



**Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation  
Hearing on SB 224  
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**Written Testimony in SUPPORT of SB 224 on behalf of the City of Manhattan  
By Kiel Mangus, Assistant City Manager**

Good morning Chair Tyson, Vice Chair Kerschen and honorable members of the Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee. My name is Kiel Mangus, and I am the Assistant City Manager for the City of Manhattan.

**The City of Manhattan SUPPORTS SB 224** providing for a \$.05 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 (SCCHF) 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 legislature should be cautious about operating reductions that are occurring to the Kansas Department of Transportation, which may negatively impact routine pavement and sign maintenance and snow/ice operations.
- The City of Manhattan supports the increased funding being properly distributed to cities and counties in order 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.
- SB 224 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 SB 224**. Thanks for your time and consideration.