MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Senator Steve Morris, at 12:20 p.m. on March 17, 2004 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Barbara Ballard- excused Representative Bruce Larkin- excused Representative Carol Edward Beggs- excused Representative David Huff- excused Representative Don Myers- excused Representative James Miller- excused Representative Jeff Jack- excused Representative Jene Vickrey- excused Representative Jerry Henry- excused Representative Jim Yonally- excused Representative Joe Humerickhouse- excused Representative Kenny Wilk- excused Representative Mary Compton- excused Representative Mary Kauffman- excused Representative Mike Burgess- excused Representative Paul Davis- excused Representative Stanley Dreher- excused Representative Valdenia Winn- excused

Committee staff present:

Mary Galligan, Legislative Research Department Hank Avila, Legislative Research Department Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes Office Betty Boaz, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: None

Others attending: See Attached List.

This was a Joint Meeting with the House Transportation Committee and the Senate Ways and Means Committee. It was an informational meeting regarding the Alternative Transportation Funding Plan.

Senator Morris introduced Chairman Hayzlett who gave the Highlights of the Transportation Proposal. According to Chairman Hayzlett this proposal maintains current funding of \$13.255 billion for all programmed expenditures of the CTP through FY 2009, and adds two years beyond CTP with expenditures of \$1.367 billion in FY 2010 and \$1.401 billion in FY 2011. The proposal provides two state revenue enhancements and anticipates additional federal assistance up to \$50 million annually with the six-year renewal of federal transportation legislation. This proposal maintains an ending Highway Fund balance greater than \$250 million through FY 2009 and maintains a positive ending balance through FY 2011. It also provides for repaying Highway Fund money previously loaned to the State General Fund and for continuing the Highway Patrol financing from the State Highway Fund until FY 2009.

Senator Donovan made some comments on the work done on this proposal and that they feel there are enough votes in the House and Senate to pass it out. He said they feel the need to maintain the plan now and in the future so that it would not be up to their grandkids to take care of.

Senator Morris added his comments and observations as did Senator Kerr. Senator Kerr asked why the figures show we still have funds available and yet are concerned about the program. Secretary Miller said it was because they work two - three years in advance.

Senator Morris closed the Joint Meeting at 1:10 p.m.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE at 1:30 p.m. on March 17, 2004 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.