



**To:** Senate Ways & Means Committee  
**From:** Wayne Nelson, P.E.  
Kansas Society of Professional Engineers  
**Date:** March 13, 2019  
**Re:** Support of SB 186

Madam Chairwoman and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to offer remarks regarding Senate Bill 186.

I am Wayne Nelson, a Licensed Professional Engineer in Salina. I am here today representing the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers. I am the immediate past president of the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers.

The Kansas Society of Professional Engineers (KSPE) represents the individual licensed engineers across the state. For over 100 years, KSPE has worked to promote engineering and public safety by delivering professional engineering services and encouraging licensure, in addition to advocating legislation and public policy for the betterment of human welfare and the industry.

Our association proudly supports SB 186 as an important step in the next decade's comprehensive transportation program. KSPE has supported T-WORKS since its inception in 2009, along with preceding programs CTP and CHP, in 1999 and 1989, respectively.

SB 186 allows the Kansas Department of Transportation to start the process in developing the successor to T-WORKS. The bill also stipulates the remaining T-WORKS projects must be started before modernization and expansion projects can commence in a new program. The bill also requires at least \$8.0 million for projects or programs in each county.

SB 186 does not provide any funding mechanism but the bill is part of a fourteen-bill group introduced in the Senate and House relating to the planning and funding of the next comprehensive transportation program. Although we understand the state's fiscal environment over the last several years, infrastructure safety is essential for our state's development. KSPE has already testified in support of SB 189, SB 192 and HB 2370 in the Senate Transportation Committee and House Tax Committee as funding sources.

We sincerely appreciate the opportunity to voice our thoughts on SB 186 and ask for your support.

Respectfully,  
Wayne Nelson, P.E.