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February 13, 2013

TO: House Taxation Committee

FROM: City of Great Bend

SUBJECT: Opposition to HB 2136

Chairman Carlson and members of the House Taxation Committee. Mayor Mike Allison and City Administrator Howard D. Partington on behalf of the City of Great Bend urge you to oppose HB 2136 as it would bring into question if T-Works could be funded as it was intended. Many of you were instrumental in the passage of the T-Works Program in 2010. Together we need to see that the program is fully funded and we need to assure that the 4/10 of a cent sales tax continues to be earmarked for the T-Works program and not get lost in the general fund.

The City of Great Bend has long been a supporter of highway maintenance and improvements at the state level. The City has supported T-Works in the past and continues to see it as a top priority. The City has supported the diagonal construction on K-96 between Nickerson and Sterling and are fearful that legislative action such as HB 2136 would see that this project does not get funded.

We urge you to oppose HB 2136.