



## THE SENATE

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## MINUTES

The Senate Committee on Transportation held a meeting on Tuesday, November 1, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. in the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, MI. At the request of Senator Casperson, Senator Kowall chaired the meeting and called it to order at 6:14 p.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Casperson (C), Kowall, Pavlov, Hansen, and Hood

Absent: None

Excused: Senators Brandenburg and Gleason

Senator Casperson announced the following order of business:

- Adoption of minutes from joint meeting with Economic Development, October 25, 2011
- SR 93 Sen. Colbeck A resolution to memorialize Congress and the U.S. Department of Transportation to approve a grant for a project at the I-275 and Ford Road interchange under the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery Discretionary Grant program.
- SCR 19 Sen. Colbeck A concurrent resolution to memorialize Congress and the U.S. Department of Transportation to approve a grant for a project at the I-275 and Ford Road interchange under the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery Discretionary Grant program.

Senator Kowall led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senator Kowall requested a motion to adopt the minutes of the joint meeting with Economic Development from October 25, 2011. Senator Casperson offered the motion, Senator Hood offered support. Being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Kowall announced the committee would be taking testimony on Senate Resolution 93 and Senate Concurrent Resolution 19. As the sponsor, Senator Colbeck gave members a brief overview of the measures.

The following individuals testified in support of the resolution:

- Supervisor Philip LaJoy, Canton Township
- Tim Faas, Municipal Services Director, Canton Township
- Mayor William Wild, City of Westland
- Representative Richard LeBlanc, Westland
- Chip Snider, Township Manager, Northville Township
- Mayor Jack Kirksey, City of Livonia
- Mayor Al Haidous, City of Wayne
- Dennis Webb, W.F. Whelan Company
- Bryce Kelly, Detroit Region Aerotropolis
- Representative Kurt Heise, Canton
- Representative Dian Slavens, Canton
- Commissioner Kevin McNamara, Wayne County
- Carmine Palombo, Southeast Michigan Council of Governments
- Pat Nemecek, Director, Canton Public Safety
- Tim Dunn, Fire Chief, Canton Public Safety
- Judge Michael Gerous, Chief Judge, 35<sup>th</sup> District Court
- Melissa McLaughlin, Treasurer, Canton Township
- Laura Giove, Home Depot District Operations Manager
- Marty Heator, Chair, Canton Chamber of Commerce
- Kelly Bartlett, Michigan Department of Transportation
- Tony Kratofil, Michigan Department of Transportation
- Barbara Weide, Canton resident
- Mary Sidick, Canton resident
- Dave Duffield, Friends of I-275 Metro Trail
- Jeanie Derani, Canton Chamber of Commerce
- Daniel McCausland, Canton business owner and resident
- Michael Hansel, Canton resident

The following Canton Township residents submitted testimony cards in support of the resolution but did not speak before the committee:

- Ray Winningham
- Keith Hansen
- Linda Jones
- Nancy Austin
- Charles Mott
- Sreenivas Kuchibhatla
- Stan Sidick
- Janet Volante
- Lawrence Wegrzyn

- Jeff Nutting, Southeast Michigan Council of Governments
- Robert and Sandra Kovalik
- Mike Sheppard
- Mike Pohl
- Steven Sneiderman
- Nate Markou, Dumar Estate Sales
- Mark Waldbauer, Canton Downtown Development Authority (DDA)
- Arathi and Harjot Singh
- Frank Powelson, POCO Inc.
- Marie Everitt
- Robert and Agnes Godek
- Kathleen and Timothy Gondek
- Crystal Glass-Boyd
- Brian Geor, Mannik and Smith
- Scott Spielman
- Robert and Margaret DiNicola
- Mark Slavens
- Ron and Dollie Lieberman
- Steve Gravlin, Wade-Trim
- Sean Kelley, Mannik and Smith
- Lt. Ray Garbarino, Northville Township Police
- Walt Herzia
- Dan and Christine Popoff
- Anne Nasyadi
- John Middlestead
- Kathie Orr
- John Emley
- Gregory Demopoulos, Canton Township Trustee
- William Springer
- Keith Vocante, Canton Township
- Michael Hansel
- Carolyn Cox
- Bill Serchak
- Keith Dimaria
- Tom Casari
- Nancy Williams
- Robert Harris
- Pat Williams, Canton Township Trustee
- Joan DiMaria
- Diane Bancroft, Friends of I-275 Metro Trail
- Deloris Newell
- Jean LaJoy
- Parker Stiner
- Tom Smvczynski, Nottingham Forest

- Barbara Caruso, Canton Public Safety
- Jan Strube
- Kim Scartelli, Canton Chamber of Commerce
- Kathy Rich
- Matt Stacey, Wade-Trim
- Lori Fodule, City of Westland
- Robert Trueman, Buffalo Wild Wings
- Chuck and Barbara Jones, Play it Again Sports
- Terry Dobbitt
- Linda and James Shea
- Kimberly Avery, Michigan Department of Transportation
- Clara Bonfiglio
- Virginia Garner
- Craig Hirsch

Being no further testimony, Senator Hansen offered a motion to report Senate Resolution 93 with recommendation that the resolution be adopted; support was offered by Senator Casperson.

Yeas: Senators Casperson, Kowall, Pavlov, Hansen, and Hood

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Pavlov offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution 19 with recommendation that the resolution be adopted; support was offered by Senator Casperson.

Yeas: Senators Casperson, Kowall, Pavlov, Hansen, and Hood

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Kowall made a motion to excuse the absent members; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Being no further business, Senator Kowall adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m., without objection.

**Date Adopted by Committee: November 8, 2011**

**Minutes Amended by Committee: December 13, 2011**

(Additional testimony cards were submitted at a later date and added to the minutes)