed)

23,500/75 Head per Load = 313 Loads per day

By-Products (Hides, Offal, Etc.)

23,500/300 Head per Load = 78 Loads per day

Supplies (Boxes, Etc.)

23,500/450 Head per Load = 52 Loads per day

TOTAL 965 Loads per day

*** 117,500 X 52 = 6,110,000 Head Slaughtered per year**

District 6 Feedlots Produce: 4,330,980 Head per Year

**1,779,020 Head hauled into Dist. 6 from out of state and
instate lots (39,500) Truck Loads (127 per day).**

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DISTRICT SIX

Truck Traffic Per Day Generated by Cattle Feed Lots

Cattle on feed each day:

$$95\% \text{ full } \times 1,519,650 = 1,443,660 \text{ head}$$

Pounds grain and roughage fed each day:

$$25\# \times 1,443,660 = 36,091,500\#$$

Truck loads feed per day:

$$1,000 \text{ Bu per Truck } \times 56\# \text{ per Bu} = 56,000\# \text{ per Load}$$

$$36,091,500 / 56,000 = 645 \text{ Loads per day}$$

Waste generated (Manure):

$$40,000 \text{ head Cap. Lot} = 40,000 \text{ Ton per year}$$

$$1,519,650 \text{ head cap.} = 1,519,650 \text{ Ton per year}$$

$$1,519,650 / 25 \text{ Ton per load} = 60,786 \text{ Load per year}$$

$$60,786 / 365 = 166 \text{ Loads per day}$$

Replacement Cattle:

Lots rollover 3 times per year.

$$3 \times 1,443,660 = 4,330,980 \text{ Head per year}$$

$$4,330,980 / 70 \text{ Head/load} = 61,870 \text{ Loads per year}$$

$$61,870 / 365 = 170 \text{ Loads per day}$$

Total Loads Generated:

$$645 + 166 + 170 = 981 \text{ Loads per day}$$

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DISTRICT SIX

Estimated Truck Traffic Generated by Cattle Feeding & Packing Industry

FEED (Grain & Roughage)	645
WASTE (Manure)	166
REPLACEMENT CATTLE	170
BUTCHER CATTLE	522
BOXED BEEF	313
BY-PRODUCTS	78
SUPPLIES	52
MISC. (Fuel Molasses, Etc.)	50
TOTAL	1,996 Trucks per Day

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DISTRICT SIX

Typical Changes in Truck Traffic

LOCATION	TRUCKS 1969	TRUCKS 1980	TRUCKS 1994	TRUCKS % CHANGE	1994 TOTAL TRAFFIC	% TRUCKS
K-27 N of Tribune	95	180	338	256%	994	34%
K-27 N of Syracuse	75	175	280	273%	905	31%
US-83 SC-FI Co. Line	240	370	700	192%	2,375	30%
US-83 @ Sublette	320	375	795	148%	2,350	34%
K-156 @ W. Jct K-23	75	85	285	280%	1,045	27%
US-50 @ Pierceville	260	415	965	271%	3,425	29%
US-50 @ Lakin	220	405	485	120%	2,665	18%
US-56 @ K-23 Jct	190	275	545	187%	2,310	24%
US-54 @ Plains	320	715	1,010	216%	3,185	32%

Iowa Beef Packing Plant Opened in Late 1979

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Typical Changes in Truck Traffic

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LOCATION	TRUCKS 1989	TRUCKS 1994	TRUCKS % CHANGE	1994 TOTAL TRAFFIC	% TRUCKS
Dist I					
US-75 S Topoka @ Lyndon	370	380	3%	2,510	11%
US-36 E US-75 Jct.	420	435	4%	2,775	16%
Dist II					
US-56 E I-136 Jct.	330	545	65%	4,005	18%
K-156 SW Ellsworth	230	525	128%	2,545	20%
Dist III					
US-36 W Oberlin	180	220	22%	1,235	18%
US-83 N 383 Jct	90	305	238%	1,000	29%
US-83 S Oakley	160	550	243%	1,885	29%
Dist IV					
US-75 N Yates Center	320	550	71%	2,364	23%
US-160 W of W Jct US-75	100	145	45%	1,790	8%
Dist V					
US-50 W 281 Jct	130	535	311%	1,325	40%
US-56 W Lyons	350	526	50%	3,580	14%

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March 11, 1998

Re: Highway 54 crash data in the State of Kansas on that section of the road from Wichita to Liberal.

Year	# of crashes	# of fatalities	# injuries
1992	1105	13	741
1993	1105	8	681
1994	965	14	644
1995	1185	4	699
1996	1131	4	646
5 yr Total	5491	43	3411

This information was obtained from Jim Schaller, Kansas Bureau of Traffic Statistics on March 6, 1998.

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Judge Willard H. Shaffer-Pres.

Elizabeth R. Shaffer-C.E.O.

1205 SW 29th Street --- Apt. # 505

Max Zimmerman AND
Phyllis Wendle
Southwest Passage Initiative for
Regional & Interstate Transportation,
ie., SPIRIT
Liberal, Kansas 67901

Greetings from Topeka, Kansas:

We read the enclosed article with great interest. Especially since we have traveled US 54 numerous times to reach our varied destinations in New Mexico; Arizona and California between the years 1954 and 1990, making us quite familiar with that geographical territory--always enjoyed our trips even though one included driving at very high speed to "out-run" a tornado west of Tucumcarie where we took US 54 to the Northeast and the storm continued eastward, for which we were most thankful.

My husband (who is a permanent resident of our Brewster Place Long Term Term Healthcare Center) said to me, "You need to get involved!" I felt that a very strong statement for several reasons, one being the fact we will both be reaching our 86th birthdays in February. However, I did assure him I would show our positive thinking on this matter by trying to direct our prayerful support to you by writing to "SPIRIT" as a whole.

We wish you the highest success in your endeavors--- realizing how great that highway will be for all who have the privilege to travel it in the future. We are sure all this is a continuation of President Eisenhower's dedication to fine highways in our USA.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth + Willard Shaffer

Elizabeth & Willard Shaffer

Jan. 12, 1998

Senate Transportation + Tourism
3-11-98
Attachment # 2 *2-1*

Kingman County, KS

RESOLUTION NO. 97-16

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE SOUTHWEST PASSAGE INITIATIVE FOR REGIONAL AND INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION (S.P.I.R.I.T.) AND FURTHER ENCOURAGE THE EXPANSION OF U.S. HIGHWAY 54.

WHEREAS, S.P.I.R.I.T. has been created by an organizing committee to act as a catalyst in the promotion, development and the construction of the widening of U.S. Highway 54 from Wichita, Kansas to Tucumcari, New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, S.P.I.R.I.T. will strive to enhance transportation and facilitate trade along the route; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 54 has the potential to provide efficient and economical transportation to both industry and tourism, not just through Kansas but through many states.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the County of Kingman, Kansas:

Section 1. That it does hereby endorse the Southwest Passage Initiative for Regional and Interstate Transportation, and further that it encourages the widening of U.S. Highway 54 with its potential for providing improved transportation.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12 day of May, 1997.

Board of County Commissioners
Kingman County, Kansas

Joe Dirks
Joe Dirks, Chairman

Larry Ward
Larry Ward

Donna R. Brown
Donna R. Brown

Inge Luntsford
Inge Luntsford, Kingman County Clerk

Kingman
City KS

RESOLUTION NO. 97-2

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE SOUTHWEST PASSAGE
FOR REGIONAL AND INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION
(S.P.I.R.I.T) AND FURTHER ENCOURAGE THE EXPANSION OF U. S.
HIGHWAY 54.**

WHEREAS, S.P.I.R.I.T. has been created by an organizing committee to act as a catalyst in the promotion, development and the construction of the widening of U.S. Highway 54 from Wichita, Kansas to Tucumcari, New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, S.P.I.R.I.T. will strive to enhance transportation and facilitate trade along the route; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 54 has the potential to provide efficient and economical transportation to both industry and tourism, not just through Kansas but through many states.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Kingman, Kansas:

Section 1. That it does hereby endorse the Southwest Passage Initiative for Regional and Interstate Transportation, and further that it encourages the widening of U.S. Highway 54 with its potential for providing improved transportation.

Adopted by the Governing Body of the City of Kingman, Kansas, this 27th day of February, 1997.

THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
CITY OF KINGMAN, KANSAS

By *Max Mize*
Max Mize, Mayor

(SEAL)
ATTEST

By *Cindy Conrardy*
Cindy Conrardy, City Clerk

Guymon Ok
City

RESOLUTION NO. 97-2

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE SOUTHWEST PASSAGE INITIATIVE FOR REGIONAL AND INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION (SPIRIT) AND FURTHER ENCOURAGE THE EXPANSION OF HIGHWAY 54.


WHEREAS, SPIRIT has been created by an organizing committee to act as a catalyst in the promotion, development and the construction of the widening of US Highway 54 from Wichita, Kansas, to Tucumcari, New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, SPIRIT will strive to enhance transportation and facilitate trade along said route; and

WHEREAS, US Highway 54 has the potential to provide efficient and economical transportation to both industry and tourism, benefitting both the City of Guymon and Texas County.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Guymon, Oklahoma, it does hereby endorses the Southwest Passage Initiative for Regional and Interstate Transportation (SPIRIT), and encourages the widening of US Highway 54 with its potential for providing improved transportation.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Guymon, Oklahoma, this ^{12th}~~29th~~ day of ^{February}~~January~~, 1997.



Jess Nelson, Mayor



Marcy Townman, City Clerk

Greensburg, KS
City

RESOLUTION NO. 1997-1

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE SOUTHWEST PASSAGE INITIATIVE FOR REGIONAL AND INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION (S.P.I.R.I.T.) AND FURTHER ENCOURAGE THE IMPROVEMENT OF U.S. 54 HIGHWAY.

WHEREAS, S.P.I.R.I.T. has been created to promote the improvement of U.S. 54 Highway into a four lane highway, from Wichita west through Kansas, as well as through Oklahoma, to Tucumcari, New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, S.P.I.R.I.T. will strive to enhance transportation and facilitate commerce along the route; and

WHEREAS, U.S. 54 is the most direct east - west route from Wichita to New Mexico, Arizona and Southern California; and

WHEREAS, an upgraded U.S. 54 will benefit all communities along that route by greater tourism, efficient trucking, and enhanced industrial opportunities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Greensburg, Kansas:

Section 1. That it does hereby endorse the Southwest Passage Initiative for Regional and Interstate Transportation, and further that it encourages the widening of U.S. 54, with its potential for providing improved transportation for southern Kansas.

Passed and adopted by the City Council and approved by the Mayor on this 24th day of February, 1997.



Betty Hamilton, Mayor

SEAL



Clay Smith, City Clerk

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ATION ENDORSING THE SOUTHWEST PASSAGE INITIATIVE
OR REGIONAL AND INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION
(S.P.I.R.I.T.) AND FURTHER ENCOURAGEING THE
EXPANSION OF HIGHWAY 54

AS, S.P.I.R.I.T. has been created by an organizing committee to act as a catalyst in the promotion, development and the construction of the widening of U.S. Highway 54 from Wichita, Kansas to Tucumcari, New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, S.P.I.R.I.T. will strive to enhance transportation and facilitate trade along the route; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 54 has the potential to provide efficient and economical transportation to both industry and tourism, not just through Kansas but through may states.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of Ford County, Kansas:

Section 1. That it does hereby endorse the Southwest Passage Initiative for Regional and Interstate Transportation, and further that it encourages the widening of U.S. Highway 54 with its potential for providing improved transportation.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of June, 1997.

