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Alternative Delivery Methods SB 116

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The Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas city supports Senate Bill 116. Alternate construction delivery is an effective and efficient way to improve Kansas transportation networks.

KDOT and the Unified Government used the design build process to redesign and build the new Turner Diagonal/I-70 interchange. The project was completed ahead of schedule and saved taxpayers money.

The Unified Government supports further changes in State law which would allow local governments to use design build and construction manager at risk techniques for public construction projects. These techniques have saved Wyandotte County taxpayers millions of dollars on several major public construction projects, but are difficult to use under current State laws.

Modifications would allow a county to use alternative project delivery on highways, roads, bridges, dams or related structures or stand-alone parking lots if the criteria is met. A prime example is Turner Diagonal. Historically, alternative delivery was not allowed on highways, roads, bridges etc. because they were considered straight forward projects that did not require this type of delivery. However, that is not always true today. Some roadways and bridges are complicated and require this type of delivery.

Missouri allows any political subdivision to use the construction manager-at-risk method for civil works projects such as roads, streets, bridges, utilities, water supply projects, water plants, waste water plants, water distribution and wastewater conveyance facilities, airport runways and taxiways, storm drainage and flood control projects, or transit projects commonly designed by professional engineers in excess of two million dollars; and non-civil works projects such as buildings, site improvements, and other structures, habitable or not, commonly designed by architects in excess of three million dollars.

The Unified Government thinks allowing local governments to use design build and construction manager at risk processes will benefit taxpayers and expedite our ability to complete important public projects.