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TO: House Taxation Committee

FROM: Howard D. Partington

SUBJECT: HB 2444

Chairman KleeB and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to express the feelings of our community regarding the importance of funding for KDOT projects and activities. We understand that HB 2444 contains changes in policy and direction in numerous ways. I am not here to discuss details of the legislation. I am here to express the importance of finding ways to assure that KDOT's programs and activities are funded as every citizen in Kansas is affected if we do not properly fund transportation.

HB 2444 seems to provide an avenue to move away from continuing to borrow from KDOT. Our City was supportive of TWorks for many reasons, but a main reason was that we were promised an improvement to K-96 from Nickerson to Sterling which is a portion of what we have called the Northwest Passage.

We urge you to consider such legislation as HB 2444 as it is a step in the right direction for our state.