Board of County Commissioners
Ford County, Kansas

B.A. Leonard
B.A. Leonard, Chairman

Rita A. Slattery
Rita A. Slattery, County Clerk

Fowler City '95

RESOLUTION 97-R-1

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE SOUTHWEST PASSAGE INITIATIVE FOR REGIONAL AND INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION (S.P.I.R.I.T.) AND FURTHER ENCOURAGE THE EXPANSION OF HIGHWAY 54.

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WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 54 has the potential to provide efficient and economical transportation to both industry and tourism, not just through Kansas but through many states.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Fowler, Meade County, Kansas:


Section 1. That it does hereby endorse the Southwest Passage Initiative for Regional and Interstate Transportation, and further that it encourages the widening of U.S. Highway 54 with its potential for providing improved transportation.

Adopted by the Governing Body of the City of Fowler, Meade County, Kansas, this 7th day of March, 1997.

City of Fowler, Kansas


LARRY WENTZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:


AMY D. MEYER
CITY MEYER

RESOLUTION 97-2

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE SOUTHWEST PASSAGE INITIATIVE FOR REGIONAL AND INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION (S.P.I.R.I.T.) AND FURTHER ENCOURAGE THE EXPANSION OF HIGHWAY 54

WHEREAS, S.P.I.R.I.T. has been created by an organizing committee to act as a catalyst in the promotion, development and the construction of the widening of U.S. Highway 54 from Wichita, Kansas to Tucumcari, New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, S.P.I.R.I.T. will strive to enhance transportation and facilitate trade along the route; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 54 has the potential to provide efficient and economical transportation to both industry and tourism, not just through Kansas but through many states.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of Clark County, Kansas:

Section I. That it does hereby endorse the Southwest Passage Initiative for Regional and Interstate Transportation, and further that it encourages the widening of U.S. Highway 54 with its potential for providing improved transportation.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 29th day of January, 1997.

CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Michael E Myatt
Michael E Myatt, Chairman

Gene T Hink
Gene T Hink, Member

Betty Jo Denton
Betty Jo Denton, Member

ATTEST: This 29th day of January, 1997.

Rebecca Mishler
Rebecca Mishler, County Clerk

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Bucklin K.S.
City

RESOLUTION NO. 698

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE SOUTHWEST PASSAGE INITIATIVE FOR REGIONAL AND INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION (S.P.I.R.I.T.) AND FURTHER ENCOURAGE THE IMPROVEMENT OF U.S. 54 HIGHWAY.

WHEREAS, S.P.I.R.I.T. has been created to promote the improvement of U.S. 54 Highway into a four lane highway, from Wichita west through Kansas, as well as through Oklahoma, to Tucumcari, New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, U.S. 54 is the most direct east - west route from Wichita to New Mexico, Arizona and Southern California; and

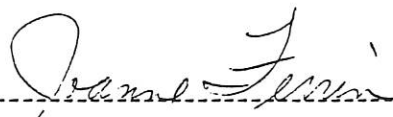
WHEREAS, an upgraded U.S. 54 will benefit all communities along that route by greater tourism, efficient trucking, and enhanced industrial opportunities.

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Bucklin, Kansas:


Section 1. That it does hereby endorse the Southwest Passage Initiative for Regional and Interstate Transportation, and further that it encourages the widening of U.S. 54, with its potential for providing improved transportation for southern Kansas.

Adopted by the Governing Body of the City of Bucklin, Kansas, this 3rd day of March, 1997.

(SEAL)
ATTEST:



Joanne Ferrin, Mayor



Steph Dickson, City Clerk

Quay County

RESOLUTION No. 97-13

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE SOUTHWEST PASSAGE
INITIATIVE FOR REGIONAL AND INTERSTATE
TRANSPORTATION (SPIRIT) AND FURTHER
ENCOURAGING THE EXPANSION OF HIGHWAY 54

WHEREAS, the Southwest Passage Initiative for Regional and Interstate Transportation, hereinafter referred to as SPIRIT, has been created as a catalyst for the promotion, development, and widening of US Highway 54, and

WHEREAS, SPIRIT will strive to enhance transportation and to facilitate trade and economic development along said route; and

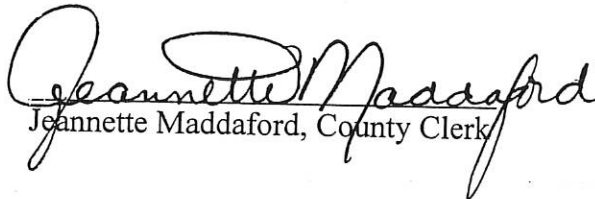
WHEREAS, US Highway 54 has the potential to provide improved efficiency and improved transportation safety for both industry and tourism to the benefit of the communities and residents of Quay County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the County of Quay, State of New Mexico, that it hereby endorses the Southwest Passage Initiative for Regional and Interstate Transportation (SPIRIT) and the widening of US Highway 54.

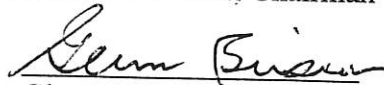
DONE this 27th day of October 1997 in the City of Tucumcari.

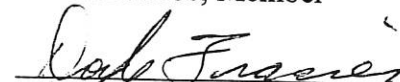
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF QUAY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

ATTEST:


Jeannette Maddaford, County Clerk


Robert Thrasher, Chairman


Glenn Briscoe, Member


Doyle Fraiser, Member

RESOLUTION 97-33

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE SOUTHWEST PASSAGE INITIATIVE FOR REGIONAL AND INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION (SPIRIT) AND FURTHER ENCOURAGE THE EXPANSION OF HIGHWAY 54.

WHEREAS, SPIRIT has been created by an organizing committee to act as a catalyst in the promotion, development and the construction of the widening of US Highway 54 from Wichita, Kansas to Tucumcari, New Mexico; and

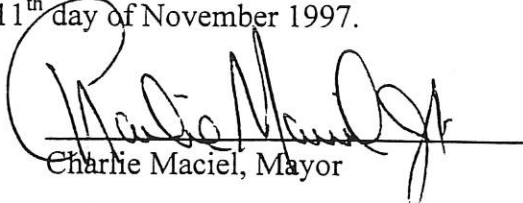
WHEREAS, SPIRIT will strive to enhance transportation and facilitate trade along said route; and

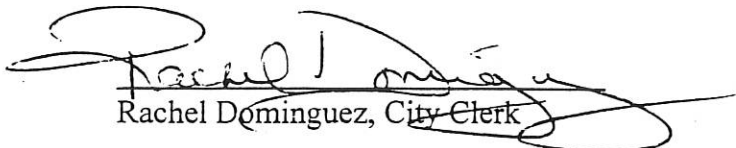
WHEREAS, US Highway 54 has the potential to provide efficient and economical transportation to both industry and tourism, benefiting both the City of Tucumcari and Quay County.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Commission of the City of Tucumcari, New Mexico does hereby endorse the Southwest Passage Initiative for Regional and Interstate Transportation (SPIRIT) and encourage the widening of US Highway 54 with its potential for providing improved transportation.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of November 1997.

Attest:


Charlie Maciel, Mayor


Rachel Dominguez, City Clerk

Pratt (ity, KS

ION ENDORSING THE SOUTHWEST PASSAGE INITIATIVE
FOR REGIONAL AND INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION
(S.P.I.R.I.T.) AND FURTHER ENCOURAGING THE
EXPANSION OF HIGHWAY 54

WHEREAS, S.P.I.R.I.T. has been created by an organizing committee to act as a catalyst in the promotion, development and the construction of the widening of U.S. Highway 54 from Wichita, Kansas to Tukumcari, New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, S.P.I.R.I.T. will strive to enhance transportation and facilitate trade along the route; and

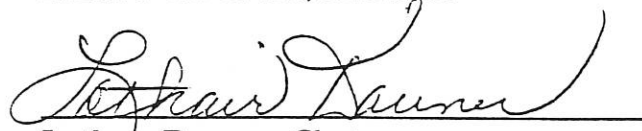
WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 54 has the potential to provide efficient and economical transportation to both industry and tourism, not just through Kansas but through many states.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Pratt County, Kansas:


That it does hereby endorse the Southwest Passage Initiative for Regional and Interstate Transportation, and further that it encourages the widening of U.S. Highway 54 with its potential for providing improved transportation.

PASSED AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY this 18th day of February, 1997.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PRATT COUNTY, KANSAS


Lothar Dauner, Chairman


Ramon Parker


Alma Walker, County Clerk


Charles Rinke

Pratt, KS
City

RESOLUTION NO. 021797

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE SOUTHWEST PASSAGE INITIATIVE FOR REGIONAL AND INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION (S.P.I.R.I.T.) AND FURTHER ENCOURAGE THE EXPANSION OF HIGHWAY 54.

WHEREAS, S.P.I.R.I.T. has been created by an organizing committee to act as a catalyst in the promotion, development and the construction of the widening of U.S. Highway 54 from Wichita, Kansas, to Tucumcari, New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, S.P.I.R.I.T. will strive to enhance transportation and facilitate trade along the route; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 54 has the potential to provide efficient and economical transportation to the both industry and tourism, not just through Kansas but through many states.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Pratt, Kansas:

SECTION 1. That it does hereby endorse the Southwest Passage Initiative for Regional and Interstate Transportation, and further that it encourages the widening of U.S. Highway 54 with its potential for providing improved transportation.

THIS RESOLUTION shall take effect from and after its passage by the City Commission of the City of Pratt.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the governing body of the City of Pratt on this 17th day of February, 1997.



(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Betsy Koontz

BETSY KOONTZ
City Clerk
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Jeff A. Taylor

JEFF A. TAYLOR, Mayor

Plains City 3

City of Plains

Plains, Kansas

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Office of City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 97-1

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE SOUTHWEST PASSAGE INITIATIVE FOR REGIONAL AND INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION (S.P.I.R.I.T.) AND FURTHER ENCOURAGE THE EXPANSION OF HIGHWAY 54.

WHEREAS, S.P.I.R.I.T. has been created by an organizing committee to act as a catalyst in the promotion, development and the construction of the widening of U.S. Highway 54 from Wichita, Kansas to Tucumcari, New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, S.P.I.R.I.T. will strive to enhance transportation and facilitate trade along the route; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 54 has the potential to provide efficient and economical transportation to both industry and tourism, not just through Kansas but through many states.

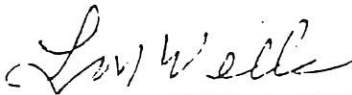
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Plains, Kansas:

Section 1. That it does hereby endorse the Southwest Passage Initiative for Regional and Interstate Transportation, and further that it encourages the widening of U.S. Highway 54 with its potential for providing improved transportation.

Adopted by the Governing Body of the City of Plains, Kansas, this 8th day of April, 1997.



