

**TENTATIVE  
AGENDA\***

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

October 29, 2012  
Room 548-S—Statehouse

10:00 a.m. Chairperson's Welcome and Announcements

10:05 a.m. Review of Committee Charge and Overview

- Kansas Legislative Research Department Staff

10:15 a.m. General Remarks

- Shelby Smith
- Laura Kliewer, Director, Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Commission,  
Council on State Governments

**VIABILITY of the *SOUTHWEST CHIEF***

10:30 a.m. *Southwest Chief* issues

- Ray Lang, Chief, National State Relations, Government Affairs  
Department, Amtrak

11:00 a.m. *Southwest Chief* update

- Jerry Younger, Deputy Secretary and State Transportation Engineer,  
Kansas Department of Transportation

11:15 a.m. *Southwest Chief* Rural Rail Partnership

- Matt Allen, City of Garden City
- Reynaldo Mesa, Garden City Area Chamber of Commerce
- Bob Tempel, WindRiver Grain
- Ken Strobel, City of Dodge City

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- Meryl Dye, City of Hutchinson (written testimony)

11:45 a.m. Lunch

**EXTENSION of the *HEARTLAND FLYER***

1:30 p.m. Review of Presented Testimony

- Kansas Legislative Research Department Staff

1:45 p.m. Update on the *Heartland Flyer* extension project

- Secretary Mike King, Kansas Department of Transportation

2:15 p.m. City of Wichita

- Pete Meitzner, Wichita City Council
- Gary Schmitt, Executive Vice President, Intrust Bank
- Gary Oborny, CEO, Occidental Management
- Jeff Fluhr, President, Wichita Downtown Development Corporation

3:00 p.m. Recommended Next Steps to Move Passenger Rail Forward in Kansas

- Deborah Fischer Stout, President, Northern Flyer Alliance

3:30 p.m. Further Questions and Answers, Committee Discussion, and Directions to Staff for the Committee Report

[BNSF official Richard Wessler, Director of Passenger Train Services, Safety and Training, is expected to be present to answer questions.]

4:00 p.m. Adjourn