

To: Senate Transportation Committee

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RE: Support for HB 2201 - Written

Thank you to Chairman Petersen and Committee members for allowing the League of Kansas Municipalities the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2201.

As we testified when this Committee heard SB 116, all cities share the need for a consistent and dependable transportation plan at the state level. Just as the League in past sessions has supported enacting the transportation program which became the Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program, so we now support the adjustments contained in HB 2201, designed to ensure a consistent and dependable transportation plan for 10 years.

HB 2201 would make the benefits of the Eisenhower Legacy Transportation program more accessible to local government, mainly by reducing the threshold for alternate delivery projects from \$100,000,000 to \$10,000,000. In addition, the bill allows the Secretary flexibility to let to construction at any time (without conditioning such new construction on first letting remaining phases of the existing T-Works program) new construction for any modernization or expansion project that uses federal stimulus funds.

The League of Kansas Municipalities is supportive of the suggested modifications to the Eisenhower Legacy Transportation program. We support HB 2201 and respectfully ask the committee to recommend the bill favorably to the full Senate for its consideration.