



**MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION**

**Official Minutes**

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED  
HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING  
HELD IN WELDON SPRING, MISSOURI,  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2021**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission was held on Thursday, October 7, 2021, at the Missouri State Highway Patrol Troop C Headquarters, 891 Technology Drive, Weldon Spring, Missouri and was available via live stream. Robert G. Brinkmann, P.E., Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The following Commissioners were present: John W. Briscoe, Gregg C. Smith, Michael T. Waters, Jr., Terry L. Ecker, and W. Dustin Boatwright, P.E.

The meeting was called pursuant to Section 226.120 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended. The Secretary verified that notice of the meeting was posted in keeping with Section 610.020 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended.

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Patrick McKenna, Director of the Missouri Department of Transportation; Rich Tiemeyer, Chief Counsel for the Commission; and Pamela J. Harlan, Secretary to the Commission, were present on Thursday, October 7, 2021.

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*“Department” or “MoDOT” herein refers to Missouri Department of Transportation.  
“Commission” or “MHTC” herein refers to Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission.*

**-- OPEN MEETING --**

**COMMISSION/DIRECTOR ITEMS**

**RECOGNITION OF YEARS OF SERVICE**

The Commission recognized the Secretary to the Commission, Pamela Harlan, for her years of service to the department. They presented Ms. Harlan with a certificate applauding her 25 years of service.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Commission tabled for future consideration the approval of the August 4, 2021 regular meeting minutes.

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Consent Agenda Process**

In order to make the most efficient use of Commission meeting time and to ensure Commission members are well informed on issues requiring their action, staff prepares and submits to the Commission members, in advance of their meeting, internal memoranda consisting of advice, opinions, and recommendations related to the items of the Commission meeting agenda. Those items considered by staff to be of a routine or non-controversial nature are placed on a consent agenda. During the meeting, items can be removed from the consent agenda at the request of any one Commission member. The items that are not removed from the consent agenda are approved with a single motion and unanimous vote by a quorum of the members.

Minutes reflecting approval of items on the consent agenda are singly reported herein and intermingled with minutes reflecting action on related subjects that were openly discussed. Reference to

“consent agenda” is made in each minute approved via the process described in the paragraph above. Minutes reflecting action on items removed from the consent agenda and openly discussed reflect the open discussion and vote thereon.

**Consideration of October 7, 2021, Consent Agenda**

No items were removed from the consent agenda. Upon motion by Commissioner Waters, seconded by Commissioner Smith, the consent agenda items were unanimously approved by a quorum of Commission members present.

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**COMMISSION COMMITTEES AND COMMISSION RELATED BOARDS**

The Commission has two standing committees: Audit and Legislative. In addition, it elects Commission representatives to two boards: Missouri Transportation Finance Corporation Board of Directors and MoDOT and Patrol Employees’ Retirement System Board of Trustees. The Chairman also serves on the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety Executive Committee. The following committee and board reports were made during the October 7, 2021, meeting.

**Audit Committee** – Commissioner Brinkmann stated the next Audit Committee meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2021.

**Legislative Committee** – Commissioner Briscoe reported the General Assembly held a veto session on September 15, 2021, when it considered the legislative proposals that were vetoed by Governor Mike Parson during the 2021 Missouri legislative session. The General Assembly did not override any bills vetoed by the Governor.

On October 1, the department submitted its proposed Fiscal Year 2023 budget request to the Capitol. The proposed \$4.1 billion budget goes to the Office of Administration, the House Budget Committee, and the Senate Appropriations Committee for their review and debate.

Commissioner Briscoe remarked that Director McKenna will provide the Commission with an update on what has taken place on the national level as it relates to the federal transportation authorization act, next year’s federal fiscal year budget and the impacts these congressional activities could have on Missouri.

**Missouri Transportation Finance Corporation (MTFC)** – Commissioner Smith stated the next MTFC meeting will be held on October 22, 2021.

**MoDOT and Patrol Employees’ Retirement System (MPERS)** – Commissioner Boatwright reported the board met on September 23, 2021. At this meeting, the actuary report was reviewed, and the employer

contribution rate was set at 58 percent for MoDOT employees. While some progress has been made on the funded status, there is still room for improvement. Currently, the funded status is at 62.4 percent. The next board meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2021.

**Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety Executive Committee** – Commissioner Brinkmann stated the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety is a partnership of safety advocates throughout the state who have joined together for a common purpose: to end fatalities and serious injuries on Missouri roadways. The coalition recently created an Executive Committee to provide statewide leadership. The Executive Committee consists of a member of the Commission, Department Directors for Public Safety, Revenue and Transportation, the Superintendent of the Highway Patrol, and two at large members from other organizations. There are also ex officio members that include the Governor, Lt. Governor, Senate Transportation Committee Chair, House Transportation Committee Chair, and chair of the coalition steering committee.

Chairman Brinkmann reported at this initial meeting of the executive committee the bylaws were adopted, and the committee discussed extending invitations to two at large members: one from the Police Chiefs Association and one from an automobile insurance agency. The committee also reviewed the state of highway safety in Missouri and noted the lack of seatbelt usage and distracted driving are leading causes of fatalities and serious injuries in crashes. During this discussion we were reminded that October 22, 2021 is the fifth annual Buckle Up Phone Down day.

Commissioner Brinkmann commented, it is so simple, and everyone needs to do it every time when getting in a vehicle, buckle up and put the phone down!

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## **DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

During the October 7, 2021, Commission meeting, Director Patrick McKenna provided the following report:

**Recognition of Service** – Director McKenna recognized former Chairman Waters with a gavel plaque to thank him for his service as Chairman of the Commission.

**Southeast Emergency Bridge Work** – Chief Engineer Ed Hassinger stated on September 27 at 5:45 a.m. a northbound Interstate 55 truck drove into the center median and crashed into the center bridge columns of an overpass. This occurred at mile marker 55.6, about three miles south of Matthews, Missouri. The driver was wearing his safety belt and survived. MoDOT crews were on scene shortly after the accident and contacted the Southeast Bridge Crew to evaluate the situation. The truck and debris was removed and the MoDOT bridge crew shored up the bridge that evening. Mr. Hassinger noted his appreciation for the Missouri State Highway Patrol who helped provide traffic control while the interstate was closed. Staff in MoDOT’s Bridge Division quickly organized a plan and awarded an emergency contract. Mr. Hassinger reported crews completed the work to replace the damaged pier. This amazing work is a testament to the dedicated and skilled employees in the bridge maintenance department and the Bridge Division. It was a dramatic hit to the bridge and within 12 hours it was shored up, and in less than two weeks was repaired.

**Recognition of St. Louis Senior Highway Designer** – The Director noted his appreciation for St. Louis Senior Highway Designer Glenn Konersman who developed a statewide program aimed at increasing

Missouri's share of federal funds. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has a program that provides states an additional 5% federal contribution to innovative projects. Mr. Konersman saw an opportunity to expand this program and began investigating all innovative technologies and practices listed on FHWA's website. So far in 2021, Mr. Konersman has identified and been approved for more than \$20 million of savings and additional federal reimbursements. Beyond his own project efforts, Mr. Konersman formed and led a team of interagency employees to create the process for identifying projects that are eligible for additional reimbursement. Mr. Konersman has coordinated with MoDOT leadership and FHWA to develop an online project eligibility system that is efficient and simple, minimizing impact to already overloaded Project Managers, other Program Delivery staff, and FHWA reviewers. Project Managers across the state have been submitting projects and more are anticipated during the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) update process as this becomes a standard state practice. When fully implemented, this new process positions Missouri to be eligible for up to \$100 million in additional federal reimbursements per year. The Director noted how fortunate MoDOT is to have people like Glenn that that will step up and look beyond their own responsibilities to save taxpayer money and bring more resources to Missouri.

**Day of Remembrance** – Director McKenna reported September 16 was day of tremendous significance for MoDOT. The department held its annual Day of Remembrance with small outside ceremonies at district office memorials and at the statewide memorial in Jefferson City. This is a solemn and important event to never forget the men and women who have given their life in service to the state. Director McKenna solemnly noted that this year another name was added to the memorial, Lloyd Crawford, from the Kansas City district was killed in June while setting up flooded road signs. The Director shared a video capturing the ceremonies around the state noting how important it is to gather and read the names of those who died while working in the line of duty.

