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**TESTIMONY BEFORE  
JOINT COMMITTEE ON STATE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION**

**RELATING TO KDOT INVENTORY SYSTEMS**

**November 7, 2013**

Good morning Mister Chairman, members of the committee. I am Jerry Younger, Deputy Secretary and State Transportation Engineer for the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), here today to present KDOT's system of keeping inventory records of real property and real estate transactions, in accordance with K.S.A. 75-3516.

KDOT, Bureau of Right of Way maintains an inventory system of all real property, from buildings to right-of-way holdings, in order to keep accurate records and locate potential excess property. Non-infrastructure inventory includes all land which is not part of the highway system, and is in a separate inventory system from infrastructure inventory.

As reported in previous years, our goal to have 100 percent review of property has been completed, and to date all 105 counties have been analyzed for possible tract of excess. As of the end of FY 2013, KDOT has identified 1,187 potential excess tracts of land.

As tracts are identified, they are passed on for internal review to determine if they are in fact excess right-of-way. Excess tracts are then analyzed for marketability and will be sold if marketable. As of the end of FY 2013, 356 tracts had completed review. Of these, 114 tracts were considered marketable, while 242 were not marketable or were not excess.

The quality of the excess right-of-way often presents a challenge in attempting to sell that property. The size, shape and location of the tracts are not always desirable to buyers, making them not marketable.

In addition to internal project review, we receive requests from individuals and other government entities such as federal, city or county. In FY 2013, 28 tracts or interests were released at no charge. This figure includes the return of oil and gas mineral interests to the landowners from which they were acquired as well as breaks in access for the convenience of the traveling public. Also included are areas that will continue to be used for public purposes which are turned back to local government entities.

Summarizing both project reviews and public requests, in FY 2013, 37 tracts comprising of 91 total acres were sold for a total of \$599,910.

Thank you for the opportunity to update the committee on KDOT's inventory systems and excess right-of-way. I would be happy to answer questions at the appropriate time.