

SESSION OF 2011

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE
SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 225**

As Recommended by House Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

House Sub. for SB 225 would allow the Secretary of Transportation to authorize transit buses to be operated on the right shoulders of highways in the state highway system in Wyandotte County. The bill also would require the commissioners of Wyandotte County to report to the Legislature concerning implementation and operation of the “bus on shoulder” program.

Background

SB 225, as introduced, would have designated a portion of I-70 as the Truman/Eisenhower Presidential Highway. Those provisions are included in the conference committee report for HB 2172.

The 2010 Legislature enacted HB 2561 (KSA 75-5091), which authorizes transit buses to be operated on the right shoulders of highways in the state highway system in Johnson County and requires the Johnson County Commission and the Kansas Department of Transportation to report annually on the program. Transit buses are allowed to be operated on the highway shoulder only if traffic speed on the highway is less than 35 miles per hour. The transit bus may not exceed traffic speed by more than ten miles per hour and is required to yield to merging, entering, and exiting

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

traffic, and to other vehicles on the shoulder. The bill authorized the Secretary to promulgate rules and regulations on topics, including required signage, to implement the bill's provisions. The law also authorizes a transit bus being operated in accordance with the section's other provisions to pass another vehicle on the right.

The contents of the substitute bill were requested by a representative of the Kansas Public Transit Association. No fiscal note was available on the substitute bill.