

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Hayzlett at 1:30 p.m. on March 11, 2009, in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:

Representative Burgess  
Representative Henry  
Representative King  
Representative Peck  
Representative Schwartz

Committee staff present:

Bruce Kinzie, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Betty Boaz, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Major Mark A. Bruce, Kansas Highway Patrol

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Hayzlett called the meeting to order. He opened the hearing on **SB 145**.

**SB 145 - Regulating traffic, driving in right lane, required, exceptions.**

The Chairman Recognized Major Mark Bruce. (Attachment #1) According to Major Bruce **SB 145**, with a general exception for emergency/maintenance vehicles, would prohibit all vehicles from driving in the far left lane, except when overtaking or passing another vehicle, preparing to make a proper left turn. He said the Kansas Highway Patrol understands and supports the intent of this bill to facilitate and enhance the orderly flow of traffic. He said they have a minor concern with this bill but supports the intent of **SB 145** to discourage slower moving vehicles from blocking the flow of traffic.

There were no other proponents and no opponents so after all questions were answered Chairman Hayzlett closed the hearing on **SB 145**.

The Chairman introduced Steve Phillips, President of Kansas Association of Airports. (Attachment #2) Mr. Phillips gave some background information about the Kansas Airport Improvement Program which was funded at \$3 million per year to improve the declining pavement conditions at Kansas' 143 airports. He said even though there have been significant improvements in pavement quality since 1999, Kansas still falls far short of its goal of providing each Kansan access to an air ambulance within 30 miles during bad weather. Mr. Phillips listed four additional investment needs. He also listed four needs for the new Comprehensive Transportation Plan. They include 1) Preservation of existing airport pavements, 2) Provide all-weather access for emergency medical services, 3) Fund 10 percent of total airport infrastructure needs, and 4) Respond to economic development opportunities. He also listed several revenue strategies. After his presentation, he stood for questions from the Committee.

When there were no more questions for Mr. Phillips, the Chairman opened **SB 37** to the Committee for discussions, questions and motions.

Representative Menghini made a motion to pass out **SB 37**, seconded by Representative Kleeb. Representative Menghini made a second motion, seconded by Representative Kleeb to amend the original motion to add "workside utility vehicle", motion carried. Back on **SB 37, as amended**. Representative Kleeb made a motion to strike Section 2, Subsection C, seconded by Representative Vickrey, the motion passed with Representatives Proehl, Worley, Swanson, Long and Rardin voting "no". Representative Menghini made a motion to adopt the language provided by the Motor Vehicle Division of the Department of Revenue to add the definitions of ATV and Micro-Utility Vehicles, seconded by Representative Kerschen, the motion carried. Back on **SB 37, as amended**. A motion was made by Representative Menghini to pass **SB 37, as amended**, seconded by Representative Kleeb, motion carried with Representatives Long, Rardin and Swanson wanting

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to be recorded as voting “no.”

There being no further business to bring before the Committee, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m. The next meeting will be on March 12, 2009.