Frank Wells, Mayor



L.M. Wells, City Clerk

Minneola
City

KS

RESOLUTION NO. 1997-R01

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE SOUTHWEST PASSAGE INITIATIVE FOR REGIONAL AND INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION (S.P.I.R.I.T.) AND FURTHER ENCOURAGE THE IMPROVEMENT OF U.S. 54 HIGHWAY.

WHEREAS, S.P.I.R.I.T. has been created to promote the improvement of U.S. 54 Highway into a four lane highway, from Wichita west through Kansas, as well as through Oklahoma, to Tucumcari, New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, S.P.I.R.I.T. will strive to enhance transportation and facilitate commerce along the route; and

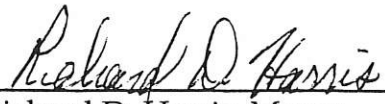
WHEREAS, U.S. 54 is the most direct east-west route from Wichita to New Mexico, Arizona and Southern California; and

WHEREAS, an upgraded U.S. 54 will benefit all communities along that route by greater tourism, efficient trucking, and enhanced industrial opportunities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Minneola, Kansas:

Section 1. That it does hereby endorse the Southwest Passage Initiative for Regional and Interstate Transportation, and further that it encourages the widening of U.S. 54, with its potential for providing improved transportation for southern Kansas.

Adopted by the Governing Body of the City of Minneola, Kansas, this 11th day of March, 1997.


Richard D. Harris, Mayor

SEAL


Norma Vrtiska, City Clerk

Meade KS
City

RESOLUTION 149

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE SOUTHWEST PASSAGE INITIATIVE FOR REGIONAL AND INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION (S.P.I.R.I.T.) AND FURTHER ENCOURAGE THE EXPANSION OF HIGHWAY 54.

WHEREAS, S.P.I.R.I.T. has been created by an organizing committee to act as a catalyst in the promotion, development and the construction of the widening of U.S. Highway 54 from Wichita, Kansas to Tucumcari, New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, S.P.I.R.I.T. will strive to enhance transportation and facilitate trade along the route; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 54 has the potential to provide efficient and economical transportation to both industry and tourism, not just through Kansas but through many states.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Governing Body of the City of Meade, Kansas:

Section 1. That it does hereby endorse the Southwest Passage Initiative for Regional and Interstate Transportation, and further that it encourages the widening of U.S. Highway 54 with its potential for providing improved transportation.

Adopted by the Governing Body of the City of Meade, Kansas, this 10th day of February 1997.

City of Meade, Kansas


Leroy Lemaster, Mayor

ATTEST:


Dennis Eckhoff, City Clerk

(Seal)

Liberal City KS

RESOLUTION NO. 1581

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE SOUTHWEST PASSAGE INITIATIVE FOR REGIONAL AND INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION (S.P.I.R.I.T.) AND FURTHER ENCOURAGE THE EXPANSION OF HIGHWAY 54.

WHEREAS, S.P.I.R.I.T. has been created by an organizing committee to act as a catalyst in the promotion, development and the construction of the widening of U.S. Highway 54 from Wichita, Kansas to Tucumcari, New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, S.P.I.R.I.T. will strive to enhance transportation and facilitate trade along the route; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 54 has the potential to provide efficient and economical transportation to both industry and tourism, not just through Kansas but through many states.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Liberal, Kansas:

Section 1. That it does hereby endorse the Southwest Passage Initiative for Regional and Interstate Transportation, and further that it encourages the widening of U.S. Highway 54 with its potential for providing improved transportation.

Adopted by the Governing Body of the City of Liberal, Kansas, this 21st day of October, 1996.


Donald E. Witzke, Mayor

SEAL


Debra S. Giskie, City Clerk

Kismet City '5

PROCLAMATION ENDORSING THE SOUTHWEST PASSAGE INITIATIVE FOR REGIONAL AND INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION (S.P.I.R.I.T.) AND FURTHER ENCOURAGE THE EXPANSION OF HIGHWAY 54

WHEREAS, S.P.I.R.I.T. has been created to promote the improvement U.S. Highway 54 into a four lane highway, from Wichita, Kansas west through Kansas to Tucumari, New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, S.P.I.R.I.T. will strive to enhance transportation and facilitate the trade along the route; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 54 has the potential to provide efficient and economical transportation to both industry and tourism, not just through Kansas but through many states.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of City of Kismet, Kansas: that it does hereby endorse the Southwest Passage Initiative for Regional and Interstate Transportation, and further that it encourages the widening of U.S. Highway with its potential for providing improved transportation.

Kismet City Officials

Darold R. Ungerer
Darold R. Ungerer, Mayor

Johnny Branstine
Johnny Branstine, Member

Rod Lewis
Rod Lewis, Member

Robert Winner
Robert Winner, Member

Bruce Stoll
Bruce Stoll, Member

Emery Ball
Emery Ball, Member

Carole Jennings City Clerk
Carole Jennings, City Clerk

Kiowa County, KS

DECLARATION ENDORSING THE SOUTHWEST PASSAGE INITIATIVE
FOR REGIONAL AND INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION
(S.P.I.R.I.T.) AND FURTHER ENCOURAGE THE
EXPANSION OF HIGHWAY 54

WHEREAS, S.P.I.R.I.T. has been created by an organizing committee to act as a catalyst in the promotion, development and the construction of the widening of U.S. Highway 54 from Wichita, Kansas to Tucumcari, New Mexico, and

WHEREAS, S.P.I.R.I.T. will strive to enhance transportation and facilitate trade along the route; and

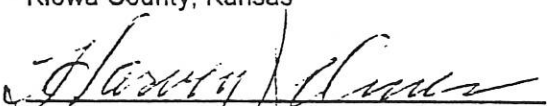
WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 54 has the potential to provide efficient and economical transportation to both industry and tourism, not just through Kansas but through many states.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of Kiowa County, Kansas.

Section 1. That it does hereby endorse the Southwest Passage Initiative for Regional and Interstate Transportation, and further that it encourages the widening of U.S. Highway 54 with its potential for providing improved transportation.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 18 day of February, 1997.

Board of Kiowa County Commissioners
Kiowa County, Kansas


Harvey Ulmer, Chairman


Evelyn Grimm, County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 97-9

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE SOUTHWEST PASSAGE INITIATIVE FOR REGIONAL AND INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION (SPIRIT) AND FURTHER ENCOURAGE THE EXPANSION OF HIGHWAY 54.

WHEREAS, SPIRIT has been created by an organizing committee to act as a catalyst in the promotion, development and construction of the widening of U. S. Highway 54 from Wichita, Kansas to Tucumcari, New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, SPIRIT will strive to enhance transportation and facilitate trade along said route; and

WHEREAS, U. S. Highway 54 has the potential to provide efficient and economical transportation to both industry and tourism, benefiting both the City of Dalhart, Dallam and Hartley Counties.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALHART, TEXAS:

that it does hereby endorse the Southwest Passage Initiative for Regional and Interstate Transportation (SPIRIT), and encourage the widening of U. S. Highway 54 with its potential for providing improved transportation.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Dalhart, Dalhart, Texas, this the 14th day of October, 1997.


Gene Rahll, Mayor

ATTEST:


Janice Alexander, City Secretary

Stratford, TX
City

RESOLUTION NO. 97-1

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE SOUTHWEST PASSAGE INITIATIVE FOR REGIONAL AND INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION (SPIRIT) AND FURTHER ENCOURAGE THE EXPANSION OF HIGHWAY 54.


WHEREAS, SPIRIT has been created by an organizing committee to act as a catalyst in the promotion, development and the construction of the widening of US Highway 54 from Wichita, Kansas, to Tucumcari, New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, SPIRIT will strive to enhance transportation and facilitate trade along said route; and

WHEREAS, US Highway 54 has the potential to provide efficient and economical transportation to both industry and tourism, benefitting both the City of Stratford and Sherman County.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Stratford, Texas, it does hereby endorse the Southwest Passage Initiative for Regional and Interstate Transportation (SPIRIT), and encourage the widening of US Highway 54 with its potential for providing improved transportation.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Stratford, Texas, this 13th day of March, 1997.



David Brown, Mayor



E.R. Bell, City Manager

Stratford Chamber of Commerce, TX

RESOLUTION NO. 97-1

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE SOUTHWEST PASSAGE INITIATIVE FOR REGIONAL AND INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION (SPIRIT) AND FURTHER ENCOURAGE THE EXPANSION OF HIGHWAY 54.

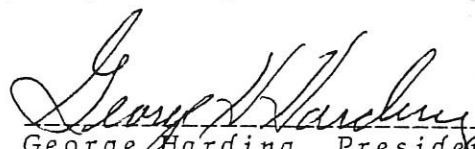
WHEREAS, SPIRIT has been created by an organizing committee to act as a catalyst in the promotion, development and the construction of the widening of US Highway 54 from Wichita, Kansas, to Tucumcari, New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, SPIRIT will strive to enhance transportation and facilitate trade along said route; and

WHEREAS, US Highway 54 has the potential to provide efficient and economical transportation to both industry and tourism, benefitting both the City of Stratford and Sherman County.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Stratford Chamber of Commerce of the City of Stratford, Texas, it does hereby endorse the Southwest Passage Initiative for Regional and Interstate Transportation (SPIRIT), and encourage the widening of US Highway 54 with its potential for providing improved transportation.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Stratford Chamber of Commerce of the City of Stratford, Texas, this 8th day of April, 1997.


George Harding, President


Cynthia Schoenhals, Manager

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE SOUTHWEST PASSAGE INITIATIVE FOR REGIONAL AND INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION (SPIRIT) AND FURTHER ENCOURAGE THE EXPANSION OF HIGHWAY 54.

WHEREAS, SPIRIT has been created by an organizing committee to act as a catalyst in the promotion, development and the construction of the widening of US Highway 54 from Wichita, Kansas, to Tucumcari, New Mexico; and

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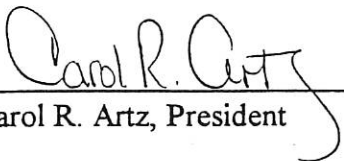
WHEREAS, US Highway 54 has the potential to provide efficient and economical transportation to both industry and tourism, benefitting both the City of Dalhart, Dallam, and Hartley Counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Dalhart Area Chamber of Commerce, it does hereby endorse the Southwest Passage Initiative for Regional and Interstate Transportation (SPIRIT), and encourage the widening of US Highway 54 with its potential for providing improved transportation.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Dalhart Area Chamber of Commerce, located in Dalhart, Texas, this 8th day of October, 1997.



Andy Hulett, Chairman of the Board



Carol R. Artz, President

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RESOLUTION

ENDORSE THE SOUTHWEST PASSAGE INITIATIVE FOR REGIONAL AND INTER-STATE TRANSPORTATION (SPIRIT) AND FURTHER ENCOURAGE THE EXPANSION OF HIGHWAY 54.

