

MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Les Donovan at 8:30 a.m. on January 31, 2002 in Room 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Greta Goodwin
 Senator Nancey Harrington
 Senator Larry Salmans

Committee staff present: Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes
 Marian F. Holeman, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: E. Dean Carlson, Secretary, KDOT

Others attending: See attached list

Presentation by Kansas Department of Transportation Secretary, E. Dean Carlson

Secretary Carlson presented an update on the current Comprehensive Transportation Program (CTP) (Attachment 1). He began with projects listed on the page 3 "Red Map" and the program changes necessitated by budget cuts. The Department is not proceeding with any System Enhancement projects where work has not already begun. Pages 7 thru 11 discuss the impact of project cuts, proposed original funding, and the reduced sales tax transfers. Right now they are 296 million dollars below what is needed over the ten year period of this CPT. Page 12 explains where projects cuts must come from. On this pie chart, other Modal Programs are airports, rail and public transit; Substantial Maintenance is the Department's resurfacing program. As things stand now, it would seem that the entire remaining systems enhancement programs will have to disappear because no funds will be available. Why the CTP should be continued is outlined on page 13. Other points presented and discussed were economic impact, safety factors, federal funding match, landscaping, etc.

It was pointed out that approximately 11% of total sales tax revenue comes from automotive related sales and anything less than that transferred to maintain roads or automotive related needs is a shift of revenue raised by one part of the economy to another. It is not the CTP program wanting revenue from sources which they did nothing to generate.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2002