**Highway Safety and Traffic Conference** – Director McKenna reported on September 20-22, the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety hosted its annual Highway Safety and Traffic Conference. Local, state, and national safety experts and advocates met to share best practices, ideas, and discussions supporting Missouri's strategic highway safety plan, Show-Me Zero. The conference drew 250 in-person attendees, as well as 300 virtual, including law enforcement, emergency responders, engineers, educators, and local officials. Governor Parson and Highway Patrol Colonel Eric Olson joined Director McKenna in providing opening remarks. This conference is important to continuing work on important issues including distracted driving, motorcycle safety, work zone safety, and human trafficking. Director McKenna thanked Chairman Brinkmann for joining the opening session.

**I-49 Ribbon Cutting** – Commissioners and staff joined to celebrate a great moment between Missouri and Arkansas – September 30 was the ribbon cutting for completion of I-49. This last piece, known as the Bella Vista bypass, completes a roadway that connects I-49 to I-29 stretching from Louisiana to North Dakota. Director McKenna was pleased to note that it was a great day for both states and shared a brief video of the ceremony.

**Federal Funding Update** – Director McKenna reported on the status of the federal reauthorization for transportation. He noted we continue to wait and see whether a proposal will make it through Congress, but should this pass Missouri could see an increase in federal funds between 25 and 30 percent more over the next five years. That combined with the state motor fuel tax increase could bring Missouri the largest

capital program in history. This means there is a lot to of work to do and a lot to prepare for and he remains hopeful this will be resolved in Washington D.C.

**Meritorious Safety Award** – Director McKenna shared a story of a heroic act by a St. Louis District employee. On August 19, at approximately 7:15 p.m., Emergency Response Operator Curtis Hechler was on patrol in the city of St. Louis. Mr. Hechler had just crossed the eastbound I-55/I-64 Popular Street Bridge over the Mississippi River when a driver pulled up and flagged him down. The driver alerted him that a person was attempting to jump off the bridge. Mr. Hechler immediately headed back west over the bridge and he could see several people trying to restrain a woman from jumping. Mr. Hechler hit the emergency button on his radio, which requests back up. As he pulled up to the scene, the woman was hanging off the bridge. Mr. Hechler grabbed her and lifted her back over the wall. She ran down the bridge and tried to climb over the wall again, but Mr. Hechler caught up with her. He told her he was not going to let her die on his watch. Emergency responders arrived on the scene and took care of the woman. Director McKenna remarked that Mr. Hechler who truly saved a life that night.

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## **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

### **ST. LOUIS REGION TRANSPORTATION PARTNERS**

Jim Wild, Executive Director of East-West Gateway Council of Governments; Taulby Roach, President and Chief Executive Officer of Bi-State Development; and Sam Murphey, Chief Strategy Officer of Greater St. Louis, Inc., presented jointly on how partnering can open lines of communication and lead to collaboration on transportation around the region. Mr. Wild described the composition of the board of directors for the East-West Gateway Council of Governments. He explained that East-West Gateway has four primary areas of focus that include transportation planning, community planning, research, and regional security.

He then shared that one of the regional partners, Bi-State Development, has four areas of operations. Metro offers transit options throughout the region including buses, light rail, and paratransit services. There are a few Gateway Arch tourist attractions including the tram system, riverboats, and helicopter tours. The St. Louis Downtown Airport offers general aviation services. The St. Louis Regional Freightway organizes the freight network in the region to optimize the movement of freight and promote the region as a multimodal hub.



Next, Mr. Wild explained that Greater St. Louis, Inc. combines the strengths of five legacy organizations who now have a common vision for fostering inclusive economic growth. These legacy organizations included Alliance STL, Arch to Park, Civic Progress, Downtown STL, Inc., and the St. Louis Regional Chamber. Greater St. Louis, Inc. has many aspects that will address the metropolitan area's challenges and opportunities for economic development and job growth.

Mr. Wild reported on regional statistics that included geography, population, economy, and lane miles. He explained it is important to know this information and how it affects making investments in transportation with the limited resources that are available. When developing the list of transportation projects for the region the data is key but so are the core values of preservation and maintaining the system, providing services to regions that are growing, and increase safety and security. He then shared the list of the region's transportation projects that are currently funded. Then he also shared a list of projects that need funding, should the region get additional transportation resources become available these projects would be the priorities for the region.

