

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Hayzlett at 1:30 P.M. on January 11, 2006 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Director, Legislative Research
Bruce Kinzie, Revisor's Office
Chris Courtwright, Legislative Research
Betty Boaz, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Secretary Deb Miller, Ks. Dept. of Transportation
Patrick Hurley, Economic Lifeline

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Hayzlett opened the joint meeting with the Senate Transportation Committee by introducing Bruce Kinzie who gave the members a briefing on the purpose of the meeting which was to comply with the provisions of KSA 2005 Supp. 68-2331 regarding the issuance of additional bonded indebtedness for the Comprehensive Transportation Program.

The Chairman introduced Secretary Deb Miller of KDOT. (Attachment 1) According to Secretary Miller, her purpose for appearing before the joint committee was to secure the support needed to continue with the Comprehensive Transportation Program. Secretary Miller said when the legislature passed the restructuring bill in 2004 it specified that before the \$150 million in bonds could be issued by the Kansas Development Finance Authority, the House and Senate Transportation Committees must review and recommend the bonds.

Chairman Hayzlett then introduced Patrick Hurley, who represents Economic Lifeline. (Attachment 2) According to Mr. Hurley at a recent meeting their Board of Directors reiterated its position that the Legislature approve all the steps necessary to fully implement all the elements of SB 384, which was enacted by the Legislature in the 2004 session. Mr. Hurley said he was appearing to support the procedural steps necessary to ensure the completion of the Comprehensive Transportation Program as enacted by the Legislature in the 2004 session.

The House and Senate Transportation Committee members then asked questions of the conferees. Afterwards the Senate Transportation Committee adjourned and planned to meet at a later time. It was Chairman Hayzlett's desire to open the meeting to the House Transportation members for comments, questions and motions.

After more comments and additional questions were answered, Representative Vickery made a motion to endorse the \$150 million in bonds. Representative Yonally seconded the motion. The motion carried.

There being no further business before the Committee, the Chairman adjourned the meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 17, 2006.