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## Transportation Secretary issues sales tax statement

The following is a statement from Kansas Transportation Secretary Mike King regarding a proposal before the Kansas House of Representatives (House sub for SB 84) to divert sales tax revenue scheduled to begin flowing to KDOT in July under funding provisions of the T-WORKS transportation program:

"Loss of the sales tax revenue will reduce the agency's anticipated revenues by nearly \$382 million over the next two years. This is in addition to proposed transfers from the State Highway Fund of nearly \$300 million. So, clearly, the loss of sales tax revenue will have serious consequences for the T-WORKS program as early as this summer. Highway projects will be cut or delayed. At this time, we haven't analyzed which projects may be affected, but we will consider all categories of projects – preservation, modernization and expansion that are scheduled to be let in fiscal year 2014 and after."

For information about the transportation program, please visit the <u>T-WORKS website</u>.

This information can be made available in alternative accessible formats upon request. For information about obtaining an alternative format, contact the Bureau of Transportation Information, 700 SW Harrison St., 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl West, Topeka, KS 66603-3754 or phone 785-296-3585 (Voice)/Hearing Impaired – 711.

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