

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Rep. Gary Hayzlett at 2:10 p.m. on February 10, 1999 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except  
Representative Aday, excused  
Representative Flora, excused  
Representative Johnston, excused  
Representative Ray, excused

Committee staff present:  
Bruce Kinzie, Revisor  
Hank Avila, Research  
Ellie Luthye, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:  
Representative Carl Holmes  
Ann Harrison  
Jack Taylor

Others attending:  
See attached sheet

**HB 2141 - designating Bridge No. 008 as the Mike Hayden overpass bridge**

Chairman Hayzlett opened hearings on **HB 2141**. He called on Representative Carl Holmes who spoke in support of this bill and introduced the other conferees.

Anna Harrison told the committee former Governor Mike Hayden was instrumental in securing the money to build an overhead crossing of the multiple railroad tracks which divide the City of Liberal, south from north. Without this overhead crossing the safety of the citizens that lived south of the tracks was jeopardized because of these emergency vehicles being delayed by trains being across the street. She concluded it was only fitting to name this overpass after him in deep appreciation of his assistance. (Attachment 1)

Jack Taylor said attracting new industry to Liberal had been unsuccessful in part because of the difficulty in traveling from north to south because of the many trains using these tracks. Since former Governor Hayden secured funds for the overpass Liberal has been able to secure a refrigerated trailer manufacturing plant and are presently negotiating with related manufacturers to move there to support this new industry. He respectfully urged the committee for their support of this bill. (Attachment 2)

Following questions from the committee the Chair closed hearings on **HB 2141**.

After conferring with the Vice-Chair and the Ranking Minority member, Chairman Hayzlett called for discussion and final action on **HB 2141**.

Representative Hermes made a motion to pass HB 2141 favorably and place on the Consent Calendar. This motion was seconded by Representative Howell and the motion carried.

Chairman Hayzlett adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m. The next meeting of the House Transportation Committee is scheduled for Thursday, February 11, 1999 in Room 519-S.

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GUEST LIST**

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NAME	REPRESENTING
MIKE Taylor	City of Wichita
PASS FREY	Riley County
<del>Stanley Colson</del>	Jewell County
Boyle & Alcorn	Jewell Co.
Carl F. Meyer	Osage Co.
Carl H. Koster, Jr	City of Cherokee
CHRIS CHERCHES	City of Wichita
BOB KNIGHT	" "
Tim Sipe	Cottage County
Gene Merry	" "
Vernon Birk	" "
Charlie Arensdorf	Kingman County
Marsha Gasper	Sedgwick County
MIKE WILKESAW	KDOT
Greg Post	Stevens County
John Plank	Stevens Co. Comm.
Melvin H. Helt	Stevens Co. Comm.
Harris Terry	McPherson County
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NAME	REPRESENTING
Virginia B. Beamer	Logan Co. Comm.
Arlene Eueligh	Irego County Commissioner
Kathleen Conness	Irego County Clerk
John W. Beene	IREGO County Commissioner
Lloyd Nicholas	Irego county commissioner
Ropei Muzal	KGC
Ann Fogarty	KLDY
Alberta Klaus	Ellis County
Donna Masten	Ellis County
Max Wize	City Kingman
Cheryl & Beatty	City of Kingman
Celia McBurney	Kingman Airport Board
Char. C. Beaman	Logan County
Allen W. Jucker	Morton County (Elkhart)



Thank you for allowing me to address this committee about a very important topic. I am Ann Harrison from Liberal, Kansas, here to testify in favor of House Bill #2141 which if passed would name the overpass on the east edge of Liberal the Mike Hayden Overpass Bridge. Mike Hayden, a former Governor of Kansas, was instrumental in securing the money from the Economic Development fund to build this overpass and provide us an overhead crossing of the multiple railroad tracks which divide the City of Liberal, south from north.

Our emergency services are stationed in the North area of Liberal, but a third of our population lives south of the railroad tracks. The safety of these citizens depends on the ability of these emergency vehicles being able to get to them without being delayed by trains being across the street when 911 calls come in. Former Governor Hayden came to our aid in 1989 by finding the necessary funding so that an overpass could be built. I think it is only fitting to name this overpass after him in deep appreciation of his assistance. I would ask that you support House Bill #2141, which would designate this overpass bridge the Mike Hayden Overpass Bridge and allow the secretary of transportation to place suitable signs (which have already been purchased) to indicate the designation of this overpass bridge.

*Ann Jay Harrison*  
*February 10, 1999*

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Mr. Chairman and members of the House Transportation Committee, we really appreciate you allowing us to appear before you today to tell you about a structure of great importance to us in Liberal, Kansas. I am Jack Taylor from Liberal, and I have come to Topeka to testify on behalf of a lot of the citizens in Liberal who want to show their appreciation to a former Governor, Mike Hayden. Governor Hayden found the funds needed to build an overpass bridge over our six sets of railroads tracks which divide Liberal, north from south. The railroad crossing nearest the new overpass bridge was the site of six near fatal accidents during the last two years before the overpass was built.

We were trying to attract new industry to Liberal, but were not successful in part because of the difficulty in traveling from north to south because of the many trains using these tracks. After former Governor Hayden secured funds for this overpass, and also for the by-pass around the east side of Liberal which utilized this overpass, we have been able to secure a refrigerated trailer manufacturing plant and are presently negotiating with related manufacturers to move here to support this new industry. Our economic development efforts have been assisted greatly by the construction of this overpass bridge. We feel that it is very fitting to name this overpass after Governor Hayden, who not only helped us by securing the funds for the construction of this overpass but also for his efforts in pushing the 1989 comprehensive highway program through the Legislature. We respectfully ask for your support of House Bill #2141 which would designate bridge no. 008 as the Mike Hayden Overpass Bridge. Thank you very much.

*Edmer Jack Taylor*  
*February 10, 1999*

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Attachment 2