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RE: Written Neutral Testimony regarding SB 192

Dear Chairman and Members of the Senate Transportation Committee,

I would like to thank you for allowing the Kansas Turnpike Authority (KTA) to provide written neutral testimony regarding SB 192.

The Kansas Turnpike Authority is proud to have participated in the Joint Legislative Transportation Vision Task Force in 2018. This three-month process was exciting to be part of as needs and opportunities from around the state were presented to the task force.

KTA supports the work of the Task Force and its recommendations concerning the role that tolling can potentially play in delivering transportation solutions to Kansas. KTA is prepared to be a partner with Kansas Department of Transportation, local communities and/or private stakeholders to deliver future transportation projects around the state if tolling is deemed a feasible option. We have seen many other states utilize this partnership based model very successfully in delivering transportation solutions.

KTA's 2015 Long Term Needs study identified preservation, modernization and enhancement projects. This decade-long effort will better serve our customers, communities and the state by improving safety, the customer experience and freight movement, which positions KTA to be a better partner for advancing projects if requested.

Should you want or need additional information on tolling in Kansas or across the country, KTA staff would be pleased to assist you. We look forward to working alongside public agencies and private stakeholders toward a shared vision for Kansas transportation.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide written testimony regarding SB 192.

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