

Approved: March 9, 2009
Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY AND FISCAL OVERSIGHT
COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Morrison at 3:30 p.m. on March 4, 2009, in Room 535-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Broderick Henderson- excused
Representative Brenda Landwehr- excused
Representative Tom Sloan- excused

Committee staff present:

Rena Jefferies, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Daniel Yoza, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Hank Avila, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Gary Deeter, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Kyle Schneweis, Chief of Governmental Affairs, Kansas Department of Transportation

Others attending:

See attached list.

Kyle Schneweis, Chief of Governmental Affairs, Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), outlined two agency initiatives designed to facilitate intra-, inter-, and extra-agency communication and increase transparency with the public ([Attachment 1](#)). He explained that the T-Link calculator enables any person to see the affect of revenue allocations, priority decisions, and expenditure transitions on highway maintenance and other transportation programs. He illustrated the calculator by showing the relationship between variations in the motor fuels tax and raising or lowering highway quality. Noting that T-Link is interactive, he said that to date the site has received 110 submissions suggesting savings or efficiencies for KDOT. He stated that, following a presentation to the National Transportation Research Board in Washington, D.C., a *New York Times* article about the site has generated national interest and regular contact with other states. He commented that the site has been an excellent education tool to help the public understand KDOT's decision-making process.

Answering questions, Mr. Schneweis said the original program was done by agency staff, but when it was expanded, a consultant enhanced the system at a cost of about \$30,000. He said the federal stimulus program will help complete the last year of the 10-year Comprehensive Transportation Program, but the stimulus has too many stipulations to provide much comprehensive help with future projects.

Mr. Schneweis continued by outlining K-TOC (Kansas Transportation Online Community), an online meeting place for Kansans to participate in transportation information and decisions. Noting that Pew Research labeled the site as unique in the country, he stated that last week 38 different states and several overseas groups logged in to see what is going on in the transportation world. He commented that, in the six weeks

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of the site's existence, over 600 members have signed up, including some from private industry. He said the site is more about conversation than data and has helped the agency build credibility with the public. Noting the first-year cost of \$50,000 and annual costs of about \$20,000, he said cost-savings generated by the site will more than pay for the site.

Answering a question, Patrick Quinn, Site Manager, said that most online communities serve private purposes, whereas K-TOC serves a public purpose. Mr. Schneweis replied that twelve other states are interested in creating a similar online community. Several members expressed appreciation for the two KDOT initiatives.

