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Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Hayzlett at 1:30 p.m. on March 10, 2010, in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present, except:
Representative Peck, excused

Committee staff present:
Bruce Kinzie, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Betty Boaz, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:
None

Others attending:
See attached list.

Chairman Hayzlett called the meeting to order.

Representative Dan Kerschen introduced guests from his district: Greg Gegen, Driver Education Teacher, Tyler Gegen, student at Garden Plain High School and Ashley McGuire, student at Goddard High School. Tyler Gegen and Ashley McGuire were Pages for Representative Kerschen.

Chairman Hayzlett recognized Kyle Schneweis, Chief of Government Affairs. (Attachment #1) Mr. Schneweis went over charts and maps with the Committee. He talked about the benefits of transit, transit funding, data gathering, business model implementation and many other topics.

Mr. Schneweis introduced Lisa Koch, Public Transit Manager with KDOT. (Attachment #2) Ms. Koch said her testimony would outline KDOT's shift in business models to a Regional Transit Approach. She said KDOT receives funding from the Federal Transit Administration for public transportation and workforce transportation in rural areas and for the transportation services for the elderly and disabled throughout Kansas. She said in addition to federal funding they also receive state funding at an amount of \$6 million annually from the State Highway Fund for the support of urban and rural public transportation and specialized transportation for the elderly and disabled. Ms. Koch said T-LINK recommended and has started the process of moving towards regional transportation operations.

After the Committee's questions were answered, the Chairman drew the Committee's attention to written testimony submitted by Bonnie L. Burgardt of Finney County (Attachment #3) and Randi Clifford, Recreation Superintendent, for the City of Dodge City, KS. (Attachment #4)

Chairman Hayzlett opened **SB 518** to the Committee for discussion, comments or motions. Staff explained a clarifying amendment requested by KHP (Attachment #5) Representative Swanson made a motion to adopt the balloon amendment, seconded by Representative Rardin, motion carried. Representative Ballard made a motion to favorably pass SB 518, as amended, seconded by Representative Wolf and the motion carried.

The Chairman opened **SB 544** to the Committee for discussion, comments or motions. Representative Swanson made a motion to favorably pass SB 544, seconded by Representative Wolf and the motion carried.

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

