

January 25, 2022

The Honorable Mike Petersen, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Transportation
Statehouse, Room 546-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Petersen:

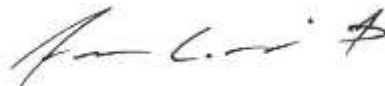
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 333 by Senate Committee on Transportation

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 333 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 333 would require the Secretary of Transportation to direct a study concerning the use of zipper merges on highways and determine under what circumstances the zipper merges would be optimal for implementation. The Secretary would be required to submit a written report to the Legislature by March 1, 2023, concerning the findings of the study.

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) states enactment of the bill would increase expenditures in FY 2023 in the form of staff time and consulting fees to investigate criteria used by Kansas and other states in implementing zipper merges along highways and what type of zipper merge to utilize; however, KDOT estimates that the additional expenditures could be absorbed within existing resources. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 333 is not reflected in *The FY 2023 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Brendan Yorkey, Department of Transportation