

MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwayne Umbarger at 8:30 a.m. on March 6, 2009, in Room 136-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Les Donovan- excused

Committee staff present:

Mike Corrigan, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Hank Avila, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Cindy Shepard, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Mark Chinery, President, Concrete Pipe Resources, Inc
Mike Johnston, President & CEO , Kansas Turnpike Authority

Others attending:

See attached list.

Presentation on Kansas Reinforced Concrete Pipe Manufacturing Industry

Mark Chinery, President of Concrete Pipe Resources, Inc. provided the committee with an industry overview (Attachment 1) and a report, *Economic Impact of the Concrete Pipe Industry on the State of Kansas, 2006*, prepared for the Missouri Kansas Concrete Pipe Association by the Center for Economic and Business Research, Southeast Missouri State University (Attachment 2).

Following Mr. Chinery's presentation, concerns were discussed about the economic impact of alternate pipe materials manufactured out of state, that are being used in Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) road projects. The Chairman requested that KDOT re-evaluate pipe policy specifications and consider life cycle cost analysis, service life, and economic impact in the selection of materials for future projects.

Information on the Kansas Turnpike Authority

Mike Johnston, President & CEO of the Kansas Turnpike Authority, appeared at the committee's request with an overview about the Kansas Turnpike and the future of tolling (Attachment 3).

Discussion and questions followed Mr. Johnston's informational overview.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2009.