Commissioner Smith thanked them for their joint presentation. Commissioner Boatwright inquired about freight and container on barge options.

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## **ST. CHARLES COUNTY UPDATE**

Steve Ehlmann, St. Charles County Executive, presented to the Commission information regarding the county including that it is one of the fastest growing areas in the St. Louis region and Missouri. He noted a lot of the growth was able to occur due to the infrastructure provided by MoDOT. He also thanked the Commission for including the Wentzville Curve project in the 2022-2026 STIP. This will remove a bottleneck along I-70 on the west side of the county and improve the flow of traffic and freight across Missouri.

He also shared some of the unfunded transportation needs in the county. A major project at the interchange of I-70, I-64, and US 61 is needed. The county provided funding for a traffic study and conceptual engineering. This project is on Tier 1 of MoDOT's High Priority Unfunded Needs. Another project is Route N; this project is currently not included on the unfunded needs list. The county has provided funding for an environmental study and conceptual engineering. The county will be asking that this project move forward soon.

Mr. Ehlmann acknowledged the need to maintain low volume roads and noted the lack of funding available to maintain the few lane miles of low volume roads in the county. He urged the Commission to address this problem across the state so additional funding can then be used to address the unfunded transportation needs. He congratulated everyone whose work led to the successful passage of the state gas tax increase and noted he was hopeful for good news at the federal level as well.

Mr. Ehlmann described how the county is doing its part to help the department with its unfunded needs. The county helps fund for additional mowing and trash pickup along I-70, otherwise these services would only be performed four times per year which is inadequate for an urbanized area. The county plans to continue to pay for this additional service.

Mr. Ehlmann concluded his remarks by sharing statistics about how the St. Louis region including the county produces the most gross domestic product and has the majority of the state's population yet receives only a small portion of the state's transportation funds.

Commissioner Briscoe thanked Mr. Ehlmann for his presentation and shared a memory of some time they had spent together in 2000. Commissioner Waters thanked the county for bringing funds to the table to address transportation needs in the county.

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## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **COMMENTS REGARDING MEETING TRANSPARENCY**

Arnie Dienoff shared his views of the Commission meeting process and what he believes is the need for more transparency. He thanked Cody Acres and Clay Knox, both are public employees, for assisting a motorist on I-70 on September 27, 2021. He noted his complaint for the September 30, 2021 Commission meeting workshop not being provided via live stream, although the meeting was open to the public. He complained the closed meeting held on October 6, 2021 was not held in a public place and was not noticed properly. He questioned the funds expended for holding the October 6, 2021 closed meeting.

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## **MODOT PRESENTATIONS**

### **UPDATE FROM MODOT'S ST. LOUIS DISTRICT**

On behalf of the Director, Tom Blair, St. Louis District Engineer, shared some basic information about the district that has a population of over 2 million across four counties and the City of St. Louis. There is a variety of communities and economic base in the region including a couple of champion sports teams.

Mr. Blair reported the MoDOT district team is responsible for about 6,000 miles of state roads. Major roads and interstates are in eighty-five percent good condition. Minor roads are in eighty percent good condition. Low volume roads are in seventy-six percent good condition. With two major rivers converging in the district, there are 58 major bridges and 1,095 non-major bridges that are maintained by the district. The district also has several specialty assets which include about 1,056 traffic signals, 169 dynamic message signs, and 677 roadway cameras.

The district has challenges with its workforce. The district currently has 627 active employees but are authorized for 713 positions. The district has had 109 separations year to date. The district is in a state of perpetual hiring. This challenge weighs heavily on everyone in the district.

Safety is a concern in the district. With over 750 fatalities statewide, the district has had almost 200 of those fatalities. Mr. Blair noted the recent increase in motorcycle fatalities that could have been avoided if helmets were worn. He also reported on the strikes on the truck mounted attenuators in MoDOT's work zones. With over 50 strikes statewide, over half of those have occurred in St. Louis.

Mr. Blair reported on the traffic management center activities summarizing the number of calls received and answered, the top concerns reported, and the number of times the emergency response crews assisted motorists. He also reported on operations activities that have included addressing priority one calls, along with sweeping, mowing, and litter pickup.

