

# City of Dodge City



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The Honorable Richard Carlson  
Chairman, House Taxation Committee  
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February 15, 2012

Dear Mr. Chairman and Honorable Committee Members:

This letter is presented to evidence the strong opposition of the City of Dodge City to the provisions of House Bill 2747 providing for a diversion of funding for KDOT's T-WORKS program in fiscal years 2014 and 2015.

The T-WORKS projects eliminated or at least delayed by passage of this Bill are critical not only to the continued economic recovery of Southwest Kansas but to the safety of the travelling public as well. History would indicate that most likely any reduction or elimination of projects in the program will first occur in Western Kansas. The residents of the Southwest region of our State deserve the right to travel on highways designed, constructed and maintained to provide safe passage. At the present time, due to a growing economic base throughout the area, existing highways are congested with semi-truck traffic, travelers and residents to the point of restricting travel times and jeopardizing safety.

Lower incomes taxes may well be a desirable goal, but should not be accomplished at the expense of safety or another proven highly effective economic stimulating tool, such as the T-WORKS Program. We would also oppose absorbing the sales tax transfer through elimination of existing KDOT programs like Corridor Management and Economic Development. These programs are essential to continued growth of the Southwest Kansas economy.

Should you have any questions or wish any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ken Strobel". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Ken Strobel  
City Manager

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rick Sowers". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Rick Sowers  
Mayor

