



**House Committee on Taxation
Hearing on HB 2382
Hearing Date - March 23, 2017**

**Written Testimony in SUPPORT of HB 2382 on behalf of the City of Manhattan
By Kiel Mangus, Assistant City Manager**

Good morning Chair Johnson, Vice Chair Phillips and honorable members of the House Taxation Committee. My name is Kiel Mangus, and I am the Assistant City Manager for the City of Manhattan.

The City of Manhattan SUPPORTS HB 2382 providing for a \$.11 increase in motor fuel taxes. The City of Manhattan is continually growing, and the region is a significant economic engine for the State of Kansas. Decreased funding to Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) and the reduction in Special City/County Highway Fund distributions has restricted our ability to accommodate growth and economic development.

- The City of Manhattan supports the fully funded T-WORKS program and encourages the legislature to avoid redirecting designated and traditional transportation funding for other state priorities. The new funds raised from this increase should be used on transportation infrastructure.
- This bill lowers the percentage that cities and counties receive from 33.33% to 23.22% of the total amount. That percentage being lowered is ok (offset by increase in total rate) as long as the State properly distributes that amount to cities and counties. Those funds are used to get important transportation safety projects done, including: safety transportation projects and projects that address congestion issues in growing communities.
- The City of Manhattan supports the implementation of an effective multi-modal transportation program aligned with the region's priorities; supports measures to encourage regional approaches to public transit and transportation planning, and supports the practice of long-term multi-year comprehensive transportation programs developed through a combination of KDOT technical analysis together with local government and other stakeholder involvement.
- HB 2382 would help raise the necessary revenues to address the state's remaining transportation needs and protect existing T-WORKS funds for transportation purposes.

For all the above reasons the City of Manhattan **SUPPORTS HB 2382**. Thanks for your time and consideration.