

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Hayzlett at 1:30 P.M. on March 8, 2007 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

- Representative Barbara Ballard- excused
- Representative Mike Burgess- excused
- Representative Pat George- excused
- Representative Virgil Peck- excused
- Representative Stephanie Sharp- excused
- Representative Tom Sloan- excused
- Representative Jene Vickrey- excused
- Representative Ron Worley- excused

Committee staff present:

- Hank Avila, Kansas Legislative Research
- Betty Boaz, Committee Assistant

The Committee received a briefing by the Kansas Public Transit Association. The presentation was conducted by R.E. "Tuck" Duncan, Executive Director, Kansas Public Transit Association and Jay Banasiak, General Manager of Wichita Transit. According to the presenters public transit has an annual ridership of over nine million using 980 vehicles. They employ 1,450 Kansans and have a budget of almost \$63 million. They concluded the presentation by saying public transportation benefits all Kansans, provides disabled mobility, economic stability and are environmentally efficient.

The next meeting of the House Transportation Committee will be on March 13, 2007, at 1:30 p.m., in Room 519-S.