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## MTI CREDIT CHECK

We've had hundreds of local government officials attend the League's Municipal Training Institute classes in the past year. Do you think you've earned enough credits to graduate from Levels 1, 2 or 3?

Each spring, at the Leadership Summit and Kansas Mayors Conference, the League honors MTI graduates. Now is the time we start to check credits and see who will graduate this year. Do you think you're close? We have a *handy printable MTI checklist* you can use to track your progress through the MTI program but we like to also make sure your credits are tracked in our web enrollment system. If you think you're close to completing a level, reach out to *Megan Gilliland* and let's do a credit check! We love celebrating member milestones!

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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

The legislative session is in full swing! Our *weekly legislative calendar* lists the committee meetings with presentations, briefings, and hearings that are of interest to local governments. A few items of note:

**KOMA - RECORDING OF MEETINGS:** House Bill 2219 has been scheduled for a hearing on Monday February 18th at 3:30 in House Judiciary (346-S). This bill would require any public body or agency, that is subject to the Kansas Open Meetings Act, record audio or video of any meeting that is required to be open to the public and make that audio or video recording "accessible to the public" within 24 hours after the meeting. The bill does not say how long the recording must be maintained or what "accessible to the public means." The League requested that cities submit testimony on how this will affect your city. Contact General Counsel *Amanda Stanley* with questions about this legislation.

**POLITICAL SIGN REGULATIONS:** On February 13, the House Local Government Committee (218-N) held a hearing on HB 2135, legislation that repeals K.S.A. 25-2711 that restricts a city's or county's ability to restrict political signage in the right-of-way during the 45-day period before an election. Several cities provided testimony in support of repealing the 2015 legislation. The House Local Government Committee is slated to have final action on this legislation on Wednesday, February 20 at 9:00 a.m. If you have questions, please contact Deputy Director *Trey Cocking*.

**ELECTRIC SCOOTERS:** The House Transportation Committee (582-N) held a hearing on Wednesday, February 13 about HB 2126, legislation regulating the operation of electric-assisted scooters on roads and highways. The League testified in support of this legislation. The bill is set for final action in House Transportation on Thursday, February 21. If you have questions, please contact Research Associate *Chardae Caine*.

**INTERNET SALES TAX:** There is an informational briefing on the *Legislative Post Audit Report* on Internet Sales Tax on Tuesday, February 19 at 9:00 a.m. in the House Federal and State Issues Committee (346-S). There may also be a hearing on HB 2352 in the House Taxation Committee on Thursday, February 21 at 3:30 p.m. (112-N). The League supports legislation allowing the state and local governments to collect sales tax on internet purchases. We are watching this issue; if you have questions, please contact Deputy Director *Trey Cocking*.



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## MARCH

### NEW TOPIC!

- Harassment in the Workplace (Elective)
- MARCH 6 | El Dorado

Register on-line at: [www.lkm.org/events](http://www.lkm.org/events)





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# MARCH

- Emergency Management (Elective)
  - MARCH 1 | Minneapolis
  - MARCH 29 | Cimarron

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## SAVE THE DATE!

**LEADERSHIP SUMMIT**  
 & Mayors Conference  
 April 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>  
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More information about the Leadership Summit and Kansas Mayors Conference is available at: [www.lkm.org/LeadershipSummit](http://www.lkm.org/LeadershipSummit)



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### KDOT PLANNING TO INVEST \$160M IN TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

In a news release from the Governor and KDOT Acting Secretary Julie Lorenz, the state is proposing to move forward with investing \$160 million in revenue that is included in the Governor's FY 2020 budget for transportation. The \$160 million comes from reducing the amount of money transferred out of the State Highway Fund. Since 2011, more than \$2 billion has been transferred out of the State Highway Fund, causing costly project delays, reduced highway preservation work, a decline in the health of our highway system and an inability to plan for future projects."



Perhaps most notably for cities, KDOT is planning to use \$2 million in funding to increase payments in FY2020 from \$3,000 to \$5,000 per lane mile for the City Connecting Link Maintenance Payment Program. To review the Governor's press release on this announcement, visit their website. The materials provided at the announcement are also included [at this link](#).

The League supports continued investment in Kansas' transportation infrastructure and applauds the efforts of KDOT and the Governor to allocate funding for this issue.