

(MOSTLY) LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF TRANSIT BUS ON SHOULDER OPERATION (2017 SB 35, HB 2096)

- **2010 HB 2561.** As introduced, the bill would have allowed transit buses to be operated on the right shoulders of city connecting links and other highways in the state highway system.
 - The House Transportation Committee added rule and regulation authority for the Secretary of Transportation.
 - No such rules and regulations have been promulgated.
 - The Senate Transportation Committee amended the bill to restrict the use to Johnson County and to require reports to the Legislature on the program from Johnson County and from KDOT.
 - Votes: House 87-35; Senate 38-2; House concurred 82-38.
- A news release from KDOT in October 2011 stated project work including adjustments to guardrails, new signing, and new pavement markings would begin on 7.8 miles of I-35. The contract amount was approximately \$157,400.
- A news release from KDOT stated the JO Xpress would begin using the I-35 shoulder in January 2012. The news release stated enhanced bus service would feature appropriate bus on shoulder operations during rush hours.
- **2012 House Sub. for SB 225** would have allowed buses to operate on shoulders in Wyandotte County as well as Johnson County and would have required reports from both counties as well as KDOT. It was stricken on General Orders in the House.
- KDOT's state multimodal planner and the deputy director of transportation for Johnson County reported to the Senate Transportation Committee on the program in January 2013. They reported no safety incidents since implementation.
- **2015 SB 72** as introduced would have allowed buses to operate on highway shoulders in Wyandotte County as well as in Johnson County.
 - Testimony included reports from KDOT and Johnson County officials.
 - As amended by the Senate Transportation Committee, the bill would have been identical to SB 35 as introduced.
 - Votes: Senate 35-5, recommended by the House Transportation Committee, stricken from General Orders in the House.
- **2017 SB 35 and HB 2096**, as introduced, would allow operation of transit buses on the right shoulders of state highways in Wyandotte County as well as in Johnson County and remove reporting requirements.