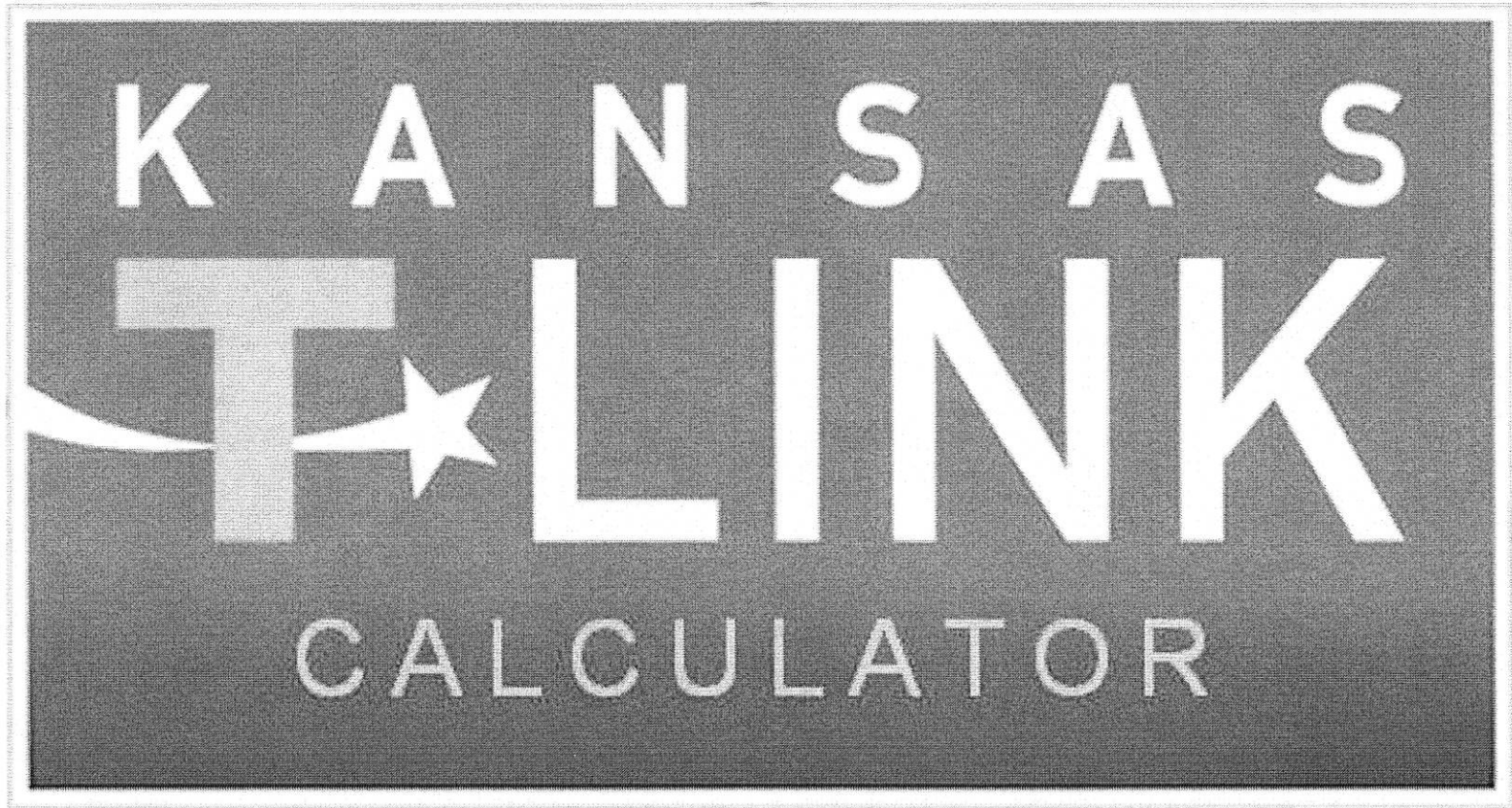
The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m. No further meeting was scheduled.



**Efficiency and Fiscal
Oversight Committee**

Kyle Schneweis

*Attachment 1
GEPD 3-4-09*



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T-LINK CALCULATOR

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- Revenues
- Bonding
- Expenditure Assumptions
- Local Roads
- Modes
- Construction Inflation
- Highways
- Submit Results

Existing Revenues

New Revenues

Switch to **ADVANCED Mode**

Existing Revenue Growth Assumptions [LEARN MORE](#)

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Basic

Will existing sources grow slower or faster than they have historically?

Slower  Faster

Base Assumption: About the same

Your Assumption: About the same

Your average revenue from existing sources:

Advanced

Federal Funding

2010 = 10% of 2010 Federal TIF

+40%  -40%

[LEARN MORE](#) Base Assumption: 0%
 Your Assumption: 0%
 For 2010-2020: \$1.1 billion

State Motor Fuels Tax

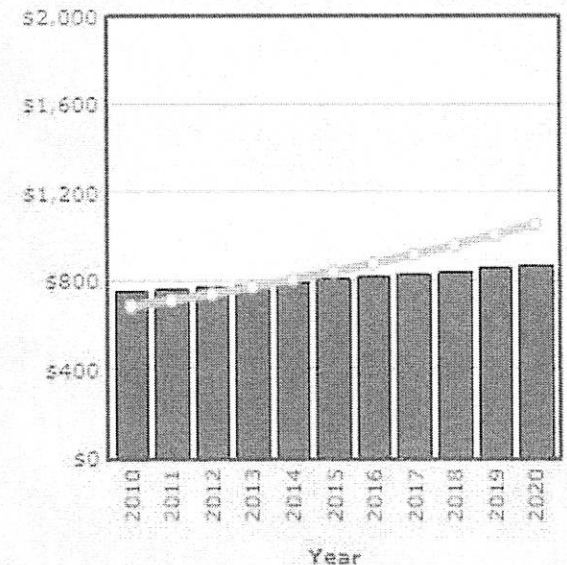
2010 = 99% of 2010 State Motor Fuels Tax

