Comparative Summary of the Economic and Fiscal Impact of Traffic Analysis Zones on Topeka, Kansas

With KTA Interchange and Full Build-Out, Mid-Range and Historic Trends Growth

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An Executive Summary of the Projected Economic and Fiscal Impact from Traffic Analysis Zones

Introduction

This report summarizes the results of economic and fiscal impact analyses performed by Impact DataSource, Austin, Texas. The analyses were to determine the impact that growth in 21 Traffic analysis zones in Topeka, Kansas will have on the economy of the Topeka area and the costs and benefits for the City over the first thirty years of construction in the zones and operations.

Description of the Project and Traffic Analysis Zones

A Kansas Turnpike Authority (KTA) Interchange is proposed at SE 29th Street in Topeka, KS.

The study concentrated on economic impacts to be generated in 21 Traffic analysis zones consisting of 5,222 acres around the proposed interchange with three growth scenarios: full build-out, mid-range and historic trends.

Characteristics of the zones are shown below.

Characteristics of TAZs in the Focus Area Around the Interchange			
	Full Build-out	Mid-Range	Historic Trends
Acres	5,222	5,222	5,222
2010 population	15,994	15,994	15,994
2040 population	20,507	18,094	16,292
30 year population growth	4,513	2,100	298
30 year population growth percentage	28.2%	13.1%	1.9%
2010 number of households	6,489	6,489	6,489
2040 number of households	8,660	7,622	7,302
30 year household growth	2,171	1,133	813
2010 retail jobs	772	772	772
2040 retail jobs	2,502	2,761	2,761
2010 nonretail jobs	2,761	3,533	3,533
2040 nonretail jobs	3,422	1,727	964
2010 total employment	3,533	2,956	2,405
2040 total employment	5,924	4,683	3,369
30 year jobs growth	2,268	1,150	(166)
30 year jobs growth percentage	64.2%	100.0%	-5.8%
2010 median household income	\$51,778	\$51,778	\$51,778

Summary of Costs and Benefits for the City during Construction and from Growth in the Traffic Analysis Zones over the First Thirty Years

Summaries of costs and benefits for the City over the first thirty years from the TAZs' construction and operations are shown in the three tables below.

Full Build Out

Summary of City Revenues from the TAZs over the First Thirty Years With Full Build-Out			
	From	From	
	Construction	Operations	
	Activities	Activities	Total
City revenues:			
Sales taxes	\$11,868,432	\$61,812,267	\$73,680,699
Building permits and fees	\$3,894,466		\$3,894,466
Property taxes		\$75,384,864	\$75,384,864
Misc. taxes and user fees		\$26,846,530	\$26,846,530
Utilities		\$50,497,680	\$50,497,680
Subtotal revenues over thirty years	\$15,762,898	\$214,541,341	\$230,304,240
City costs:			
Costs of general fund services		\$34,003,686	
Costs of utility services		\$45,447,912	
Capital improvement costs for 29th Street	\$13,900,000		\$13,900,000
City's interchange cost	\$8,000,000		\$8,000,000
Subtotal cost over thirty years	\$21,900,000	\$79,451,599	\$101,351,599
Net benefits for the city	(\$6,137,102)	\$135,089,743	\$128,952,641

Mid-Range

Summary of City Revenues from the TAZs over the First Thirty Years Mid-Range			
	From Construction Activities	From Operations Activities	Total
City revenues:			
Sales taxes	\$6,337,376	\$31,920,843	\$38,258,219
Building permits and fees	\$2,070,861		\$2,070,861
Property taxes		\$38,540,159	\$38,540,159
Misc. taxes and user fees		\$13,911,232	\$13,911,232
Utilities		\$26,166,695	\$26,166,695
Subtotal revenues over thirty years	\$8,408,236	\$110,538,928	\$118,947,164
City costs:			
Costs of general fund services		\$17,619,900	\$17,619,900
Costs of utility services		\$23,550,025	\$23,550,025
Costs of the interchange, city's portion	\$8,000,000		\$8,000,000
Costs of capital improvements to 29th St.	\$13,900,000		\$13,900,000
Subtotal cost over thirty years	\$21,900,000	\$41,169,925	\$63,069,925
Net benefits for the city	(\$13,491,764)	\$69,369,003	\$55,877,239

Historical Trends

Summary of City Revenues from the TAZs over the First Thirty Years Historical Trends			
	From Construction Activities	From Operations Activities	Total
City revenues:			
Sales taxes	\$3,910,081	\$5,909,407	\$9,819,488
Building permits and fees	\$1,269,164		\$1,269,164
Property taxes		\$17,906,987	\$17,906,987
Misc. taxes and user fees		\$9,292,048	\$9,292,048
Utilities		\$17,478,121	\$17,478,121
Subtotal revenues over thirty years	\$5,179,245	\$50,586,563	\$55,765,808
City costs:			
Costs of general fund services		\$11,769,264	\$11,769,264
Costs of utility services		\$15,730,309	\$15,730,309
Costs of the interchange, city's portion	\$8,000,000		\$8,000,000
Costs of capital improvements to 29th St.	\$13,900,000		\$13,900,000
Subtotal cost over thirty years	\$21,900,000	\$27,499,573	\$49,399,573
Net benefits for the city	(\$16,720,755)	\$23,086,990	\$6,366,235

Comparison of Net Revenues for the City if the Interchange is Not Built and is Built

Net Revenues for the City over Thirty Years if the Interchange is not built to net city revenues if the interchange is built are shown below.

Comparative Summary of City Revenues from the TAZs over the First Thirty Years With Full Build-Out, Mid-Range and Historical Trends Growth Scenarios				
	Full	Full		
	Build-out	Mid-Range	Trends	
Net benefits from construction activities	(\$6,137,102)	(\$13,491,764)	(\$16,720,755)	
Net benefits from operations in the area	\$135,089,743	\$69,369,003	\$23,086,990	
Total net benefits	\$128,952,641	\$55,877,239	\$6,366,235	

Conduct of the Analyses

These analyses were conducted by Impact DataSource using data and information on the TAZs supplied by the City's Planning Department. In addition, Impact DataSource used local tax and other rates and certain estimates and assumptions.

Using this data, the economic impact from the TAZs and the costs and benefits for the City of Topeka were calculated over the first thirty years of construction and operations within the TAZs.

In addition to the direct economic impact of the TAZs and workers, spin-off or indirect and induced benefits were also calculated.

Impact DataSource is a 22-year-old Austin economic consulting, research and analysis firm. The firm has conducted economic impact analyses of numerous projects in Kansas and 39 other states. In addition, the firm has developed economic impact analysis computer programs for several clients, including the New Mexico Economic Development Department.

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