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Call Now to Support New Transportation Plan

The Senate Transportation Committee is in middle of its deliberation on a new Comprehensive Transportation Plan. Hearings began last week and will continue through this week. Contact your state representative and senate this week and urge them to enact a new transportation plan. A phone call to their Statehouse office, or short email or letter are appropriate. Key messages are:

- A new transportation plan will ensure the future safety and efficiency of the Kansas transportation system.
- Important highway, aviation and rail system enhancements are needed to ensure Kansas communities are best positioned to recover from the current recession when the economy starts to rebound.
- A new transportation plan will put Kansans back to work and generate state and local tax revenues.

To identify your legislators go to <http://www.kslegislature.org/legsrv-legisportal/redistricting.do>

To find your legislators' Statehouse phone number, email and Statehouse address go to <http://www.kslegislature.org/legsrv-legisportal/index.do> and look at the "Hot Items" at the bottom center of the page for "House Roster" and "Senate Roster."

Senate Makes Play for both Texting Ban and Primary Seat Belts

Last week the Senate performed a "gut and go" of House Bill 2437, a bill that originally concerned license plates, and inserted the Texting Prohibition and Primary Seat Belt proposals that had both previously passed the Senate. This is an effort to overcome the objections of some House leaders who have effectively stymied consideration of the Primary Seat Belt issue in the House. Success in this effort is very uncertain. It is widely accepted that there are probably sufficient votes in the House to pass a texting prohibition, and the House Transportation Committee has previously reported a texting bill out of committee; but passage of the Primary Seat Belt proposal is uncertain. In 2009, the Primary Seat Belt proposal twice failed in the House on close votes.

Senate Committee Studies Land Survey Solutions

The Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee on Thursday reconsidered its previous action on Senate Bill 301, the proposal that concerns monumentation requirements and the required county review of recorded surveys. One proposal was endorsed by the Kansas Society of Land Surveyors and Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) and encompassed the “compromise” agreement that had been developed by a KAC Task Force last fall. The second proposal was somewhat broader and increased the scope of review of county survey reviewers and was developed by the recently formed Kansas Association of County Surveyors and was also endorsed by the KAC. Following a lengthy question and answer period the Committee took no immediate action. Action is possible this week, but time is running out to advance a bill out of the Senate for consideration by the House this year.

Need a Copy of a Bill? Click on the “blue” bill number on the bill status list below for a copy of the current bill and supplement (if available). For copies or status of other bills, go to www.kslegislature.org and use the “Quick Search” tools on the right hand side of the page. You can **Find Your Legislator** by using the link under Hot Items at the bottom of the www.kslegislature.org home page.

2010 Bill Deadlines -

- January 11th – last day for individual bill requests
- February 1st – last day for committee bill requests, except Exempt Committees
- February 3rd – last day for individuals to introduce bills
- February 5th – last day for Committees, except Exempt Committees, to introduce bills
- February 21st – last day to consider bills in House of Origin, except “Exempt bills”
- March 24th – last day for consideration of bills in second house, except “Exempt bills”
- April 6th – anticipated end of Regular Session
- April 28th – anticipated start of Veto Session

Kansas Legislature Website - Additional resources, including copies of other bills, roster of legislators, committee roosters, a link to identify your legislator and much more can be found at ... <http://www.kslegislature.org>

Bill Updates - Following is a list of bills of interest to KSPE members. Click on the bill number for an electronic copy of the bill. Please contact me via email at ron@gachesbraden.com or phone at 785-233-2121 if you have questions or to add a bill to our tracking list. NOTE: This is the second year of the biennial session and most of the bills below are carried over from the 2009 Session.

NOTE: To reduce the size of this report we are listing the Last Action only for each bill. For a more complete history of a bill go to www.kslegislature.org.

Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action
SB 59	Motor vehicles; concerning the use of safety belts	In House Transportation	02/24/2009 - House Referred to Transportation

Senate Transportation Committee			
Sub for SB 301 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Land surveys; relating to monumentation of corners and recording of surveys	In Senate Federal and State Affairs	03/08/2010 - Senate Scheduled Committee Review and Possible Action: Thursday, 3/11/2010, 10:30 AM, Rm 144-S
SB 302 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Transportation; relating to intermodal transportation projects, and providing for the financing thereof	In House Transportation	03/24/2009 - House Referred to Transportation
SB 323 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Transportation; providing for a transportation program; concerning the financing thereof; creating the Joint Committee on Multimodal Transportation	In Senate Transportation	03/18/2009 - Senate Referred to Transportation
SB 351 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Regulating traffic; prohibiting text messaging while operating a moving motor vehicle	In House Transportation	02/24/2010 - House Referred to Transportation
SB 409 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Establishing the passenger rail service program; providing for powers and duties of the Secretary of Transportation; establishing the passenger rail service revolving fund	Pending enrollment and presentation to Governor	03/11/2010 - House Final Action: Passed; Yeas 115, Nays 5
SB 476 Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	Sales taxation; relating to imposition of tax on certain services; exemptions, repealed; fund-raising sales	In Senate Ways and Means	03/10/2010 - Senate Scheduled Hearing: Monday, 3/15/2010, 10:30 AM, Rm 548-S
SB 498 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Transportation; providing for a transportation works for Kansas program; relating to the financing thereof	In Senate Transportation	03/10/2010 - Senate Scheduled Continued Hearings: Monday, 3/15/2010, Adjournment, Rm 548-S; Tuesday, 3/16/2010, 8:30 AM, Rm 152-S and on Adjournment, Rm 548-S; Wednesday, 3/17/2010, 8:30 AM, Rm 152-S
SB 510 Senate Agriculture Committee	Water; relating to the beneficial use of water	In Senate Natural Resources	02/15/2010 - Senate Withdrawn from Ways and Means; rereferred to Natural Resources