+10%  -10%

[LEARN MORE](#) Base Assumption: 1.0%
 Your Assumption: 1.0%
 For 2010-2020: \$1.2 billion

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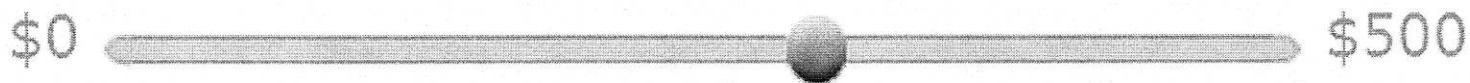
The Long Term View: 2010 - 2020



- Existing Sources
- New Sources
- Bonding
- Your Program

The “Basic” version keeps it simple...

**How much revenue
would you like to generate
for your transportation program?**



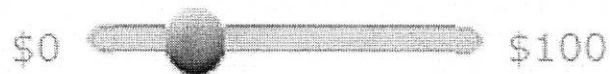
Base Assumption: \$0

Your Assumption: \$200 million

...toggle to "Advanced" mode for more control

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Increase Car Registration Fees



[LEARN MORE](#) Base Assumption: \$0 per car
Your Assumption: \$24 per car
Your annual revenue: \$60 million

Change motor fuels gallon tax



[LEARN MORE](#) Base Assumption: \$0.00 per gallon
Your Assumption: \$0.05 per gallon
Your annual revenue: \$96 million

Add surcharge to KTA tolls



[LEARN MORE](#) Base Assumption: 0%
Your Assumption: 25%
Your annual revenue: \$21 million

