

SENATE BILL No. 285

By Committee on Ways and Means

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1 AN ACT concerning roads and highways; establishing the joint legislative
2 transportation task force; relating to the evaluation of the state highway
3 fund and the state highway transportation system; report to the
4 legislature.

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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 Section 1. (a) There is hereby established the joint legislative
8 transportation task force. The task force shall consist of the following
9 members:

10 (1) Two members of the house of representatives to be appointed by
11 the speaker of the house of representatives. Of such members, at least one
12 member shall be from the house standing committee on appropriations,
13 and the speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint either
14 member to serve as co-chairperson of the task force;

15 (2) one member of the house of representatives to be appointed by the
16 minority leader of the house of representatives;

17 (3) two members of the senate to be appointed by the president of the
18 senate. Of such members, at least one member shall be from the senate
19 standing committee on ways and means, and the president of the senate
20 shall appoint either member to serve as co-chairperson of the task force;

21 (4) one member of the senate to be appointed by the minority leader
22 of the senate;

23 (5) two county commissioners to be appointed by the Kansas
24 association of counties;

25 (6) two city representatives to be appointed by the Kansas league of
26 municipalities;

27 (7) one member appointed by economic lifelines;

28 (8) one member appointed by the Kansas contractors association;

29 (9) one member appointed by the heavy constructors association;

30 (10) one member appointed by the Kansas aggregate producers
31 association-Kansas ready mix association;

32 (11) one member appointed by the greater Kansas City building and
33 construction trades council;

34 (12) one member appointed by the AFL-CIO;

35 (13) one member appointed by the American council of engineering
36 companies of Kansas;

- 1 (14) one member appointed by the Kansas public transit authority;
- 2 (15) one member from a class I railroad company appointed by
3 economic lifelines;
- 4 (16) one member from a short line railroad company appointed by
5 economic lifelines;
- 6 (17) one member appointed by the Kansas motor carriers association;
- 7 (18) one member at large appointed by the speaker of the house of
8 representatives;
- 9 (19) one member at large appointed by the president of the senate;
- 10 (20) one member at large appointed by the governor; and
- 11 (21) the following ex-officio members, who all shall be nonvoting
12 members:
 - 13 (A) the secretary of transportation, or the secretary's designee;
 - 14 (B) the secretary of commerce, or the secretary's designee; and
 - 15 (C) the secretary of agriculture, or the secretary's designee.
- 16 (b) (1) Members shall be appointed to the task force not later than 45
17 days from the effective date of this act. Members of the task force must all
18 be residents of Kansas and shall consist of members from all four
19 congressional districts in Kansas.
- 20 (2) The joint legislative transportation task force may meet in an open
21 meeting at any time upon the call of either co-chairperson of the task
22 force. The task force shall meet at least eight times, including at least one
23 meeting in each of the six Kansas department of transportation districts,
24 and at least two meetings in metropolitan district areas.
- 25 (3) A majority of the voting members of the joint legislative
26 transportation task force constitute a quorum. Any action by the task force
27 shall be by motion adopted by a majority of the voting members present
28 when there is a quorum.
- 29 (4) Any vacancy on the joint legislative transportation task force shall
30 be filled by appointment in the manner prescribed in this section for the
31 original appointment.
- 32 (c) The mission of the joint legislative transportation task force shall
33 be as follows:
 - 34 (1) Evaluate the progress of the 2010 transportation works for Kansas
35 program to date;
 - 36 (2) evaluate the current system condition of the state transportation
37 system, including roads and bridges;
 - 38 (3) evaluate current uses of the state highway fund dollars, including
39 fund transfers for other purposes outside of infrastructure improvements;
 - 40 (4) evaluate current transportation funding in Kansas to determine
41 whether it is sufficient to not only maintain the transportation system in its
42 current state, but also to ensure that it serves the future transportation
43 needs of Kansas residents;

1 (5) identify additional necessary transportation projects, especially
2 projects with a direct effect on the economic health of the state of Kansas
3 and its residents;

4 (6) make recommendations regarding the needs of the transportation
5 system over the next 10 years and beyond;

6 (7) make recommendations on the future structure of the state
7 highway fund as it relates to maintaining the state infrastructure system;
8 and

9 (8) make and submit reports to the legislature concerning all such
10 work and recommendations of the task force. All such reports shall be
11 submitted to the legislature on or before January 31, 2019.

12 (d) (1) The staff of the office of revisor of statutes, the legislative
13 research department and the division of legislative administrative services
14 shall provide assistance as may be requested by the joint legislative
15 transportation task force.

16 (2) The Kansas department of transportation shall, upon request by
17 the joint legislative transportation task force, provide data and information
18 relating to the transportation system in the state of Kansas that is not
19 otherwise prohibited or restricted from disclosure by state or federal law.

20 (e) Subject to approval by the legislative coordinating council,
21 members of the joint legislative transportation task force attending
22 meetings authorized by the task force shall be paid amounts provided in
23 K.S.A. 75-3223(e), and amendments thereto, except that task force
24 members who are employed by a state agency shall be reimbursed by such
25 state agency.

26 (f) The provisions of this section shall expire on June 30, 2019.

27 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
28 publication in the Kansas register.