Sub for SB 513 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Alternative project delivery building construction	On General Orders in House	03/12/2010 - House Committee Report: Be passed by Commerce and Labor
Sub for SB 514 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Alcoholic beverages; relating to eligibility for license for club and drinking establishments	In House Federal and State Affairs	02/23/2010 - House Referred to Federal and State Affairs
SB 515 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Transportation; providing for a transportation works for Kansas program; relating to the financing thereof	In Senate Transportation	03/10/2010 - Senate Scheduled Continued Hearings: Monday, 3/15/2010, Adjournment, Rm 548-S; Tuesday, 3/16/2010, 8:30 AM, Rm 152-S and on Adjournment, Rm 548-S; Wednesday, 3/17/2010, 8:30 AM, Rm 152-S
SB 526 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Department of Administration; concerning competitive bids; preferring bids from within the state	In Senate Ways and Means	02/04/2010 - Senate Referred to Ways and Means
SB 531 Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Enacting the radon certification law	In House Commerce and Labor	03/12/2010 - House Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 3/18/2010, 9:00 AM, Rm 784 DSOB
SB 544 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Metropolitan Transit Authority Act; definitions	On General Orders in House	03/11/2010 - House Committee Report: Be passed by Transportation
Sub for HB 2238 House Commerce and Labor Committee	Construction contracts; relating to retention in public and private construction contracts	In Senate Judiciary	02/25/2010 - Senate Referred to Judiciary
HB 2283 House Energy and Utilities Committee	Water	Pending enrollment and presentation to Governor	03/11/2010 - House Adopted Conference Committee Report on House bill; Yeas 119, Nays 1
HB 2382 House Taxation Committee	Transportation; providing for a transportation program	On General Orders in House	03/20/2009 - House Committee Report: Be passed as amended by Transportation
Sub for HB 2403	Creating the council on efficient	In House	02/16/2010 - House

House Appropriations Committee	government	Appropriations	Committee of the Whole: Committee Report recommending substitute bill be adopted; be amended; motion to refer to committee, adopted; rereferred to Appropriations
HB 2428 House Vision 2020 Committee	Drinking water supply lakes; imposing certain fees and surcharges	In House Vision 2020	02/26/2010 - House Withdrawn from Federal and State Affairs; rereferred to Vision 2020
HB 2441 House Appropriations Committee	Crimes and punishment; prohibiting text messaging while operating a moving motor vehicle	In House Transportation	01/14/2010 - House Referred to Transportation
HB 2493 House Appropriations Committee	Classifications of dams and water obstructions	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	02/19/2010 - House Designate Subcommittee: Wednesday, 2/24/2010, 3:30 PM, Rm 783 DSOB
HB 2549 House Taxation Committee	Sales taxation; relating to imposition of tax on certain services; exemptions, repealed	On General Orders in House	03/04/2010 - House Committee Report: Be amended; without recommendation by Taxation
HB 2552 Jo Ann Pottorff, R-83rd	Enacting the midwest interstate passenger rail compact	Pending enrollment and presentation to Governor	03/11/2010 - Senate Committee of the Whole: Be passed; Emergenced to Final Action: Passed; Yeas 38, Nays 2
HB 2617 House Transportation Committee	Transportation; providing for a transportation works for Kansas program; relating to the financing thereof	In House Transportation In House Taxation	02/03/2010 - House Referred separately to Transportation and Taxation
HB 2618 House Transportation Committee	Transportation; providing for a transportation works for Kansas program; relating to the financing thereof	In House Transportation In House Taxation	02/03/2010 - House Referred separately to Transportation and Taxation
HB 2680 House Appropriations Committee	Regulating traffic; concerning driving in the right lane; impeding traffic	In House Transportation	02/10/2010 - House Referred to Transportation; Scheduled Hearing: Monday, 2/15/2010, 1:30 PM, Rm 783 DSOB
HB 2681 House Appropriations Committee	Establishing the passenger rail service program; providing for powers and duties of the Secretary of Transportation;	In House Transportation	02/10/2010 - House Referred to Transportation

	establishing the passenger rail service revolving fund		
HB 2690	Department of Administration; concerning competitive bids; preferring bids from within the state	In House General Government Budget	02/12/2010 - House Referred to General Government Budget
House Appropriations Committee			