Mr. Blair reported on the program delivery efforts of the district. There are 66 active construction projects worth \$344 million. The largest project is the I-270 design build project which is a \$246 million project. In design, there are 68 projects totaling \$324 million. The Right of Way unit has been busy clearing 336 parcels for construction work while also selling excess parcels valued at \$1.4 million.

Mr. Blair then highlighted a few projects in the district. He reported the bridge replacement and interchange improvements on I-44 at the Meramec River is near completion. The project that is removing the I-64 ramps at Pine and Chestnut and building a new interchange at Jefferson is on schedule for completion in the Spring of 2022. The design build project for I-70 from Cave Springs to Fairground is on schedule for award in February 2022.

Mr. Blair noted the high priority unfunded needs list has five tier one projects that the district is hopeful it can begin to work on soon with additional transportation investments. There is one project for each county and the City of St. Louis on this list. In Jefferson County, I-55 safety and capacity improvements. In St. Charles County, I-64 and I-70 interchange improvements. In St. Louis City, I-64 rehabilitation of bridges and pavements from Kingshighway to Jefferson Avenue. In Franklin County, Route 47 safety and capacity improvements. In St. Louis County, I-70 reconfiguration for airport access and replacement of bridges.

Commissioner Smith thanked Mr. Blair for his presentation. Commissioner Boatwright noted his appreciation for the internships and mentor ship of youth to build excitement for construction work on the I-270 design build project.

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**BUSINESS ISSUES**

**MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FISCAL YEAR 2023 AMENDED APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST AND FISCAL YEAR 2022 AMENDED SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST**

On behalf of the Director, Todd Grosvenor, Financial Services Director, presented the fiscal year 2023 amended appropriations request for \$4.1 billion, and the fiscal year 2022 amended supplemental appropriations request for \$133.7 million. MoDOT’s fiscal year 2023 appropriations request and fiscal year 2022 supplemental appropriations request was approved by the Commission on September 9, 2021. The fiscal year 2023 amended appropriations request and fiscal year 2022 amended supplemental appropriations request includes a revised amount of employee market adjustments. The original fiscal year 2023 appropriations request included \$45.0 million for the employee market adjustment and the amended request includes \$59.7 million, an increase of \$14.7 million. The original fiscal year 2022 supplemental appropriations request did not include the employee market adjustment and the amended request includes \$59.7 million.

The requests include \$59.7 million of personal services and fringe benefits to provide an employee market adjustment to employee salaries which include modifying the salary structure to optimize it and be more competitive with market; establishing market competitive midpoints for all salary grades; and advancing employees toward that midpoint more quickly based on tenure.

Mr. Grosvenor recommended approval of the amended proposed fiscal year 2023 appropriations request totaling \$4.1 billion, and the amended proposed fiscal year 2022 supplemental appropriations request totaling \$133.7 million. Via approval of the consent agenda, the Commission unanimously

approved the amended proposed fiscal year 2023 appropriations request totaling \$4.1 billion, and the amended proposed fiscal year 2022 supplemental appropriations request totaling \$133.7 million as noted in the table below.



**Fiscal Year 2023 Appropriations Request  
By Appropriation Detail**  
(Dollars in Thousands)

<u>Appropriations</u>	Fiscal Year 2021 Actual Expenditures	Fiscal Year 2022 TAFP <sup>1</sup> Budget	Fiscal Year 2023 Appropriations Request
Administration	\$ 18,681	\$ 26,765	\$ 28,429
Safety and Operations <sup>2</sup>	\$ 346,992	\$ 423,517	\$ 453,394
Program Delivery <sup>2 3</sup>	\$ 1,477,328	\$ 2,114,414	\$ 2,245,777
FFIS	\$ 70,654	\$ 93,791	\$ 99,833
Multimodal <sup>2</sup>	\$ 92,226	\$ 256,104	\$ 261,295
Fringe Benefits	\$ 195,675	\$ 230,841	\$ 260,625
Refunds and Transfers <sup>4</sup>	\$ 571,520	\$ 581,550	\$ 731,800
<b>Total MoDOT Appropriations Request</b>	<b>\$ 2,773,076</b>	<b>\$ 3,726,982</b>	<b>\$ 4,081,153</b>

<sup>1</sup> Fiscal year 2022 Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed (TAFP) budget.

