

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Hayzlett at 1:30 p.m. on February 4, 2010, in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present, except
Representative Shirley Palmer, excused
Representative Gene Rardin, excused

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

Conferees appearing before the Committee:
Representative Ron Worley
Mike Hoeme, Director of Transportation, Kansas Corporation Commission
Alice M. Amrein, Transportation Director for Johnson County
Lisa Koch, Public Transit Manager for KDOT

Others attending:
See attached list.

Chairman Hayzlett called the meeting to order. He opened the hearing on **HB 2485**.

HB 2485 - Increasing time period for audit of certain motor carriers.

Chairman Hayzlett recognized Mike Hoeme, Director of Transportation, KCC. (Attachment #1) According to Mr. Hoeme the purpose of **HB 2485** is to amend two KCC Transportation statutes. The amendment will extend the time period his Division has to verify that a motor carrier is fit, knowledgeable and in compliance with the Commission's safety rules and regulations. The extension would be from 12 months to 18 months which is consistent with the federal rules and will eliminate an inconsistency between the two programs. Mr. Hoeme introduced Max Strathman who is the Kansas Division Administrator for the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. Mr. Hoeme said Mr. Strathman works closely with his Division and the Highway Patrol.

The Committee had no questions of Mr. Hoeme. There were no additional proponents and no opponents so Chairman Hayzlett closed the hearing on **HB 2485**. The Chairman opened the hearing on **HB 2561**.

HB 2561 - Allowing transit buses to be operated on right shoulder of certain highways.

Chairman Hayzlett recognized Representative Worley. (Attachment #2) According to Representative Worley this bill will permit public transit busses to use and operate on the right hand shoulders in designated sections of city connecting links and highways. He said this program would facilitate the flow of traffic in metropolitan areas and reduce travel time for public transit busses thereby encouraging more people to use the busses to get to work. It would reduce the need for additional lanes and or more roads. He said this would be especially helpful during the morning and evening times and reduce vehicles on the roadways.

The next proponent recognized was Alice Amrein, Transportation Director for Johnson County. (Attachment #3) According to Ms. Amrein this bill will provide KDOT the authority to permit transit busses to use and operate on the right-hand shoulders of cities connecting links and highways. This bill will allow transit busses to operate on the right shoulder when the flow of traffic is below 35 miles per hour. She said this will increase the capacity through the reduction of vehicles on the road and will help efficiently move people during the peak traffic volumes. Ms. Amrein concluded that this operation is used successfully in a number of metro areas.

Chairman Hayzlett recognized Lisa Koch, Public Transit Manager for KDOT, as the next proponent. (Attachment #4) According to Ms. Koch, KDOT has been working closely with the Johnson County Transit

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as they have been preparing for Bus on Shoulder operations on I-35. She said KDOT understands the operational details of this service and supports this project. Ms. Koch said they see it as a way to relieve congestion on one of the state's busiest sections of highway. This legislation is not location specific so KDOT will be authorized additional locations as appropriate. She concluded by saying KDOT will work with the authorized transit provider to define a signing plan for authorized locations to inform drivers of busses on shoulder operations.

There were no other proponents and no opponents. After all questions were answered, the Chairman closed the hearing on **HB 2561**.

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

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NAME	REPRESENTING
Judy Jenson	Kansas Corporation Commission
Alice M. Amherst	Johnson County Transit
L. Scott Caldwell	Johnson County Transit
Terry Heidner	KDOT
DAN MEYER	KHP
Lisa Koch	KDOT
Ray Milk	KDOT - DoFV
Dan Davenport	KCC
Lindsey Douglas	KDOT
Ted Smith	KDOT
Spencer Duncan	Capitol Connection
KEVIN GREGG	KMCA