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SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 8, 2011

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Transportation was held on Tuesday, February 8, 2011, in room 100 of the Farnum Building at 12:30 p.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Casperson, Kowall, Brandenburg, Pavlov, Gleason, and Hood
Absent: None
Excused: None

The Agenda Summary is as follows:

- 1) **Adoption of the committee minutes**
- 2) **Presentation by Director Kirk Steudle, Michigan Department of Transportation**
- 3) **Presentation by Michael Nystrom, Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association**
- 4) **Presentation by Arnold Weinfeld, Michigan Municipal League**
- 5) **Presentation by Ed Noyola, County Road Association of Michigan**

The meeting was called to order at 12:40 p.m.

The Chair began by taking roll, then led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chair followed by asking for a motion to adopt the minutes of February 1, 2011. Senator Brandenburg made the motion; being no objection, the motion carried.

He then invited Kirk Steudle, Director of the Department of Transportation, to offer comments or additional information specific to funding issues following his presentation from the previous week.

Director Steudle provided the members with an overview of the federal initiatives that are having an impact on Michigan.

Questions and discussion followed.

The committee then heard from Michael Nystrom, Executive Vice President of Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association (MITA). Keith Ledbetter, Director of Legislative affairs for MITA, joined in the presentation as well. They gave the members an overview of the current challenges facing Michigan and the history of ongoing funding discussions.

Questions and discussion followed.

Comments were then offered by Arnold Weinfeld, Director of Strategic Initiatives & Federal Affairs for the Michigan Municipal League. He discussed their concerns relative to state and federal funding issues.

The final presentation was by Ed Noyola, Deputy Director of the County Road Association of Michigan; he spoke of their concerns and the issues they would like to see addressed.

Questions and comments followed.

Being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

February 15, 2011

Date Adopted by Committee