WHEREAS, SPIRIT has been created by an organizing committee to act as a catalyst in the promotion, development and the construction of the widening of US Highway 54 from Wichita, Kansas, to Tucumcari, New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, SPIRIT will strive to enhance transportation and facilitate trade along said route; and

WHEREAS, US Highway 54 has the potential to provide efficient and economical transportation to both industry and tourism, benefitting both the City of Stratford and Sherman County.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Commissioners Court of Sherman County, Texas, it does hereby endorse the Southwest Passage Initiative for Regional and Interstate Transportation (SPIRIT), and encourage the widening of US Highway 54 with its potential for providing improved transportation.

Adopted by the Commissioners Court of Sherman County, Texas, this the 9th day of June, 1997.

W.C. Fesler
W.C. Fesler, County Judge

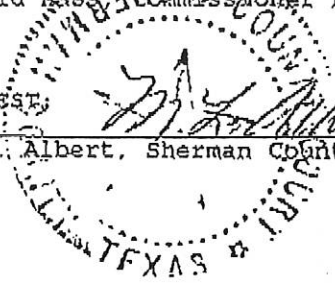
Wayne Cummings
Wayne Cummings, Commissioner Pct. 1

Wayland Brown
Wayland Brown, Commissioner Pct. 2

David Haskins
David Haskins, Commissioner Pct. 3

Tommy Asher
Tommy Asher, Commissioner Pct. 4

ATTEST:
M.L. Albert
M.L. Albert, Sherman County Clerk



Seward County - KS

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE SOUTHWEST PASSAGE INITIATIVE
FOR REGIONAL AND INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION
(S.P.I.R.I.T.) AND FURTHER ENCOURAGE THE
EXPANSION OF HIGHWAY 54

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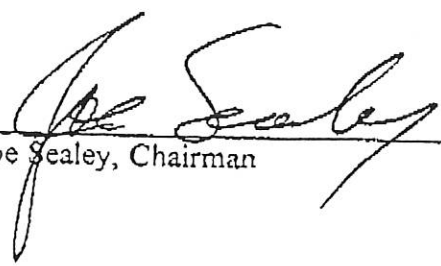
WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 54 has the potential to provide efficient and economical transportation to both industry and tourism, not just through Kansas but through many states.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of Seward County, Kansas:

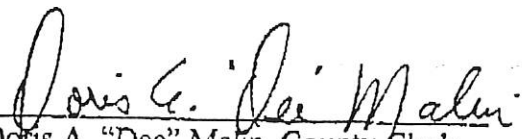
Section 1. That it does hereby endorse the Southwest Passage Initiative for Regional and Interstate Transportation, and further that it encourages the widening of U.S. Highway 54 with its potential for providing improved transportation.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 4 day of November, 1996.

Board of County Commissioners
Seward County, Kansas



Joe Sealey, Chairman



Doris A. "Dee" Malin, County Clerk

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE SOUTHWEST PASSAGE INITIATIVE FOR REGIONAL AND INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION (SPIRIT) AND FURTHER ENCOURAGE THE EXPANSION OF HIGHWAY 54.

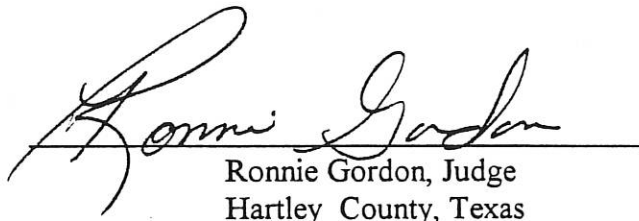
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WHEREAS, SPIRIT will strive to enhance transportation and facilitate trade along said route; and

WHEREAS, US Highway 54 has the potential to provide efficient and economical transportation to both industry and tourism, benefitting both the City of Dalhart, Dallam, and Hartley Counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Commissioners Court of Hartley County, Texas, it does hereby endorse the Southwest Passage Initiative for Regional and Interstate Transportation (SPIRIT), and encourage the widening of US Highway 54 with its potential for providing improved transportation.

Adopted by the Hartley County Commissioners Court located in Channing, Texas, this 13th day of October, 1997.


Ronnie Gordon, Judge
Hartley County, Texas

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE SOUTHWEST PASSAGE INITIATIVE FOR REGIONAL AND INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION (SPIRIT) AND FURTHER ENCOURAGE THE EXPANSION OF HIGHWAY 54.

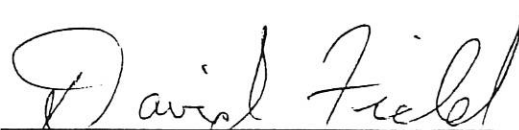
WHEREAS, SPIRIT has been created by an organizing committee to act as a catalyst in the promotion, development and the construction of the widening of US Highway 54 from Wichita, Kansas, to Tucumcari, New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, SPIRIT will strive to enhance transportation and facilitate trade along said route; and

WHEREAS, US Highway 54 has the potential to provide efficient and economical transportation to both industry and tourism, benefitting both the City of Dalhart, Dallam, and Hartley Counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Commissioners Court of Dallam County, it does hereby endorse the Southwest Passage Initiative for Regional and Interstate Transportation (SPIRIT), and encourage the widening of US Highway 54 with its potential for providing improved transportation.

Adopted by the Dallam County Commissioners Court, located in Dalhart, Texas, this 13th day of October, 1997.



David Field, Judge
Dallam County, Texas

Wichita, KS
City

RESOLUTION NO. R-96-408

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE SOUTHWEST PASSAGE INITIATIVE FOR REGIONAL AND INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION (S.P.I.R.I.T.) AND FURTHER ENCOURAGE THE IMPROVEMENT OF U.S. 54 HIGHWAY.

WHEREAS, S.P.I.R.I.T. has been created to promote the improvement of U.S. 54 Highway into a four lane highway, from Wichita west through Kansas, as well as through Oklahoma, to Tucumcari, New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, S.P.I.R.I.T. will strive to enhance transportation and facilitate commerce along the route; and

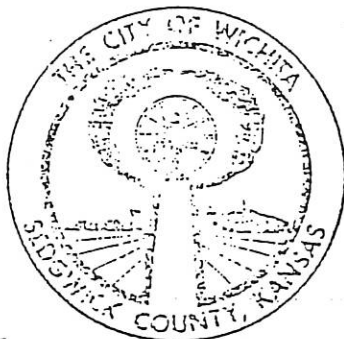
WHEREAS, U.S. 54 is the most direct east - west route from Wichita to New Mexico, Arizona and Southern California; and

WHEREAS, an upgraded U.S. 54 will benefit all communities along that route by greater tourism, efficient trucking, and enhanced industrial opportunities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Wichita, Kansas:

Section 1. That it does hereby endorse the Southwest Passage Initiative for Regional and Interstate Transportation, and further that it encourages the widening of U.S. 54, with its potential for providing improved transportation for southern Kansas.

Adopted by the Governing Body of the City of Wichita, Kansas, this 5th day of November, 1996.



SEAL


Robert Knight, Mayor


Pat Burnett, City Clerk

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE SOUTHWEST PASSAGE INITIATIVE FOR REGIONAL AND INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION (S.P.I.R.I.T.) AND FURTHER ENCOURAGE THE EXPANSION OF HIGHWAY 54

WHEREAS, S.P.I.R.I.T. has been created by an organizing committee to act as a catalyst in the promotion, development and the construction of the widening of U.S. Highway 54 from Wichita, Kansas to Tucumcari, New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, S.P.I.R.I.T. will strive to enhance transportation and facilitate trade along the route; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 54 has the potential to provide efficient and economical transportation to both industry and tourism, not just through Kansas but through many states.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS, that it does hereby endorse the Southwest Passage Initiative for Regional and Interstate Transportation, and further that it encourages the widening of U.S. Highway 54 with its potential for providing improved transportation.

Commissioners present and voting were:

BETSY GWIN	<u>Aye</u>
PAUL W. HANCOCK	<u>Absent</u>
THOMAS G. WINTERS	<u>Aye</u>
MELODY C. MILLER	<u>Aye</u>
MARK F. SCHROEDER	<u>Aye</u>

Dated this 12th day of February, 1997.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS

ATTEST:

James Alford
JAMES ALFORD, County Clerk

Thomas G. Winters
THOMAS G. WINTERS, Chairman

Absent
PAUL W. HANCOCK, Chairman Pro Tem

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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RICHARD A. EUSON
Acting County Counselor

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BETSY GWIN, Commissioner

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March 11, 1998

Senator Ben Vidricksen, Chairperson
Committee on Transportation and Tourism
Senate Chamber
State Capitol Building
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Vidricksen:

I appreciate the opportunity to discuss House Bill No. 2899, as amended, with the Committee on Transportation and Tourism. This bill would authorize the development of a comprehensive multi-purpose lake resort on one of six state parks identified within the bill. The purpose resort would be constructed with the cooperation of state government, local governments, and private developers.

The provisions of House Bill No. 2899 provide for several steps or actions to be taken prior to the actual development of a resort. These actions follow in an orderly progression which will allow for appropriate consideration and review of a potential resort facility being located on one of the following six state parks - Cheney, Clinton, El Dorado, Hillsdale, Perry and Milford.

Sections One and Two provide that the Secretaries of Wildlife and Parks, Commerce and Housing, and Transportation will develop an incentive plan outlining the State's commitment toward lake resort development. State incentives that could be provided could include infrastructure improvements such as utilities and roads, tax considerations, and economic development grants. Once the state incentive plan is developed, the secretaries of Wildlife and Parks and Commerce and Housing will approach local communities adjacent to the listed state parks to determine the incentives that can be provided by the local communities. Section Three authorizes the Secretary of Wildlife and Parks to negotiate with the appropriate federal government agency for resort development and seek legislative approval as required by KSA 32-843.

The provisions of Section Four authorize the Secretaries of Wildlife and Parks and Commerce and Housing to develop requests for proposals to develop a lake resort, advertise for proposals, consider all proposals that are submitted; and to select, negotiate and contract for the construction of a lake resort. Such resort shall be operated as a private concession and will be developed with private funding which could include revenue bonds issued by the Kansas Development Finance Authority in amounts not to exceed \$30,000,000 for any one resort. In addition, the Secretary of Wildlife and Parks and the Secretary of Commerce and Housing are

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authorized to engage a private consultant to assist in contract development. This section also authorizes the Secretary of Wildlife and Parks to waive any relevant park fees, to obtain revenue from an resort that is developed, and to include penalty provisions for nonperformance by an approved resort developer or operator.

The provisions of the bill require the all of the above actions to be taken prior to requesting Legislative approval of the site chosen for the resort development and the amount of bonds to be issued for such development. Section Seven does allow the State Finance Council to approve of the site and amount of bonds issued if the Legislature is not in session. Finally, the bill amends existing state law (KSA 41-719) to allow for the consumption of alcoholic beverages in a lake resort located on state-owned or leased property and requires the Secretaries of Wildlife and Parks and Commerce and Housing to present a status report on resort development to the Legislature and Governor during the 1999 Legislative Session. The bill would become effective upon publication in the Kansas Register.

In summary, I would like to comment on the following major points included within the provisions of House Bill No. 2899. One, the intent of this legislation is to have the State, local communities, and private entities to cooperate on the development of a lake resort in Kansas. Two, any such resort would be located on one of six state parks identified within the bill and determined by approval of a proposal submitted by a private developer for a resort on one of the six sites. Three, the financing of such a resort should be by provided by a private developer but could include revenue bonds issued by the Kansas Development Finance Authority and repaid by revenue from operation of the resort that is developed. And Four, the final approval of any resort to be developed will be by the Legislature.

