



To: House Transportation Committee
From: Scott Uhl, P.E.
Kansas Society of Professional Engineers
Date: March 19, 2019
Re: Support of HB 2373

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to offer remarks regarding House Bill 2373.

I am Scott Uhl, a Licensed Professional Engineer in Topeka. I am here today representing the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers.

The Kansas Society of Professional Engineers (KSPE) represents the individual licensed engineers across the state. For over 100 years, KSPE has worked to promote engineering and public safety by delivering professional engineering services and encouraging licensure, in addition to advocating legislation and public policy for the betterment of human welfare and the industry.

Our association proudly supports HB 2373 as an important step in the next decade's comprehensive transportation program. KSPE has supported T-WORKS since its inception in 2009, along with preceding programs CTP and CHP, in 1999 and 1989, respectively.

HB 2373 allows the Kansas Department of Transportation to start the process in developing the successor to T-WORKS. The bill also stipulates the remaining T-WORKS projects must be started before modernization and expansion projects can commence in a new program. The bill also requires at least \$8.0 million for projects or programs in each county.

HB 2373 does not provide any funding mechanism but the bill is part of a fourteen-bill group introduced in the Senate and House relating to the planning and funding of the next comprehensive transportation program. Although we understand the state's fiscal environment over the last several years, infrastructure safety is essential for our state's development. KSPE has already testified in support of SB 189, SB 192, HB 2369, SB 191 and HB 2370 this session in their respective committees.

We sincerely appreciate the opportunity to voice our thoughts on HB 2373 and ask for your support.

Respectfully,
Scott Uhl, P.E.