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**TESTIMONY BEFORE
JOINT COMMITTEE ON STATE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION**

RELATING TO KDOT INVENTORY SYSTEMS

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Good morning Mister Chairman, members of the committee. I am Dan Scherschlight, Division Director of Engineering and Design for the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), here today to present KDOT's system of keeping inventory records of real property and real estate transactions, in accordance with K.S.A. 75-3516.

KDOT, Bureau of Right of Way maintains an inventory system of all real property, from buildings to right-of-way holdings, in order to keep accurate records and locate potential excess property. Non-infrastructure inventory includes all land which is not part of the highway system, and is in a separate inventory system from infrastructure inventory.

As of November 30, 2011, the agency had completed the review of all plan files on record to determine any excess right of way. As reported in previous years, our goal to have 100 percent review of property has been completed, and to date all 105 counties have been analyzed for possible tract of excess. As of the end of FY 2012, KDOT has identified 1,187 potential excess tracts of land. Please see the attached table for a complete progress to date overview.

As tracts are identified, they are passed on for internal review to determine if they are in fact excess right-of-way. Excess tracts are then analyzed for marketability and will be sold if marketable. As of the end of FY 2012, 352 tracts had completed review. Of these, 113 tracts were considered marketable, while 239 were not marketable or were not excess.

The quality of the excess right-of-way often presents a challenge in attempting to sell that property. The size, shape and location of the tracts are not always desirable to buyers, making them not marketable. In FY 2012, 113 total tracts were classified as not marketable.

In addition to internal project review, we receive request from individuals and other government entities such as federal, city or county. In FY 2012, 33 tracts or interests were released at no charge. This figure includes the return of oil and gas mineral interests to the landowners from which they were acquired as well as breaks in access for the convenience of the traveling public. Also included are areas that will continue to be used for public purposes which are turned back to local government entities.

Summarizing both project reviews and public requests, in 2012, 24 tracts comprising of 96 total acres were sold for a total of \$438,793.

Thank you for the opportunity to update the committee on KDOT's inventory systems and excess right-of-way. I would be happy to answer questions at the appropriate time.

FY 2012 Progress Chart

Public requests

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Public Inquiries received	140	118
Marketable (releasable plus held in fee)	41	41
Tract/interests sold	23	16
Tracts/interests released	33	41
Revenues	\$ 438,058	\$ 98,126

Project review

	<u>2012 Cumulative</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011 Cumulative</u>
Counties reviewed	105	0	105
Potential excess tracts	1187	2	1185
Sent to Review	376	1	375
Review Complete	352	53	299
Not marketable or not excess	239	45	194
Marketable	113	9	105
Sold	15	1	14
Released	16	4	12
Revenues	\$ 12,928	\$ 735	\$ 12,193

Totals	Revenue	\$ 438,793	\$ 104,476
	Tr Sold	24	23
	Acres	96	69