House bill No. 2899 was amended by the House Committee on Tourism on page 3, Section 6, line 21, to also include after the word land "or leased property". This amendment was necessary to conform the language with the provisions of Section eight (page 5, line 10) and was necessary since all six sites included within House Bill No. 2899 are on property leased from the federal government by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. If you or members of the Committee on Transportation and Tourism have any questions, please advise.

Sincerely,



Steven A. Williams, Secretary
Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks

House Bill 28989

Larry Cope
Executive Director
Jefferson County Economic Development Commission

Testimony
To
Senate Travel & Tourism Committee

9:00 A.M.

March 11, 1998

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We, the Jefferson County Economic Development
Commission along with

- Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners
- Glacial Hills Tourism Council
- NEKRED (Northeast Kansas Rural Economic Development)
- Oskaloosa Chamber of Commerce
- Valley Falls Chamber of Commerce
- Numerous County-Wide Business

Voice our support of House Bill 2898

KANSAS STATE PARK RESORT AT PERRY LAKE

Jefferson County Economic Development Commission
OSKALOOSA, KANSAS

Larry Cope
(Executive Director)

Perry Lake

Perry Lake offers over 159 miles of shore line and 11,150 surface acres of water with unmatched beauty anywhere in the State of Kansas.

Perry Lake offers location, we are 15 miles from Lawrence, 14 miles to Topeka, and 48 miles to Kansas City.

Perry Lake offers the largest number of visitors to any lake in the State of Kansas.

Perry Lake offers excellent water quality for both fishing and water activities.

Perry Lake is ranked #1 in the United States for Crappie Fishing by two major national magazines.

Perry Lake also offers:

- 9 recreational parks
- 2 Full service Marinas
- 3 swimming beaches
- Mountain Bike Trails
- 12 Hunting areas
- ATV and motorbike areas
- Wetland , riparian, grassland, bottomland forest, and lake shore conservation areas
- 2 Full service 18-Hole Golf Courses, and 1 driving range
- Annual Sailing Regattas (600 Sail boats are registered at Lake Perry)
- There are 2 public and 1 private sail harbors
- 29 mile Perry Lake Walking Trail (with unmatched scenic beauty)
- Over a 1000 private and public camping sites.
- Perry Lake area abounds with abundant wildlife.
- 22 mile Equestrian Trail on Perry State Park side of lake
- Branson Style vaudeville melodramas preformed at a 100 year old farm.
- Cajun style Cruise Boat with a capacity of 150 people
- Hosts one of the Largest 4th of July Fireworks celebrations in Kansas with crowds exceeding 50,000.

Jefferson County offers ...

- Additional accommodations and conference space at 4 Bed & Breakfasts, 3 Camps, and 1 Lodge
- Additional entertainment like:

Cajun style Cruise Boat
Branson Style vaudeville melodramas
Mclouth Threshing Bee & Steam Engine Show
Mclouth BBQ Blowout
Meriden Horse Power Days
Meriden Steam Engine Show
Meriden Fall Festival
Old Settlers Day's Celebration
Jon Stuart Curry Fall Festival
Perry Lake Regattas
Perry Lake Boat Show
Nortonville Fall Festival

Plus ... Perry Lake close to the entertainment resources in Topeka (14 miles), Lawrence (15 miles), and Kansas City (48 miles). i.e. ExpoCenter and adjacent Hotel and Convention Center, Topeka Performing Arts Center, Topeka World Famous Zoo, Kansas History Museum, The Capital Building, Kansas University, Numerous Private & Public Museums in Lawrence and Topeka.

- Old Jefferson Town Museum
- Old Jefferson Town Genealogical Center
- Valley Falls Historical Museum
- Apple Orchards and Nut & Berry Farms
- Antique Shops
- Buffalo and other exotic animal farms and ranches
- NCAA cross-country Races
- Unique Restaurants like

English Tearoom
Best Ribs Place in Kansas
Three pound Hamburgers

Perry State Park

Year Founded 1968
 Size 1,597 Acres
 Campsites 224 (124 w/ util.)

Lake Size 11,150 Surface Acres
 Boat Ramps 10
 Marina Slips 450 (170 in sailboat area)

Population	1990	1996	Growth Rate
25 Miles	344,520	357,962	0.8%
50 Miles	1,534,907	1,610,466	1.0%
100 Miles	2,567,347	2,670,899	0.8%

Source: ESRI, Economics Research Associates

Closest Cities: Topeka, Lawrence
Visitation: 226,452 (1996) Total Lake 794,887 (w/ Corps 9/96-9/97)
Revenue: \$94,130 (1996)

Topography: Located in the Glaciated Region; "rounded hills and broad valleys" with quartzite deposits. This park is quite hilly, with a sandy area near Rock Creek.

Foliage: Mixed timber covers most of the park area.

Access: Moderate access is provided by US 24 a partially divided two- and four-lane road to Topeka and Lawrence. A more direct connection to Interstate 70, only a few miles to the south, would improve access immensely.

Nearby Attractions: Lake Perry Country Club and The Village Greens golf courses; several local restaurants; the Barn Theater. Most other attractions are located near Lawrence or Topeka.

Nearby Development: Most of the surrounding area is characterized by small towns, agricultural land, and undeveloped areas. A gathering of single family homes lies directly to the north and west of the park.

Potential Site: The Delaware Area provides excellent lake views and access, is located adjacent to the marina, and across from the main State Park.

Utilities:

Water Rural Water District
 Electricity Rural Electric
 Sewer Above-ground oxidation ponds
 Heat Propane

Other Facilities: None

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Honorable Senator Ben Vidricksen
 Chairperson, Committee Transportation & Tourism
 HB2899

As this committee knows, Kansas has a rich heritage and should and could be a tourism destination point. One such example of what could be is Milford Reservoir located 70 miles west of Topeka and four miles northwest of Junction City. Junction City itself sits directly on Interstate 70, the state's major east-west route. However, of greater significance, Milford sits between several large populations:

Manhattan	28 miles	Wichita	113 miles
Abilene	26 miles	Kansas City	131 miles
Salina	52 miles	Lincoln, Nebraska	141 miles
Hutchinson	109 miles	Omaha, Nebraska	180 miles

The population of the valley from Wamego to Abilene alone is over 180,000.

Milford Reservoir is the state's largest lake with 15,600 surface acres and some 163 miles of accessible shoreline. There is excellent clear-water quality for fishing and recreation. I know that one of my fellow presenters will provide you information on that topic so I will leave that to him.

Presently, Milford hosts one of the largest fish hatcheries in the Midwest. This is not something you might think of when you think of Kansas attractions. Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks operates the Milford Nature Center, a visitor center designed to give an understanding of nature, plants, fish and wildlife. This is a highly visited center with persons registered from:

Nebraska	Missouri	Ohio	Texas	Colorado
California	Illinois	Michigan	Florida	Pennsylvania
Germany	Puerto Rico	England	Japan	Canada
Korea	Switzerland	Denmark	Iceland	Russia
South Wales				

Milford boasts 10 established recreational areas as well as two full service marinas. The Milford Yacht Club offers private docks for those who may be inclined to join. Milford also boasts established walking and riding trails. Within a short distance of the site is the Kansas Landscape Arboretum, the Milford Radio Control (Plane & Car) club field and a range for trap & sport shooting and archery.

If golf is what you desire, below the dam is Rolling Meadows Golf Course which is always rated as one of the top municipal courses by Golf Digest Magazine. Within 25 miles you can play golf at a minimum of 6 other courses. Manhattan, which is a short drive from the site, is building a new PGA course.

If history and attractions are your choice, Milford Reservoir is surrounded by opportunities. Fort Riley, a frontier military base, was first occupied in the Fall of 1852. It is presently the "Home of Americas Army" and houses such sites as:

The 1st Cavalry Museum	1st Infantry Division Museum
Summerhall built in 1889	Old Trooper Monument
Custer House	Main Post Chapel built in 1897

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The soldiers are almost always training and live fire exercises can often be viewed by arrangement.

Abilene a short drive to the west is home of the following attractions:

Home of Eisenhower Center & Museum	
Greyhound Hall of Fame	Kansas Sports Hall of Fame
Antique Doll Museum	Hall of Telephony

Manhattan to the east is home of Kansas State University and offers a variety of activities from the arts to sporting events. Manhattan being the largest city in the area offers a wealth of dining and entertainment opportunities.

Junction City itself is a historic community with much of it's downtown buildings being of 1800's vintage. It host the Geary County Historic Museum and the Kansas Vietnam Memorial.

One would think with all that this reservoir has to offer it would be over run with visitors, quite frankly the opposite is true. Milford for it's size is an extremely unutilized attraction. It is for this reason we support HB 2899 but not without some concerns.

Milford reservoir has been recognized as follows by most past studies and by the most recent study as I quote "Milford State Park offers the best site for development, including lake view, beach access and development of utilities." In fact Milford rated well in all categories within the study with the exception of location. I would respond to that in the following manner. The study itself states that the two major markets for this type of resort would be Kansas City and Wichita. I would leave you with the fact that Lake Milford falls half way between both major markets. I would also leave you to think about whether the market that attends a Lake Resort is the same as the one that attends a Metropolitan Convention Center. In a study commissioned by the State, "The Kansas State Park and Resource Authority Proposed Vacation-Resort Complex" of October, 1973 stated that:

"The primary attraction of the resort industry is an atmosphere of relaxation within which resort guests may enjoy a variety of services and participate in a number of recreational activities. This atmosphere is keyed to providing a change of pace for the guest from his normal routine of life. The atmosphere is usually created within a setting of natural beauty, in a location where natural resources stimulate recreation, or a setting that combines these amenities. Because such amenities are generally associated with 'getting away from it all', a great number of resort operations have relatively remote locations."

There are a number of resorts in other states that have proven being right next to a population center is not an absolute as the last study would lead one to believe.

A second concern would be how state incentives will be determined. I add this only for the purpose of planning. For example, at Milford Lake most road systems and some utilities are already in place not requiring and expenditure by the state. Just for the purpose of example say it would cost the state \$3 million dollars to provide additional infrastructure at Milford, yet at another reservoir it would cost some \$6 million. Is the state going to say all right if you the developer go to Milford we will provide you with \$3 million in infrastructure which will fully provide for your needs but if you go to X Lake we will still only provide only \$3 million in infrastructure and you the local government or the developer will have to provide the rest. Or will the state provide each site separate but unequal incentive plans.

David O. Bossemeyer
Executive Director of Junction City / Geary County Economic Development Commission



The Wamego Area Chamber of Commerce/Mainstreet æet

P.O. Box 34

Wamego, Kansas 66547

Phone 785-456-7849

February 10, 1998

Senator Ben Vidricksen, Chairman
Committee on Transportation and Tourism
Kansas Senate
State Capitol Building

Dear Senator Vidricksen,

It has been brought to our attention that consideration is being made for development of a Milford Lake Resort. This area has become very aware of the importance of tourism for the vitality and economics of the communities. Several years ago we formed a Flint Hills Task Force that consists of Riley, Geary and Pottawatomie Counties. One of their top priorities was tourism.

