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Senator Mike Petersen  
Chair, Senate Transportation Committee

Senator Petersen and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 192. This bill opens the door for the Kansas Turnpike Authority to work cooperatively with local units of government and communities as they plan for transportation projects of importance in their area.

It is no secret there is pent up demand for transportation projects and appropriate funding to support them. This demand is compelling communities and stakeholders to work toward creative solutions. In Overland Park we are proud that several projects in our area have been funded with innovate support between the city, private developers and other units of government.

This bill allows the KTA to be part of these discussions – without committing to anything - as communities explore all options. This innovation provides great value for taxpayers and potentially relieves pressure on existing transportation funds.

As you are aware, this is one of several recommendations from last year’s Transportation Task Force. They spent a considerable amount of time hearing from stakeholders across the state and it speaks volumes that this is one of the recommendations they offered as worthy of further consideration.

We agree and ask that you support SB 192.

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