

RESOLUTION NO. 52-08

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS
FOR LYON COUNTY, KANSAS CONCERNING THE ENACTMENT
BY THE KANSAS LEGISLATURE OF A NEW STATE-WIDE
COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Lyon County, Kansas met in due and regular session this 18th day of September, 2008; and

WHEREAS, one of the major responsibilities of County government is to plan for the immediate and long-term transportation needs of the county;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Lyon County, Kansas (hereinafter the "County"), has conducted the necessary investigations to identify the transportation capital improvements that are needed in the county; and

WHEREAS, these specific transportation capital improvements are essential to the health, safety and welfare of our citizens in the future; and

WHEREAS, these specific transportation capital improvements are vital to the economic well-being of the county and to its long-term growth and development; and

WHEREAS, the failure to undertake these transportation capital improvements will impede and may prevent the economic needs and goals of the county from being accomplished; and

WHEREAS, the county is unable to finance such capital transportation improvements without substantial assistance from the State of Kansas and the Kansas Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the State of Kansas and the Department of Transportation cannot sufficiently address the transportation needs of the county and other cities and counties across the state without the enactment of the new Comprehensive Transportation Program by the Kansas Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LYON COUNTY, KANSAS:

Section 1. **Priority Transportation Projects.** After careful investigation of the transportation needs in the county, the following transportation capital improvements are hereby declared to be vital to the future economic growth and development of the county and the safety of its citizens:

- (1) US Highway 50 between Emporia and Newton or at the very least expanded west out of town to road E5 to allow for safe entrance into Industrial Park IV and Prairie Land Partners.
- (2) Continued funding for information and directional signage. Expand opportunities for signage such as unique zeroescape at community entrances.
- (3) Continued T21 funding for transportation enhancements.
- (4) Funding to remove the Y intersections of highway 99 and road L and highway 99 and K-170 for safety reasons.
- (5) Rail:
 - (a) Continued funding for quiet zones
 - (b) Continued funding for underpass improvements
 - (c) Continued support for passenger rail
 - (d) Continued funding for railroad improvements such as sidings, train sets, intersection improvements, etc.
- (6) Continued to provide funding to assist with economic development projects such as road improvements.
- (7) Continued federal and state support for airport improvements.

Section 2. **New Comprehensive Transportation Program.** The county hereby endorses and supports the enactment of a new Comprehensive Transportation Program by the Kansas Legislature of sufficient size and magnitude to address the specific transportation capital improvements set forth in Section 1.

Section 3. The County Clerk shall send copies of this resolution and any supporting documentation to: Governor Kathleen Sebelius; State Senator Jim Barnett; State Representative Don Hill; all candidates for state representative; all local news media outlets; and the Kansas Association of Counties.