As we bring more people into to the area we will need more places, and types of places for them to stay. Surveys show that families are now traveling to the small communities and recreational areas for their vacations. A few of the Communities that are close to the Milford Lake that are seeing an increase in tourism are Council Grove, Wakefield, Chapman, Junction City, Herrington, Manhattan and Wamego. Fifteen years ago, Wamego could account for less than 1000 tourist, last year the community hosted 87,000 tourist.

We feel this project would be of great benefit to the Lake and the surrounding Communities.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this project.

Rosemary Crilly

Executive Director
Chamber of Commerce/Mainstreet



February 13, 1998

Ms. Barbara Allen
Chairperson, Tourism Committee
Kansas House of Representatives
7300 W. 110th, Suite 260
Overland Park, KS 66210

Dear Representative Allen:

The Manhattan Convention & Visitors Bureau supports the concept of developing a lake resort in Kansas. We further believe Milford Lake is an excellent choice for such development.

A resort at Milford Lake fits well into the overall tourism product that this region has to offer. The scenic splendor of the Flint Hills will be a perfect backdrop for this project and is unmatched in any area of Kansas. The future Colbert Hills golf development, regional Prairie Center, Kansas State University, Tuttle Creek Lake, Konza Prairie, historic trails and Fort Riley to name a few, will all complement the resort and provide a vast array of entertainment opportunities for guests. The location of this region will also provide a unique opportunity to draw from the more heavily populated areas to the east, western Kansas and Nebraska where outdoor recreation development is scarce.

Thank you for your consideration. It is our pleasure to join with our partners in this region to support resort development at Milford Lake.

Sincerely,

Becky Blake
Director

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AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Mr. Alex Kotoyantz
Regional Geologist
1015 W. 9th St.
Junction City, Ks 66441

Re: Construction of resort at Milford Lake State Park in Junction City, Kansas

Dear Alex:

The Abilene Area Chamber of Commerce is in full support of the construction of the resort at Milford Lake State Park in Junction City, Kansas. Abilene has a population of 6,700 and is located 22 miles west of Milford Lake on I-70.

Our support is based on the anticipation this project will allow tourists to visit Abilene which has a proud and colorful history.

Abilene's history has been well-preserved in its quality museums and beautifully restored historic homes. A diverse economic base is supported by several manufacturing firms and a growing service industry. Thousands of visitors from around the world travel to Abilene each year to tour and shop in the growing number of antique and specialty gift shops.

Abilene's reputation as the "wickedest & wildest town in the west" developed as hundreds of cowboys arrived in town along the historic Chisholm Trail during the late 1800's. The name Abilene means city of the plains and was selected from Luke 3:1 in the Bible by Sylvia Hersey, the wife of Abilene's founder, Timothy Hersey.

Over 3 million head of Texas Longhorn cattle arrived in Abilene between the years of 1867 & 1872, to be shipped east by rail. Tom Smith and Wild Bill Hickok became famous for their attempts to maintain law and order on Abilene's legendary Texas Street.

C.W. Parker operated an amusement company south of Abilene, manufacturing hand-carved carousels and carnival equipment. Dr. A.B. Seelye's patent medicine company was known across the country. The original Seelye home and laboratory have been completely restored. C.L. Brown founded United Telephone Company, which later became Sprint. And President Dwight D. Eisenhower grew to manhood with his five brothers in Abilene. First-class museums showcase the lives of these men.

Abilene has come to be known as the Greyhound Capitol of the World. The Greyhound Hall of Fame and National Greyhound Association headquarters are both located in the Abilene area. Greyhound kennels contribute to the area economy.

Abilene is home to Kansas' only year-round Professional Regional Theatre Company, the Great Plains Theatre Festival, located in the beautiful Tietjens Center for the Performing Arts. Abilene is also home to the new Kansas Sports Hall of Fame.

Each year, thousands of visitors from around the world travel to Abilene to tour museums, attractions and mansions in the hometown of President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Abilene has many antique shops, and Bed and Breakfasts to add to its uniqueness and attractiveness.

The Abilene Area Chamber of Commerce is developing a website on the Internet. The Abilene Area Chamber of Commerce Internet site may be accessed via the world-wide-web at www.abileneks.com.

Persons accessing the Abilene Area Chamber of Commerce website will be able to research information about Abilene; get directions to Abilene and its many attractions; and even make dining and lodging arrangements - all from a personal computer.

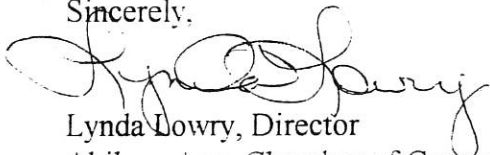
One of the most exciting aspects of the Chamber website will be the "Shop Abilene" virtual storefront. This section will be dedicated to information about the products and services offered by members of the Chamber of Commerce. By using the "Shop Abilene" feature on the Chamber website, someone as far away as our Sister City, Minori, Japan, may order a product made right here in Abilene.

In order to take full advantage of the millions of people who use the Internet for business and research, the Abilene Chamber website will be linked to all major Internet search engines.

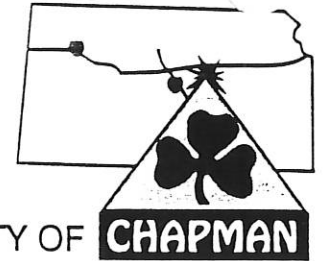
The Abilene Area Chamber of Commerce website is just one more example of the dedication of the Chamber to promote Abilene to people around the world - today, and into the 21st century.

It is our hope this project will allow many more visitors to experience Abilene's rich history.

Sincerely,



Lynda Dowry, Director
Abilene Area Chamber of Commerce



CITY OF **CHAPMAN**

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City Office (785) 922-6582

November 18, 1997

Ben Vendricksen, Senator
1427 West Republic
Salina, Ks. 67401

Dear Senator;

It is our understanding that consideration is being made for development of a Milford Lake Resort and that it would possibly be located on the south side of the Lake. The City of Chapman is situated south and west of the proposed location, accordingly the development would be very beneficial to us. Presently, I do not know of any resorts in this area of Kansas or places similar to cabins for people to stay close by.

In terms of offering benefits to this project Chapman offers a 9-hole municipal golf course and a ball complex which both allow for alot of play. Summer activities are many in which there is alot of interest. Our most recent development which I know you are aware of is the Kansas Racing Museum. When completed it will include an area for jogging and walking adjacent to the museum. Walking trail paths from the museum will allow for you to walk and view the are of the historical Butterfield Stagecoach Line and a walk thru the downtown area where our businesses are located.

Chapman is a service based community and this project development will enhance benefits mutally. Most recently Chapman has proceeded with new development and this proposed Milford Lake Resort would be great for Chapman and also with the development and enhancement for the State of Kansas.

Sincerely,

Marietta Lucas

Certified Municipal Clerk

cc: Alex Kotoyantz

Geary County Convention & Visitors Bureau

P.O. Box 1846 Junction City, Kansas 66441-6846
(785) 238-2885/2846 (800) 528-2489 fax: (785) 238-2313

December 5, 1997

1998 Legislative Session
Committee on Transportation & Tourism
Senator Ben Vidricksen, Chairman

This letter is submitted by the Geary County Convention and Visitors Bureau in support and endorsement of the feasibility study being conducted for a Kansas lake resort. The bureau encourages your favorable consideration to select Milford Lake as the site for the lake resort.

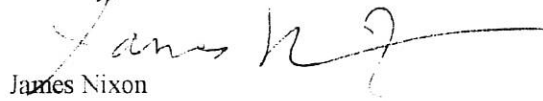
Milford Lake is the ideal location for the resort. Our positive resources include:

- Central location in the State of Kansas adjacent to Hwy 77 and five minutes away from Interstate 70
- Approximately two hours away from a major metropolitan city (Kansas City & Wichita)
- 25 minutes away from the homes of Kansas State University and Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Museum
- Largest blue water lake in Kansas with 163 miles of shoreline and 16,000 acres of water surface
- Over 80,000 acres of public hunting grounds are available on Ft. Riley and the Milford Lake area
- Home to a state of the art Fish Hatchery and Nature Center
- Near by Rolling Meadows Golf Course - rated by Golf Digest as one of the top ten courses in Kansas
- Brand new Riverwalk Nature Trail (5 miles) along the Republican River leading to the lake
- Future development of the 2300 acre Northshore Wetlands Project at Milford Lake
- Nearby historical Ft. Riley with many attractions to include, US Cavalry Museum, Custer House, First Territorial Capitol, Buffalo Corral and more
- Nearby Junction City's attractions: Geary County Historical Museum, Kansas Vietnam Memorial, Opera House, Wetzel's Log Cabin and more

If the state's objective is to draw more visitors through Kansas from surrounding states, the resort should be centrally located. A resort at Milford Lake will benefit Geary County by increasing tourism here as well as in the State of Kansas. The Geary County Convention & Visitors Bureau promotes Milford Lake by attending sportshows out of state (Missouri, Nebraska & Colorado). In cooperation with the U.S. Corps of Engineers and Kansas Wildlife & Parks, the Geary County CVB assisted in the development and printing of a Milford Lake Fish and Wildlife Resources brochure - a first of its kind in the state.

We are proud to have Milford Lake in our backyard and encourage your favorable consideration in reviewing the resort feasibility study. If any of the committee members should have any questions, please feel free to give me a call at (800) 528-2489 or (785) 238-2391.

Sincerely,


James Nixon
Chairman



January 19, 1998

Honorable Ben E. Vidricksen
Chairman, Senate Tourism Committee
143-N
Statehouse
Topeka, KS 66612

Dear Sen. Vidricksen:


I am writing to offer unequivocal support for the Milford Lake Wetlands Habitat Restoration Project which is now in the fund raising stage. Upon completion in the year 2001, this estimated \$5 million endeavor will restore approximately 2,300 acres to wetlands at the north end of Milford Lake near the city of Wakefield.

This project will create the second largest wetlands in the state of Kansas and be suitable for usage by waterfowl and shorebird populations as a migratory stop-over and a production area. In addition, it would provide additional habitat for furbearer, game and non-game wildlife species associated with wetland habitat types and restore a high-quality habitat suitable for game and non-game fish spawning and nursery areas. Consequently, we feel the wetlands will provide significant opportunities for hunters, anglers, bird watchers, hikers, nature photographers, canoeists, and other outdoor enthusiasts. The economic impact with a planned influx of visitors on the surrounding cities to this project including Wakefield, Clay Center, Milford, Junction City and others should be considerable. It is anticipated that tens of millions of dollars will be spent by visitors to the wetlands over the next generation including such purchases or services as lodging, food, gasoline, beverages, etc. Additional economic stimulus will come from purchase of such durable goods as binoculars, hunting and fishing equipment and licenses, hiking shoes, clothing, bird manuals and other related items.

The KANSAS WILDSCAPE Foundation has undertaken the responsibility of raising the non-federal funding of up to \$1.25 million needed to develop the Milford Wetlands Project. We are currently involved in the private fund raising process and are experiencing considerable interest from potential funding prospects. Again, WILDSCAPE wholeheartedly endorses the Milford Wetlands Restoration effort as a major boon to the tourism industry in the state of Kansas

If you need further information about this exciting project, please call me at (785) 843-9453.

