

MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwayne Umbarger at 8:30 a.m. on February 17, 2009, in Room 136-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Vicki Schmidt- excused

Committee staff present:

Mike Corrigan, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Hank Avila, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Cindy Shepard, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Deb Miller, Secretary of Transportation, State of Kansas
Timothy R Sowton, Regional Director Governmental Relations, R. L. Polk & Company
Paul Kanitra, Governmental Relations Manager, Carfax
Dale Goter, Government Relations Manager, City of Wichita

Others attending:

See attached list.

Governor's recommendations on the Transportation Leveraging Investments in Kansas (T-LINK) Report

Secretary Deb Miller presented the committee with a copy of the Governor's letter directing the Kansas Department of Transportation to begin implementation of the T-LINK's recommendations (Attachment 1). The Secretary also included a copy of the Governor's request for legislative action this year, deferring all discussions related to the financing of a new program until the 2010 or 2011 legislative session, depending on the fiscal health of the state (Attachment 2).

Presentation on Carfax Vehicle History Reports

Timothy R Sowton, Regional Director Governmental Relations, R.L. Polk & Company, gave a brief history of R. L. Polk and introduced Paul Kanitra, Government Relations Manager for Carfax. Mr. Kanitra gave the committee a presentation on what Carfax provides, and it's importance to local, state, and federal law enforcement in the fight against auto theft and fraud (Attachment 3).

The Chairman called for final action on **SB 142 - Establishing the safety corridor act administered by the secretary of transportation, safety corridor fund.**

Dale Goter, representing the City of Wichita, distributed a proposed balloon amendment that includes certain criteria that must be met before the Secretary of Transportation can establish a traffic safety corridor (Attachment 4). Mr. Goter provided the committee with the information they requested at the hearing held February 10, 2009 (Attachment 5). Following discussion, Senator Hensley moved, Senator Marshall seconded, to adopt the balloon amendment presented. Motion carried.

Senator Donovan moved, Senator Marshall seconded, to recommend SB 142, as amended, favorably for passage. Motion carried. Senators Brownlee and Petersen voted no and requested their votes to be recorded.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2009.