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Transit Buses on the Shoulder of Certain Highways Senate Bill 72

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The Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City supports Senate Bill 72 allowing for transit buses to operate on the shoulder of I-35 in Wyandotte County.

This measure is an extension of a law passed in 2010 which allows Johnson County transit to operate on the right shoulder of I-35 in Johnson County. The bill is a cooperative effort between Johnson and Wyandotte Counties to further improve the service levels of public transit in the Kansas City metro.

The roughly 3.5 mile stretch of I-35 in Wyandotte County is the most congested portion of the highway corridor and allowing public transit buses to move to the right shoulder during heavy traffic jams will save time and get citizens to work or wherever else they going to their destination sooner.

The design work on the Wyandotte County segment has already been done and grant funding is available for construction of the needed improvements. The Unified Government and the Kansas Department of Transportation both support Johnson County's proposal to allow bus on the shoulder operations in Wyandotte County to improve and compliment the bus on shoulder routes already being run on I-35 in Johnson County.