



29 WHEREAS, the State of Kansas and the Kansas Department of Transportation  
30 cannot sufficiently address the transportation needs of Shawnee County and the City of  
31 Topeka and other cities and counties across the state without the enactment of a new  
32 Comprehensive Transportation Program by the Kansas Legislature.

33 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT JOINTLY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
34 COMMISSIONERS OF SHAWNEE COUNTY, KANSAS AND THE GOVERNING BODY  
35 OF THE CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS:

36 Section 1. **Priority Transportation Projects.**

37 After careful investigation of the transportation needs in Shawnee County and the  
38 City of Topeka, the following transportation capital improvements are hereby declared to be  
39 vital to the future economic growth and development of the county and city and the safety  
40 of their citizens and to all those who use the mentioned highways and other means of  
41 transportation:

42 State Highway Projects

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- 44 1. I-70 Polk Quincy Viaduct – reconstruct and realign for safety reasons and to  
45 maximize riverfront development.
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  - 47 2. Improve the US-24 Corridor according to recommendations from Corridor Studies,  
48 including improvements west to Manhattan and east to Lawrence.
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  - 50 3. Southside Corridor – Connecting local project, 77<sup>th</sup> St to 15<sup>th</sup> St to I-70.
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  - 52 4. US-75 interchange at 49<sup>th</sup> St and US-75 corridor improvements south to Lyndon and  
53 north from Holton to Nebraska.
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  - 55 5. Complete the Oakland Expressway, add additional 2-lanes the entire Oakland  
56 Expressway route & complete the connection from the Oakland Expressway through  
57 US-24 to northern K-4.
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  - 59 6. K-10, construct a 4-lane extension from Lawrence to Topeka.
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61 Local Highway Projects

62 1. Convert Carlson Road to state highway connecting link, including the replacement of  
63 the Willard Bridge between I-70 and US-24.

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65 2. Increase the share of transportation revenues to city & county governments for use  
66 within local transportation systems.

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68 Public Transit

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70 1. Increases in state funds for public transit operations.

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72 2. Park & ride service for commuter traffic between Topeka and Lawrence.

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74 Highway Policy Recommendation

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76 1. Establish statewide policies to address overnight truck parking needs in major  
77 corridor projects as they are planned and constructed.

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79 Aviation

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81 1. Support the Kansas Association of Airports Improvement Program to increase  
82 funding for airport infrastructure.

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84 Bicycle & Pedestrian Trails

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86 1. The completion of pedestrian trails radiating within Topeka/Shawnee County, then to  
87 surrounding cities and counties.

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89 2. Incorporation of bike routes in highway & local street construction and  
90 reconstruction.

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92 Railroads

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94 1. Improve safety by addressing at-grade crossings that are identified as problematic.

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96 2. Increase access to passenger rail service to commute to Kansas City and Oklahoma  
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99 Section 2. New Comprehensive Transportation Program.

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101 Shawnee County and the City of Topeka hereby endorse and support the enactment  
102 of a new Comprehensive Transportation Program by the Kansas Legislature of sufficient  
103 size and magnitude to address the specific transportation capital improvements set forth in  
104 Section 1.

105           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Shawnee County Clerk and the Topeka City  
106 Clerk shall send copies of this Resolution and any supporting documents to the following:  
107 Governor Kathleen Sebelius; State Senator Laura Kelly; State Senator Anthony Hensley,  
108 State Senator Vicki Schmidt; State Representative Rocky Fund; State Representative Mike  
109 Burgess; State Representative Lana Gordon; State Representative Ann Mah; State  
110 Representative Joe Patton; State Representative Annie Kuether; State Representative  
111 Annie Tietze; State Representative Vaughn Flora; State Representative Harold Lane; and,  
112 State Representative-Elect Sean Gatewood; all local news media outlets; the Kansas  
113 Association of Counties; and the League of Kansas Municipalities.

114 ADOPTED and APPROVED by City Council November 25, 2008.

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CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

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William W. Bunten, Mayor

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Brenda Younger, City Clerk

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131 ADOPTED and APPROVED by the Board of County Commissioners, Shawnee

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County, Kansas \_\_\_\_\_.

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
Shawnee County, Kansas

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Cynthia Beck, County Clerk

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