<sup>2</sup> Includes federal funds MoDOT pays to contractors and providers for goods and services.

<sup>3</sup> Includes appropriations for Contractor Payments, Design and Bridge Consultant Payments, Accelerated Program, Right of Way and Federal Pass-Through.

<sup>4</sup> Appropriation request amount is \$1 in the event the appropriation is needed.

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**STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP)**

**CONSIDERATION OF BIDS FOR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS**

On behalf of the Director, Travis Koestner, State Design Engineer, presented the following recommendations pertaining to bids received on federal aid and state highway and bridge projects during the past month. He noted Calls A01, D07, F05, and H01 have local funding, as noted in Table I below, and the department received all the necessary concurrences.

Mr. Koestner recommended: (1) Award of contracts to the lowest responsive bidders for bids received at the September 17, 2021, letting, as recommended, and noted in Table I below; (2) Rejection of bids received on Call F04 due to excessive bids per Section 102.15 of the Missouri Standard

Specifications for Highway Construction and noted in Table II below. (3) Contingent award of contract on Call A05 to the second lowest bidder per Section 103.2.2 of the Missouri Standard Specifications for Highway Construction, as the apparent low bidder has indicated they will not execute the contract and plan to submit a check for the amount of the bid bond. (4) Concur in award to the lowest responsive bidder for the bids received by the City of West Plains, as recommended and noted in Table III below. (5) Ratify award of contract for the emergency bridge repair, as recommended and noted in Table IV below.

**Table I  
Award of Contracts  
September 17, 2021, Bid Opening**

Call No.	Route	County	Job No.	Bid Amount	Non-Contractual Costs	Contractor	Description
A01*	69	Daviess	J1P3366	\$10,432,610.58	\$0.00	Herzog Contracting Corp.	Resurface
	I-35	Various	J1I3232				Coldmill and Resurface
	N	Harrison	J1S3431				Resurface
A02	129	Chariton	J2S0502	\$2,736,998.45	\$0.00	Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc.	Bridge Deck Replacement
	24		J1P3270				
	TT		J1S3263				
	M	Mercer	J1S3218^				Bridge Replacement
A03	36	Caldwell	J1P3301	\$7,676,348.37	\$0.00	Magruder Paving, LLC	Coldmill and Resurface
		Buchanan, Dekalb	J1P3368				
A05#	116	Buchanan	J1S3385	\$130,000.00	\$0.00	Phillips Hardy, Inc.	Bridge Rehabilitation
D01	50	Cole	J5P2190	\$1,185,161.90	\$0.00	Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc.	Bridge Rehabilitation
			J5P3442				
			J5P3449				
D02	17, 52	Miller	J5P3326	\$634,721.00	\$0.00	Blevins Asphalt Construction Company, Inc.	Seal Coat
D03	135, W	Miller, Morgan	J5P3329	\$1,546,517.00	\$0.00	Blevins Asphalt Construction Company, Inc.	Seal Coat
D04	Various	Crawford, Maries	J5P3347	\$740,536.00	\$0.00	Blevins Asphalt Construction Company, Inc.	Seal Coat
D05	72	Dent, Phelps	J5P3382	\$4,029,000.00	\$0.00	Pace Construction Company	Resurface
D06	54	Callaway	J5P3401	\$2,355,000.00	\$0.00	Pace Construction Company	Coldmill and Resurface
D07**	63	Boone, Callaway	J5P3409	\$15,350,303.10	\$0.00	Capital Paving & Construction, LLC	Coldmill and Resurface, Pavement Repair