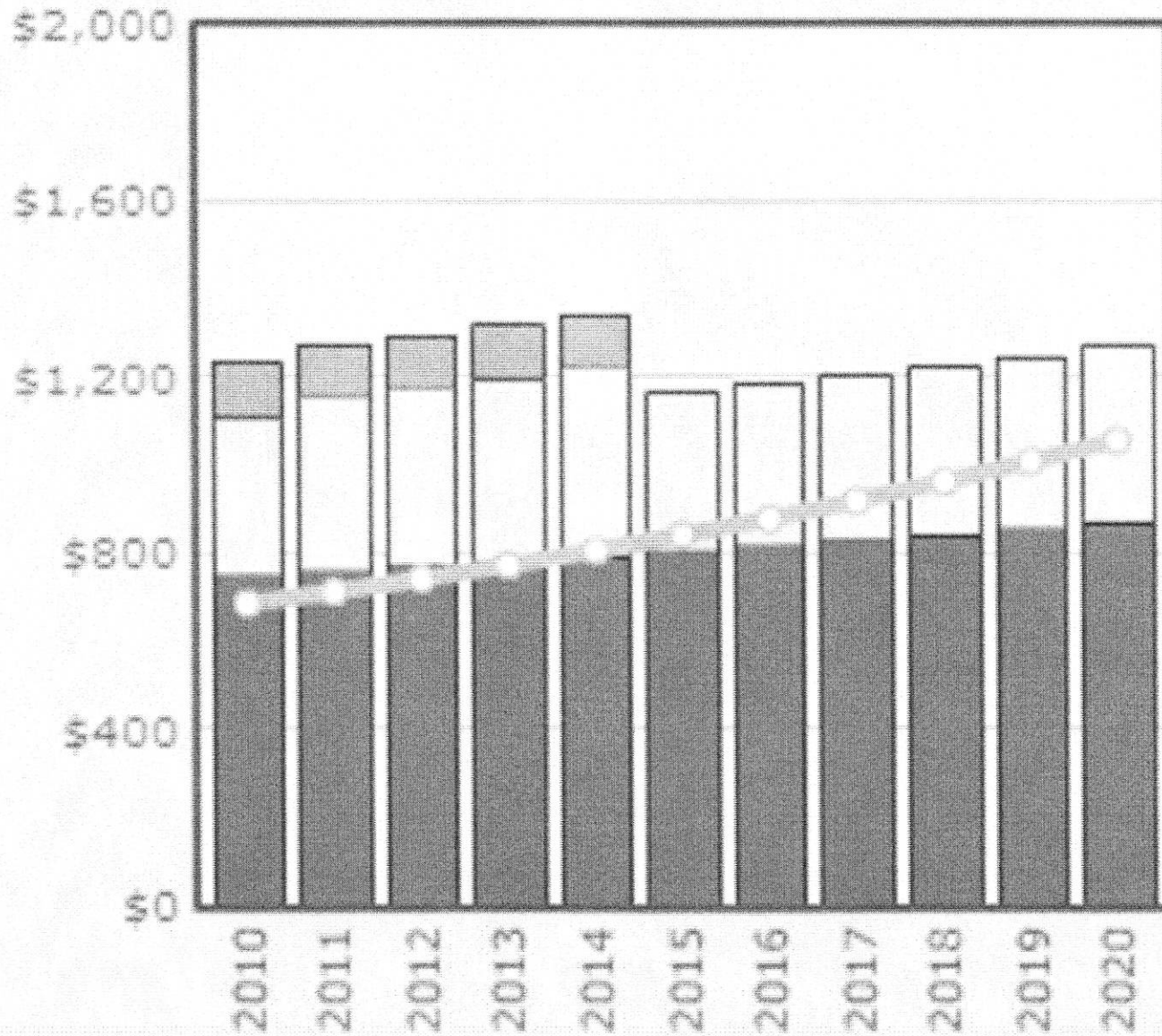
Dedicate a portion of gaming



[LEARN MORE](#) Base Assumption: 0%
Your Assumption: 25%
Your annual revenue: \$28 million

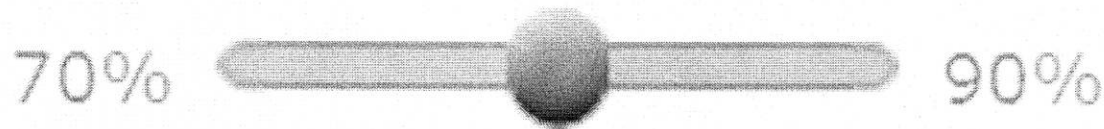
Making it interactive

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Relating funding to performance

Percent of pavement in good condition



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Base Program: 85%

Your Program: 80%

Your annual spending on pavement preservation: \$338 million

SUBMIT RESULTS

1,800 users

110 submissions

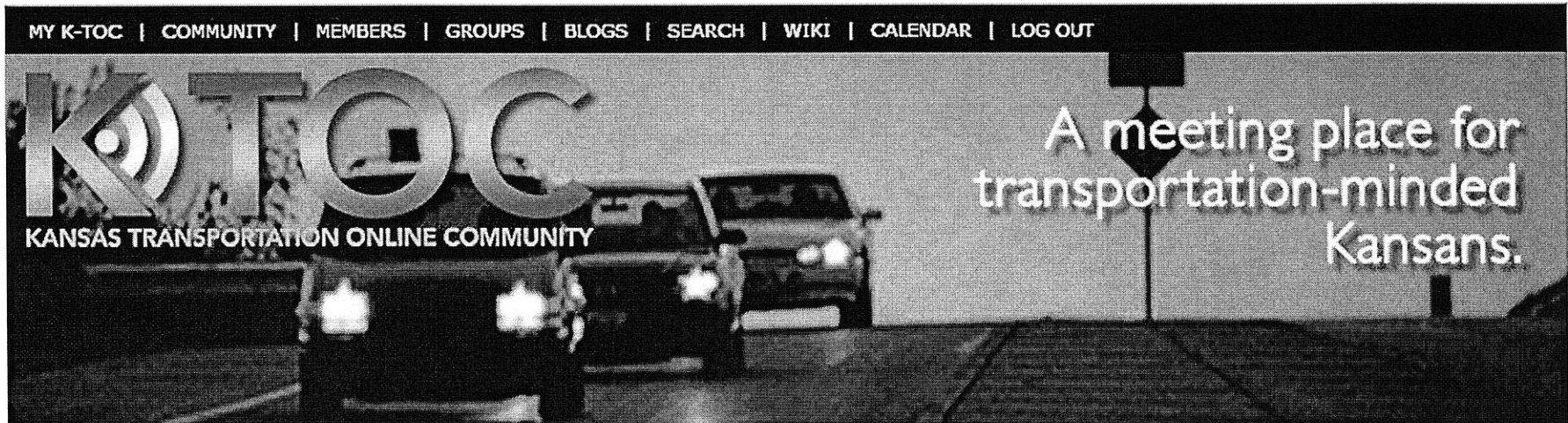


**KANSAS TRANSPORTATION
ONLINE COMMUNITY**

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Almost 600 members

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MEMBERS



What's the Latest?

