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MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS AND HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEES

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

All members were present except:

Senator David Adkins- excused

Senator Nick Jordan- excused

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department

J. G. Scott, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Susan Kannarr, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Robert Waller, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Jill Wolters, Senior Assistant, Revisor of Statutes

Judy Bromich, Administrative Analyst

Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

None

Others attending:

See Attached List.

This was an informational meeting with the Senate Ways and Means and House Transportation Committees regarding the Alternative Transportation Funding Plan.

Chairman Morris welcomed Representative Gary Hayzlett, Chairman, House Transportation Committee, who presented highlights of the Alternative Transportation Proposal (details listed in [Attachment 1](#)). He noted that there has been a lot of work done on this proposed plan. Chairman Hayzlett explained that hopefully this is a plan that by the years 2009-2010, when another highway plan is looked at, there will not be any serious negative figures to consider at that time.

Senator Les Donovan, Chairman, Senate Transportation Committee, was welcomed by Chairman Morris. Chairman Donovan made comments regarding the work done on the Alternative Transportation Proposal. He mentioned that they feel there would be enough votes in both the House and the Senate to pass it out. Chairman Donovan noted that in the alternative plan \$150 million maximum will be sold in bonds, assuming everything is approved, and that no more demand transfer money will be taken under this plan. He also noted that this alternative plan extends the program for two additional years and extends the normal rate of growth in most of the areas for two more years.

Chairman Morris explained that a lot of the Alternative Transportation Proposal parallels the Governor's transportation proposal. He noted that the main differences between the Governor's proposal and the alternative proposal are:

- difference of \$150 million dollars in bonds verses \$460 million dollars in bonds; and
- change of the funding mechanism as far as State General Funds are concerned to more of a revenue transfer, eliminate the demand transfer, and have a dedicated sales tax for the program.

Committee questions and discussion followed. In closing, Chairman Morris mentioned that he feels it is critical to maintain the integrity of the highway program to have infrastructure in place in order to generate economic development dollars that could help fund other programs in the State.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2004.200420