

## MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwayne Umbarger at 8:30 a.m. on March 19, 2009, in Room 136-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Anthony Hensley- excused

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Tim Rogers, Executive Director, Salina Airport Authority and Co-chair of T-LNK  
Bernie Hayen, Finance Director, City of Manhattan and T-LINK Member  
Pat Weaver, Executive Director, University of Kansas Transportation Center and T-LINK

Member

Howard Partington, City Administrator, Great Bend, Kansas  
Deb Miller, Secretary of Transportation, State of Kansas

Others attending:

See attached list.

The Chairman opened the continued hearing on **SB 323 - 2010 transportation plan, financing thereof**.

Tim Rogers, Executive Director of the Salina Airport Authority and Co-chair of T-LINK, spoke in support of **SB 323** relating to the findings and recommendations of the T-LINK task force (Attachment 1).

- T-LINK Process
- Better Business Models
- Multimodal Approach

Bernie Hayen, Finance Director for the City of Manhattan and T-LINK Member, appeared as a proponent of **SB 323** in regard to local consultation in the proposed legislation (Attachment 2).

- More Financing Options for Locals
- Local Roads

Pat Weaver, Executive Director of the University of Kansas Transportation Center, and T-LINK Member, testified in favor of **SB323**'s multimodal approach to transportation with emphasis on transit (Attachment 3).

- Increased Transit Need
- Increased Transit Funding
- Regional Transit Approach

Howard Partington, City Administrator of Great Bend, appeared in support of **SB323** relating to local consultation in the proposed legislation (Attachment 4).

- Value of Local Consultation
- More Frequent and Flexible Project Selection

Deb Miller, Secretary of the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), testified in support of **SB 323** relating to a new transportation program. She stated over the past two years, KDOT has worked with communities and the T-LINK task force to develop recommendations for a new transportation program. As a result, T-LINK recommends: incorporating economic analysis into project selection for all transportation modes, developing a project selection process that allows for flexibility, a bond cap of 18 percent revenue-to-debt services, changing the names for the types of highway projects, and maintaining a commitment to preservation (Attachment 5).

Discussion followed, and the Chairman announced the hearing on **SB 323** will continue on March 20.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2009.