MADAM PRESIDENT and MR. SPEAKER: Your committee on conference on House amendments to SB 173 submits the following report:

The Senate accedes to all House amendments to the bill, and your committee on conference further agrees to amend the bill as printed as Amended by House on Final Action, as follows:

On page 1, in line 34, before the semicolon by inserting "Federal funding from federal grants or federal stimulus may be used for preservation projects";

On page 2, in line 7, before the semicolon by inserting "Federal funding from federal grants or federal stimulus may be used for preservation plus projects"; in line 31, by striking "2022" and inserting "2023"; in line 32, by striking "the" and inserting "at least one phase of each"; in line 33, by striking "projects" and inserting "project";

On page 4, in line 38, by striking "six";

On page 5, in line 1, by striking "six"; in line 9, by striking "six"; in line 12, after "by" by inserting "the end of";

On page 7, in line 12, by striking all after "thereto"; by striking all in lines 13 and 14 and inserting ", subject to the following:

(1) Projects selected for alternative delivery shall not include preservation projects as described in section 1, and amendments thereto;

(2) alternative delivery may be used on three projects utilizing toll revenues for construction and maintenance of the project. One project utilizing toll revenues may be let to construction once every three years;

(3) not more than 3% of dollars spent in the Eisenhower legacy transportation program
shall be used on alternative delivery. An additional 2% of dollars spent in the Eisenhower legacy transportation program shall be available for use on alternative delivery starting in fiscal year 2023. The dollar value of the three projects utilizing toll revenues referenced in paragraph (2) and projects obtained through federal grants or federal stimulus shall not be considered in determining the limits set forth in this paragraph; and

(4) any project utilizing alternative delivery shall equal or exceed $100,000,000 in costs.

On page 9, following line 20, by inserting:

"New Sec. 6. (a) The secretary of transportation is directed to develop a driver's education scholarship grant program to assist qualified individuals to become safe drivers. Subject to the limitations of appropriations therefor, any entity that desires to provide a driver's education program may submit an application for a competitive grant of moneys in an amount to be determined by the secretary for the purpose of paying the costs of scholarships to attend a driver's education program. A scholarship for a qualified individual shall not exceed $200 and shall be awarded upon completion of the driver's education program. The secretary shall administer the provisions of this section and may adopt rules and regulations establishing additional criteria for qualification for a grant and such other matters deemed necessary by the secretary for the administration of this section.

(b) The provisions of this section shall expire on June 30, 2023. On or before January 9, 2023, the secretary shall provide a report to the house of representatives appropriations and transportation committees and the senate ways and means and transportation committees on the driver's education scholarship grant program.

(c) As used in this section:
(1) "Federal poverty level" means the most recent poverty income guidelines published in the calendar year by the United States department of health and human services.

(2) "Qualified individual" means an individual who resides within the state of Kansas, is under 30 years of age and whose household income is positive and not more than 200% of the federal poverty level for the tax year prior to the year in which the application is submitted."

On page 11, following line 13, by inserting:

"(10) all revenue available for the state highway fund, including, but not limited to, the state highway fund balance from the previous year, motor fuel taxes, registration fees, sales and compensating use taxes and bond proceeds;

(11) all committed expenditures identified by the program, including, but not limited to, debt service payments, agency operations, aviation, transit, rail, cost-share, innovative technology, local bridge, project development costs by category, including, but not limited to, right-of-way purchases, engineering and utility relocation costs and construction payouts by program category, including, but not limited to, preservation, modernization and expansion;

(12) a report of remaining outstanding projects that have been let but have not been paid out and how those projects have been identified to achieve state highway system condition targets. If such targets are not achieved with current projects or identified future projects, a report on additional funding necessary to achieve state highway system condition targets;"

Also on page 11, in line 36, by striking "(a)(7)" and inserting "(a)(14)"; also in line 36, by striking "(a)(10)" and inserting "(a)(17)";

And by redesignating subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs and clauses accordingly;

On page 13, in line 2, after "projects" by inserting "for public transportation";
And by renumbering sections accordingly;

And your committee on conference recommends the adoption of this report.

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