

2023 Kansas Statutes

68-2001. Definitions. As used in this act, the following words and terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context shall indicate another or different meaning or intent:

(a) "Authority" means the Kansas turnpike authority, created by K.S.A. 68-2003, and amendments thereto, or, if the authority shall be abolished, the board, body or commission succeeding to the principal functions thereof or to whom the powers given by this act to the authority shall be given by law.

(b) "Project" or "turnpike project" means any express highway or superhighway constructed under the provisions of this act, including all bridges, tunnels, overpasses, underpasses, interchanges, entrance plazas, approaches, toll houses, service stations, and administration, storage and other buildings and facilities that the authority may deem necessary for the operation of such project, together with all property, rights, easements, and interests that may be acquired by the authority for the construction or the operation of such project.

(c) "Cost," as applied to a turnpike project, means the cost of construction, the cost of the acquisition of all land, rights-of-way, property, rights, easements and interests acquired by the authority for such construction, and the cost of demolishing or removing any buildings or structures on land so acquired, including the cost of acquiring any lands to which such buildings or structures may be moved, the cost of all machinery and equipment, financing charges, interest prior to and during construction and, if deemed advisable by the authority, for a period of not exceeding one year after completion of construction, cost of traffic estimates and of engineering and legal services, plans, specifications, surveys, estimates of cost and of revenues, other expenses necessary or incident to determining the feasibility or practicability of constructing any such project, administrative expense, and such other expenses as may be necessary or incidental to the construction of the project, the financing of such construction and the placing of the project in operation. Any obligation or expense incurred by the department of transportation with the approval of the authority for traffic surveys, borings, preparation of plans and specifications, and other engineering services in connection with the construction of a project shall be regarded as a part of the cost of such project and shall be reimbursed to the department out of the proceeds of turnpike revenue bonds authorized.

(d) "Public highways" shall include all public highways, roads and streets in the state, whether maintained by the state or by any county, city, town or other political subdivision.

(e) "Bonds" or "turnpike revenue bonds" means revenue bonds of the authority authorized under the provisions of this act.

(f) "Owner" includes all individuals, copartnerships, associations or corporations having any title or interest in any property, rights, easements and interest authorized to be acquired by this act.

History: L. 1953, ch. 308, § 1; L. 1975, ch. 427, § 168; L. 2019, ch. 49, § 1; July 1.