Call No.	Route	County	Job No.	Bid Amount	Non-Contractual Costs	Contractor	Description
D08	Various	Crawford, Phelps	J5S3394	\$2,498,000.00	\$0.00	Pace Construction Company	Resurface, Coldmill and Resurface
	WW, FF	Crawford	J5S3340				Resurface
D09	J, AA	Camden	J5S3438	\$378,545.00	\$0.00	Blevins Asphalt Construction Company, Inc.	Seal Coat
F02	I-70	St Charles	J6I3492	\$4,373,435.32	\$0.00	Magruder Paving, LLC	Resurface
F03	270	St Louis	J6M0286	\$52,775.00	\$0.00	SWATA Group, LLC	Sound Wall Repair
F05***	94	St Charles	J6P3418	\$20,572,414.09	\$0.00	Gershenson Construction Co., Inc.	Grading, Pavement, Bridge Rehab, and Wall
			J6S3304				Resurface
			J6S3600				Grading and Pavement
F06	E	Jefferson	J6S3090C	\$230,160.41	\$0.00	CSD Environmental Services, Inc.	Bank Stabilization
F07	I-44	St Louis	J6S3270	\$6,049,658.22	\$0.00	Gershenson Construction Co., Inc.	Bridge Replacement
G01	18	Bates, Henry	J7S3295	\$16,445,919.93	\$0.00	Magruder Paving, LLC	Resurface
	I-49	Bates, Cass	J7I3258				Coldmill and Resurface
H01****	D	Wayne	J9S3504	\$4,848,594.22	\$0.00	H.R. Quadri Contractors, LLC	Grading, Pavement and Box Culvert Extension
			<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$102,266,698.59</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		

^ Focus on Bridges Program

\* Call A01 – Funding by Love’s Travel Stop and Country Stores, Inc – \$75,205.00 (J1S3431)

\*\* Call D07 – Funding by Boone County – \$100,000.00

\*\*\* Call F05 – Funding by St. Charles County – \$2,004,085.00 (J6S3600)  
Funding by City of St. Charles – \$11,036,687.46 (J6P3418)

\*\*\*\* Call H01 – Funding by Army Corps of Engineers - \$2,750,000.00

# Contingent Award

**Table II  
Rejection of Bids  
September 17, 2021, Bid Opening**

Call	Route	County	Job No.	Description
F04	364	St. Charles, St. Louis	J6P3373	Signing, Guardrail, and Concrete Barrier



**Table III  
Concurrence in Award  
City of West Plains Bid Opening**

<b>Route</b>	<b>Counties</b>	<b>Job No.</b>	<b>Bid Amount</b>	<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Description</b>
63	Howell	J9P3664*	\$1,852,538.10	H.R. Quadri Contractors, LLC	Construct New Signalized Intersection at 5 <sup>th</sup> Street and Roundabout at intersection of 5 <sup>th</sup> Street and Kentucky Avenue

\*Governor's Cost Share in the amount of \$926,269.05

**Table IV  
Ratification of Award**

<b>Route</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Job No.</b>	<b>Bid Amount</b>	<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Description</b>
I-55	New Madrid	NA	\$90,000.00	Robertson Contractors, Inc.	Emergency Bridge Repair on New Madrid County Road 604 over I-55
		<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$90,000.00</b>		

**Commission Consideration and Action**

After consideration, and upon motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Briscoe, the Commission took the following action with abstentions noted below.

1. Awarded contracts to the lowest responsive bidders for bids received at the September 17, 2021, bid opening, as recommended and noted in Table I above. Non-contractual costs for these projects are shown on the above tabulation.
2. Rejected the bids received on Call F04 due to excessive bids per Section 102.15 of the Missouri Standard Specifications for Highway Construction, as recommended and noted in Table II above.
3. Contingently awarded contract on Call A05 to the second lowest bidder per Section 103.2.2 of the Missouri Standard Specifications for Highway Construction, as the apparent low bidder has indicated they will not execute the contract and plan to submit a check for the amount of the bid bond.
4. Concurred in award of contract to the lowest responsive bidder for bids received by the City of West Plains, as recommended and noted in Table III above.

5. Ratified award of contract for the emergency bridge repair, as recommended and noted in Table IV above.
6. Authorized the Director, Chief Engineer, Chief Financial Officer, or Assistant Chief Engineer to execute the contracts awarded above.

Commissioner Brinkmann abstained from Calls D05 and F05.

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## **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF LOCATION AND DESIGN ON HIGHWAYS**

**Route 67 (Future I-57), Route 160/67 Interchange to County Road 338, Butler County  
Job No. J9P3663 & J9P3764  
Virtual Public Hearing Held August 3, 2021  
Online Public Comments Received Until August 24, 2021**

This proposed improvement is to widen US 67 on new alignment to four lanes from the existing US 160 interchange to County Road 338, convert the existing US 67 pavement into an east outer road, construct a new west outer road from near Route V to County Road 338, and reconfigure the existing US 160 interchange to a diamond interchange with roundabout ramp terminals. The project will have fully controlled access right of way. The roadway will remain open to traffic during construction work will be completed without detours and will require traffic shifts to build the roundabouts on alignment. The work on US 67 will be completed behind temporary traffic barriers, and roundabouts will be built under traffic using temporary pavement as needed. The construction of the new lanes will need to be staged to maintain traffic flow. The project is 2.5 miles in length.