Sincerely,


Rich Bailey
Executive Director

cc. Alex Kotoyantz

Milford Lake Association
5120 W K-244
Junction City, KS 66441
December 15, 1997

Alex Kotoyantz
1015 W. 9th
Junction City, Kansas 66441

Alex Kotoyantz,

Regarding the current study of tourism in Kansas (H.B. 2350) the Milford Lake Association supports the concept of developing a lake resort in Kansas. At the same time the association considers Milford Lake, specifically the Milford State Park, to be an excellent choice for a lake resort.

Milford Lake and the Milford State Park has many of the suggested needs for a lake resort. The lake is centrally located in the state with easy access from two major highways, I-70 and US-77. Two marinas are in operation at the lake, one in the state park and one in Rollings Hills Park.

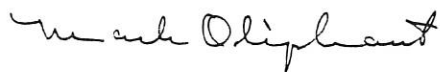
Locations of interest to tourists are firmly established in the area. The Milford Fish Hatchery, Milford Nature Center and Kansas Landscape Arboretum are nearby. The Eisenhower Center and Fort Riley, both major tourist attractions, are a short drive. Rolling Meadows Golf Course is close to the state park.

Construction of a lake resort in Milford State Park would benefit present and future users of the park and entire lake area.

At the present time area businessmen, Kansas Wildscape Foundation and the Milford Lake Association are progressively seeking the establishment of a wetlands at the north end of Milford Lake. The establishment of the Milford Lake Wetlands Habitat Restoration Project will draw visitors year-round, and will be the second largest wetlands in Kansas.

Representatives from towns surrounding Milford Lake, Clay Center, Wakefield, Milford, Junction City, Chapman and Abilene, have been actively promoting the area through the Milford Lake Association since lake construction in the late 1960's.

Sincerely,



Mark Oliphant
president
Milford Lake Association

cc: Rep. B. Allen; Sen. B. Vidricksen; Rep. S. Lloyd



MANHATTAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

March 5, 1998

Senator Ben Vidricksen
Chairperson, Transportation and Tourism Committee
Kansas Senate
Room 143-N, State Capitol
Topeka, KS 66612

Dear Senator Vidricksen:

The Manhattan Chamber of Commerce, representing nearly 800 members of the business community, and the Manhattan Convention & Visitors Bureau support the concept of developing a lake resort in Kansas. We further believe Milford Lake is an excellent choice for such development.

A resort at Milford Lake fits well into the overall tourism product that this region has to offer. The scenic splendor of the Flint Hills will be a perfect backdrop for this project and is unmatched in any area of Kansas. The future Colbert Hills golf development, regional Prairie Center, Kansas State University, Tuttle Creek Lake, Konza Prairie, historic trails and Fort Riley to name a few, will all complement the resort and provide a vast array of entertainment opportunities for guests. The location of this region will also provide a unique opportunity to draw from the more heavily populated areas to the east, western Kansas and Nebraska where outdoor recreation development is scarce.

Thank you for your consideration. It is our pleasure to join with our partners in this region to support resort development at Milford Lake.

Sincerely,

Becky Blake
Executive Vice President
CVB Director



Geary County Fish & Game Ass'n Inc.

Junction City, Kansas 66441 PO Box 631

Senator Ben Vidricksen:

*** GEARY COUNTY FISH & GAME ASSOCIATION is recognized as an outstanding Sportsmen's group in the State of Kansas. It has a long history of effective Conservation and Outdoor Education activities, and its members are frequently called upon to assist with projects and legislation at the state level.

***GCF&GA is affiliated with the Kansas Wildlife Federation and works in cooperation with the Kansas Wildlife & Parks in improving wildlife and fish habitat in the Geary county area.

***GCF&GA maintains a 75 acre facility on the southern end of Milford Lake, called "Sportsmen's Acres". This site has a 40' x 50' metal club building with kitchen facilities, rest rooms & spacious meeting area. Outside, are picnic tables, three trap houses, sporting clay, archery range, graveled parking, and plenty room for other outdoor activities.

+++EVENTS DURING THE YEAR+++

Wildlife Habitat Improvement, Wild Game Feed, Geary State Lake Cleanup, Trap Leagues, Fish Fry, Hunter Education Classes, Observe National Hunting & Fishing Day, Turkey Shoots, Chili Feed, Sponsor Environmental Education Enhancement (Triple EEE) Day's for all 5th Grade Students of USD # 475 and Archery Shoots throughout the year.

++CLUB ACTIVITIES++

+++Publishes a monthly newsletter which keeps members abreast of current activities and accomplishments.

+++Holds meetings the second Monday of each month at 7:30 PM. These meetings feature programs with guest speakers on outdoor topics and current local hunting and fishing reports.

+++Hosts annual Fish, Wild Game & Chili feeds. These are provided by members free to show appreciation of public support.

+++Conducts various wildlife habitat improvement projects, such as fish shelters and brush pile construction.

+++Conducts a long-standing and highly successful Hunter Education Program, which has certified several thousand students. These classes are held at "Sportsmen's Acres" and provide instruction's on handling and shooting of muzzle loaders and shot guns, conservation, ammunition safety, survival, first-aid and related subjects.

+++Sponsors Trap & Sporting Clay Leagues which run from March to October.

+++Has the location and resources to provide almost any outdoor activity.

The club would support the Milford Lake Resort.

Don Garrison Sec

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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

HEADQUARTERS, FORT RILEY
FORT RILEY, KANSAS 66442-5000

January 22, 1998

Public Affairs Office

Mr. Alexander A. Kotoyantz
1015 West Ninth Street
Junction City, Kansas 66441

Dear Mr. Kotoyantz:

This letter is in response to your request for information on tourism at Fort Riley during 1997.

Fort Riley has been an active military installation since October 1852 and boasts a number of tourist attractions that include the United State Army's Cavalry Museum, the Fort Riley Regimental Museum, the Custer House, the First Territorial Capitol of Kansas, the Trolley Station and the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard's stables. The Main Post's Historic District features over 200 limestone homes and military buildings in addition to its numerous military monuments and memorials.

Our Community Relations Office works in conjunction with volunteers from the Fort Riley Historical and Archaeological Society and post staff sections to provide driving and walking tours of the fort. Some of the popular tourists attractions hosted throughout the year at Fort Riley include the Apple Days Festival, the Historic Homes Tour, Halloween's popular Ghost Tour, the Prairie Christmas Tour, the Officers Wives Club's Arts and Crafts Fair, as well as the First Territorial Capitol's Pioneer Trade Fair and Territorial Days.

With two month's advance notice, this office can, and often does, arrange historic demonstrations for visitors to include cavalry saber and pistol drill demonstrations by the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard as well as firing demonstrations by the Civil War era Artillery Half Section and the Revolutionary War era artillery piece that we affectionately call "Old Thunder."

Based on information provided to this office by the post's museum system. Fort Riley hosted over 5,100 tours of various sizes in 1997 with a total number of just over 45,600 visitors.

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If you require additional data please do not hesitate to contact me or my assistant, Mr. Scott Price, the Fort Riley Community Relations Officer at (785) 239-2253 or 239-6727 respectively.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John R. Stauter".

John R. Stauter
Major, U.S. Army
Public Affairs Officer

**Fort Riley
Community Support Request Tour Data Sheet
1997**

Historic Driving Tours--72

Custer House Tours --86

Cavalry Museum Tours--77

1st ID Museum Tours--59

First Territorial Capitol Tours--41

Cavalry Stable Tours--14

Parks and Lakes Reservations--4

Tactical Motor Pool Tours--7

Military Reunion Tours--1

Specialty Tours--58

Military-Army Buses and Drivers Support--5

1997 Tour Data From Post Museums

Total Number of Tours From Combined Sources--5,106

Total Number of Individuals Taking Part in Fort Riley Tours--45,651

FORT RILEY HISTORICAL ATTRACTIONS

Attractions

- U. S. Cavalry Museum
- Fort Riley Regimental Museum (formerly the 1st Infantry Division Museum)
- Custer House
- First Territorial Capital of Kansas
- Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard Stables
- Buffalo Corral

Services Available

- Historic Walking and Driving Tour Booklets are available
 - Informs the visitor of the fort's mission over almost a century and half of service.
 - Highlights the historical development of the post, its architecture and monuments.
 - Arranged tours through the Public Affairs Office and the Museum Division.

1997 Visitation

- Overall Visitation: 75,000
- Tour Groups: 31
- School Groups: 51



March 10, 1998

Senator Ben Vidricksen
Chairman, Transportation and Tourism Committee
300 S.W. 10th Ave., Room 143-N
Topeka, KS 66612-1504

Senator Vidricksen:

On behalf of the Junction City Chamber of Commerce, I would like to submit this letter supporting the Kansas State Park Resort Development at Milford State Park.

I am well aware of the numerous letters of support you have received from my constituents. I would like to present a slightly different perspective, in addition to the other information already provided. According to the feasibility analysis prepared by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks and the Department of Commerce retained Economics Research Associates, "The largest negative factor is the relative location to major metropolitan areas." In looking for a resort, some prospective clients would prefer a spacious and serene environment. The *rural* setting at Milford State Park is an asset, not a liability, when choosing a site for resort development.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sue Wasyk
Executive Director

cc: Alex Kotoyantz

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POST OFFICE BOX 26
814 N. WASHINGTON ST.
JUNCTION CITY, KS 66441
• 785 / 762 - 2632 •

Honorable Senator Ben Vidricksen
Chairperson, Committee Transportation & Tourism
HB2899

We have letters of support from several surrounding communities including Manhattan, Wamego, Chapman, and Milford. Also included are letters of support from the Milford Lake Association, Geary County Fish & Game Association, and Kansas Wildscape. I am not going to read these to you, however, I would like to point out one particular statistic:

Communities close to Milford Lake are seeing increases in tourism. Fifteen years ago, Wamego could account for less than 1,000 tourists, last year the community hosted 87,000.

The exciting thing is the lake resort, however, I have been approached by several Kansas manufacturers who, if the resort is placed at Milford Lake, would commit to marketing their boats, campers, and sporting goods equipment in an adjacent retail outlet facility. Also, I am in contact with a gentleman from Missouri who owns a large Antique Car Collection in a 150,000 square foot facility. He is excited about the possibility of the lake resort being here, along with the other surrounding tourist attractions and is strongly interested in opening a car museum here in conjunction with the other operation.

The City of Junction City and Geary County, as you know, have been very aggressive with industrial development over the last few years. Even though we can't say today what incentives may be offered, we promise you we will give it the same intensity.

MILFORD LAKE HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECT
(CWIS No. 096118)
CORPS OF ENGINEERS KANSAS CITY DISTRICT
SECTION 1135 (b) / WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1986
PROJECT MODIFICATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

PROJECT OVERVIEW
up-date December 2, 1997

Project Location: Milford Lake is located on the Republican River at river mile 7.7, approximately 65 miles west of Topeka, Kansas. The restoration project is north of the Highway 82 causeway on the upper reaches of the Republican River arm of Milford Lake, immediately east of the town of Wakefield, Clay County, Kansas.