A news feed of recent community activity.

Today



stevesw wrote in KDOT annual report

The 2009 annual report, which reviews the agency's 2008 activities, has been posted on KDOT's Web site at http://www.ksdot.org/PDF_files/KDOTReport-09FINAL.pdf The report includes a review of how more...

1 hour ago |

Yesterday



rarthur wrote in Johnson County Gateway Online Survey

A critical element in this study is gathering input from the public that uses the interchange on a daily basis as well as the communities and businesses that are impacted by the interchange. Understanding how more...

18 hours ago |

H. R. 1

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

647 pages of stimulating legislation!

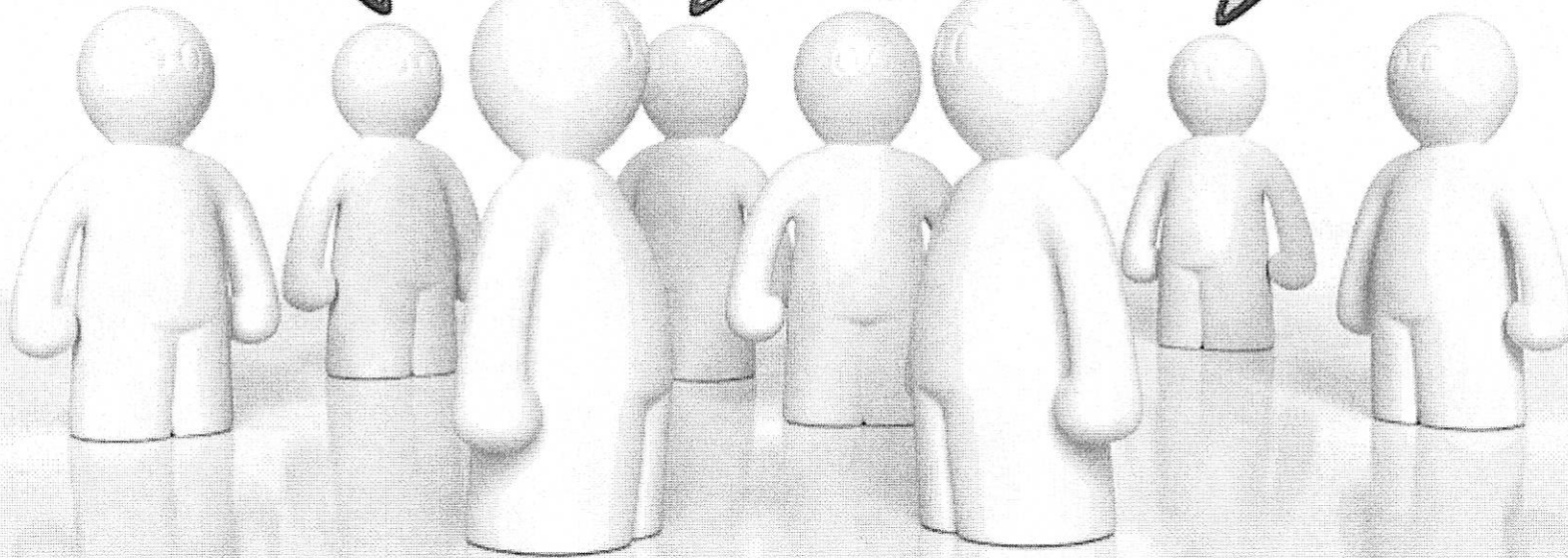


The Stimulus and Transportation Projects in Kansas

Discussion of the effects of the stimulus bill on Kansas transportation

It's about the conversation

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It won't all be pretty

