

MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Senator Dwayne Umbarger at 8:45 a.m. on January 15, 2009 in Room 136-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Mike Corrigan, Kansas 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:

Patrick R. Hubbell, Kyle Railroad

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Umbarger welcomed everyone and introduced the committee and staff. Regular meetings are scheduled Tuesday through Fridays at 8:30 a.m. in room 136-N of the Capitol. The Senator stated this will be a busy session for the committee with the assigned task of drafting a new 10 year comprehensive transportation plan. We are currently waiting for staff summary of conferee testimony from the Interim Committee on a New Comprehensive Transportation Plan held in 5 cities across Kansas. In addition, the Transportation-Leveraging Investments in Kansas (T-Link) Task Force report will be completed soon and will be useful in assessing our future transportation needs.

Discussion followed about budget restraints, Federal Stimulus Plan, and the current sources of funding transportation. Chairman Umbarger announced a Joint Meeting with the House Transportation Committee on January 22, 2009 in room 143-N at 12:00 p.m., to hear a presentation from Deb Miller, Secretary of Transportation, State of Kansas.

Bill Introductions

Patrick R. Hubbell, representing the Kyle Railroad, requested the introduction of a bill that would amend K.S.A. 12-3412 regarding the clarification of the 1987 law concerning port authorities which was not intended to apply to lease-purchase agreements. Senator Brownlee moved, Senator Apple seconded, to introduce the bill. Motion carried.

Presentation on 2009 Issues on Transportation

Jill Shelley and Hank Avila, Kansas Legislative Research Department provided the committee with a summary of information from the equivalent of a federal T-Link report on current transportation issues (Attachment 1). In addition, copies of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFÉ) overview were distributed to the committee (Attachment 2).

- General Transportation Funding
- State Funding
- Federal Legislation Recently Enacted
- National Survey of Likely Voters
- Other Information

Hank Avila presented the committee with a report that he compiled last year, "Chronology of Selected Federal-State Highway Legislation and Highway Related Activity 1880-2008", available in the Kansas Legislative Research Department 48006~(10/22/8{1:56}).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2009.