On behalf of the Director, Mark Croarkin, Southeast District Engineer, recommended approval of the location and design as presented at the public hearing.

After full consideration of the favorable and adverse economic, social and environmental effects of the recommended designs, the Commission via approval of the consent agenda unanimously found and determined the recommended designs would best serve the interest of the public and approved the recommendation.

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**APPROVAL OF PLANS FOR CONDEMNATION**

On behalf of the Director, Travis Koestner, State Design Engineer, recommended the Commission approve the following detailed project plans, approved by the Chief Engineer, for filing as necessary for the condemnation of right of way.

<u>County</u>	<u>Route</u>	<u>Job Number</u>
Clay	H	J4P3295E

In accordance with Section 227.050 RSMo, the Commission via approval of the consent agenda, approved the detailed project plans for the above noted project and directed they be filed as necessary for the condemnation of right of way.

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The Commission received the following written reports.

**MODOT BRIEFING REPORT**

Patrick McKenna, Director, provided to the Commission the written monthly Issue Briefs that are sent from the department to the Governor since the previous MoDOT Briefing Report. There were two briefing reports for the past month.

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**MEDICAL AND LIFE INSURANCE PLAN: MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL MEDICAL AND LIFE INSURANCE PLAN REPORT**

On behalf of the Director, Ashley Halford, Assistant to the Chief Administrative Officer, Employee Health and Wellness, provided financial and claims data reports for the period January 2021 through June 2021, and for the most recent five calendar years to update the commission on the cost and utilization of the Medical and Life Insurance Plan. The number of claims processed monthly in the first six months of calendar year 2021 decreased 15.6 percent compared to the first half of calendar year 2020. Medical claims decreased 24.6 percent, and pharmacy claims decreased 3.7 percent when compared to the same timeframe in 2020.

There was an increase of 6.3 percent in 2020 total claims expense when compared to 2019, and a 7.9 percent increase in pharmacy spending from 2019 to 2020. This increase can be attributed to an increase in the cost of specialty drug claims.

The State Paid Life Insurance program provides a death benefit equal to the employee's annual salary. If the death is work-related, this benefit is three times the employee's annual salary. This benefit is provided at no cost to the employee. Through June 2021 there were 7 active employee deaths, one of which was work related.

The total operating revenues increased 1.64 percent compared to the same period in 2020. This is a result of an increase in prescription formulary rebates as well as Medicare reimbursement. Operating revenues have outpaced operating expenses thus far in the calendar year, resulting in net income of \$4.7 million. Since December 2019 the net position has increased from \$42.7 million to \$50.2 million.

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**FINANCIAL - BUDGET - REPORTS – YEAR-TO-DATE, FINANCIAL REPORT PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 31, 2021**

Todd Grosvenor, Financial Services Director, submitted a written financial report for fiscal year to date August 31, 2021, with budget and prior year comparisons.

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**CONSULTANT SERVICES CONTRACT REPORT**

Travis Koestner, State Design Engineer, submitted a written report of consultant contracts executed in the month of August 2021, for both engineering and non-engineering related projects. The department utilizes consultants to efficiently manage workload and provide specialized expertise to supplement and support department staff. Expenditures for consultant services are funded from the Commission approved Statewide Transportation Improvement Program and MoDOT Operating Budget. There were 263 active contracts held by individual engineering consultant firms prior to August 1, 2021. Fourteen engineering consultant services contracts were executed in August 2021, for a total of \$2,863,467. There were zero non-engineering consultant contracts executed in August 2021.

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By unanimous consensus of all members present, the meeting of the Commission adjourned.

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- Represent the citizens of Missouri pursuant to the Constitution by providing independent and nonpartisan governance of the Missouri Department of Transportation; and
- Establish policies, exercise oversight, and ensure accountability in developing and maintaining a world class transportation system in Missouri which fosters safety and economic development.

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