Project Background: The initial concept for this project was created by Corps of Engineer (Corps) and Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) employees in response to a Federal mandate of "no net loss" of wetlands issued in 1991. Proposals were sent through the regular budgeting processes of the individual agencies but were turned back due to the magnitude and projected costs of the project.

Because of the great potential for positive impact on both the resource and area economies, a nongovernmental committee (Committee) was formed in 1992 to pursue alternative funding sources. Membership in this group includes representatives from local governments and civic groups as well as interested individuals from all four of the communities surrounding the lake. In the spring of 1992 this group approached the Kansas WILDSCAPE Foundation (WILDSCAPE), a non-profit 501(c)(3) dedicated to Kansas natural resource related projects, to assist with the project. The WILDSCAPE Board of Directors agreed to facilitate the project and assist in pursuing both public and private funding sources.

Through an ongoing series of meetings including the Committee, WILDSCAPE, KDWP, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Corps, it was determined that the project fit best within the parameters of the CORPS Section 1135 (b) program. In June of 1992 the CORPS received a letter of endorsement from the Kansas State Supervisor for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service which stated "the wetland project would contribute significantly to the waterfowl habitat objectives of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan without compromising Milford Lake's overall project purposes".

The Secretary of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, with the support of the agency's Commission, agreed to become the local sponsor for this project and submitted a letter to the CORPS in May of 1994 requesting that a feasibility study be conducted under the Section 1135 (b) program.

One year later in May of 1995 confirmation was received from the Kansas City CORPS office that the Section 1135 (b) Wetlands Restoration feasibility funding application for the Milford Wetlands project had been approved. Since that time, all entities involved have worked continuously with Kansas City CORPS staff to complete this feasibility study. Through-out the time period from spring of 1992 to the present,

WILDSCAPE has made preliminary matching fund overtures to a wide variety of potential donors. The proposal process can now be formalized with the information contained in the completed study.

Mr. John G. Montgomery, Junction City, Editor/Publisher of The Daily Union and Wildscape board member will be the regional fundraising liason.

Project Description: The Milford Wetlands Restoration Project would provide for an estimated 2,400 acres of wetland habitat suitable for usage by waterfowl and shorebird populations as a migratory stop-over and as a production area. In addition it would provide additional habitat for furbearer, game and non-game wildlife species associated with wetland habitat types and restore a high-quality habitat suitable for game and non-game fish spawning and nursery areas. Depending on the final project size, implementation of this project would create the second or third largest wetland in the State of Kansas.

No fee title land acquisition is anticipated for the project. The proposed modification would be on lands owned in fee by the United States of America, administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. A portion of the land which would be seasonally inundated by this project is licensed by the Corps to the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks.

The modification would restore wetlands in a chain of naturally occurring land cells currently dominated by plant species such as cattails and annual and early successional stages of vegetation. Water level manipulation of up to three feet would be managed through the construction of a series of levees through-out the land cells.

The Kansas Electric Utilities Research Program has committed substantial funds to study the feasibility of utilizing solar powered pumps to assist with water management needs. This study has occurred as a companion effort to the CORPS project feasibility study.

The total project cost has been estimated at approximately \$4.5 million with 75% of this amount covered through the Section 1135 (b) Wetlands Restoration funding. The Kansas Wildscape Foundation will be responsible for raising the remaining 25% through a combination of cash and in-kind non-Federal funding sources.

Mr. Chad Luce, Public Information Officer for the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, will serve as the information clearinghouse contact for this project.

Chad can be reached at the Topeka KDWP offices:

**Mr. Chad Luce
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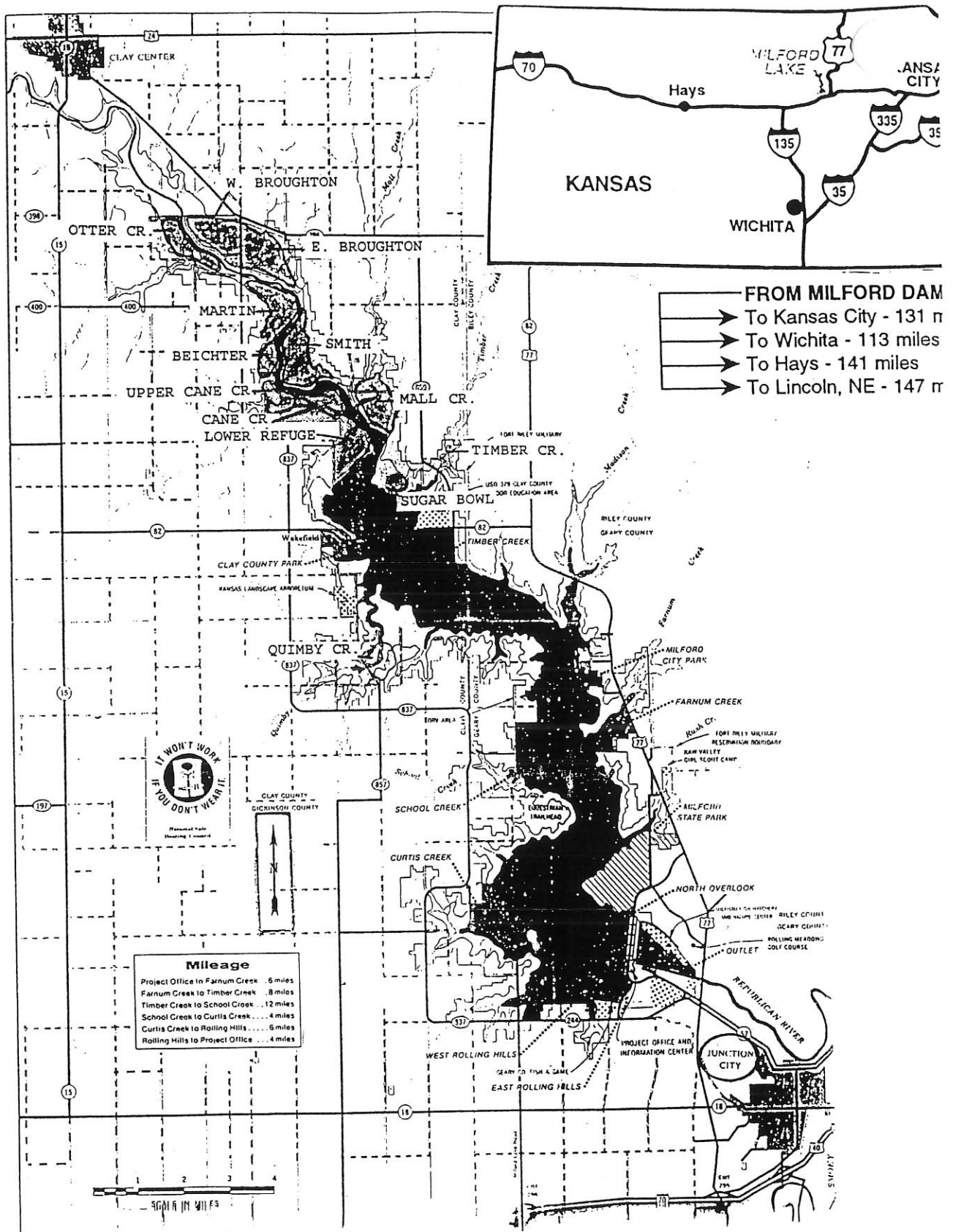


Figure 1. Milford Lake Location Map

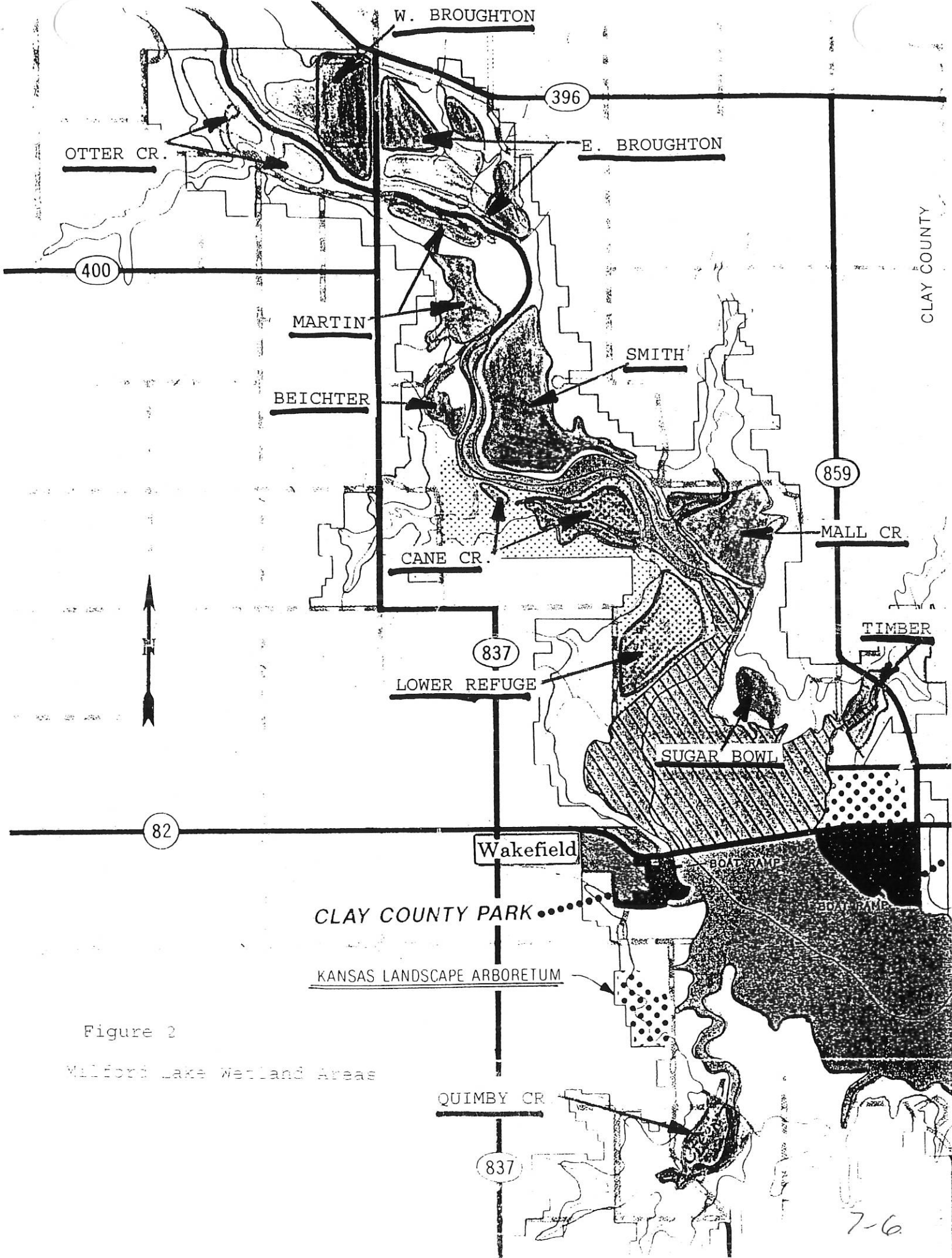


Figure 2
 Wilford Lake Wetland Areas