



**MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION**

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**MINUTES OF THE HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING HELD  
IN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI,  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021**

A meeting of the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission was held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, in the City Beautiful A conference room at Loew's Hotel, 1515 Wyandotte Street, Kansas City, Missouri. Robert G. Brinkmann, P.E., Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.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 Tuesday, November 2, 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.*

**-- CLOSED MEETING --**

**VOTE TO CLOSE MEETING**

The agenda of the closed meeting was posted in keeping with Sections 610.020 and 610.022, RSMo, including the following statutory citations allowing the meeting to be closed:

1. Section 610.021(1) – Legal actions and attorney-client privileged communications.
2. Section 610.021(3), (13) – Personnel administration regarding particular employees.
3. Section 610.021(11), (12) – Competitive bidding specs, sealed bids, or negotiated contracts.

Upon motion duly made and seconded to convene in closed session, the Chairman called for a voice vote of the members. The vote was as follows:

Commissioner Waters, Aye  
Commissioner Briscoe, Aye  
Commissioner Smith, Aye  
Commissioner Ecker, Aye  
Commissioner Brinkmann, Aye  
Commissioner Boatwright, Aye

The Commission met in closed session on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. and adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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-- OPEN MEETING --

**COMMISSION/DIRECTOR ITEMS**

**COMMISSION WORKSHOP: REVIEW STATE SYSTEM UNFUNDED NEEDS AND FUTURE FEDERAL FUNDING STRATEGY**

On behalf of the Director, Ed Hassinger, Deputy Director/Chief Engineer, stated there is good news with the state gas tax increase from the passage of Senate Bill 262 (SB 262) and the possible infusion of additional federal funding once congress passes its federal reauthorization bill. The challenge is to manage expectations on the amount of funding being received and how much work can be accomplished with that funding.

To start the workshop, Eric Curtit, Transportation Planning Director, reviewed the Commission's funding allocation policy. This policy was developed and put in place in 2003 after considerable input from around the state where a desire was expressed for predictability in transportation funding in all areas of the state. This policy is data driven and helps people know what funding is coming to their region and when it will be available. Director McKenna noted while this policy was initially adopted in 2003, modifications have occurred over time and those are noted in the footnotes of the policy.

Mr. Hassinger explained three funding strategies the department is currently working with. The current funding available in the 2022-2026 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) totals \$5.044 billion. Estimates of the revenues that will be received as a result of SB 262 could increase state revenues by ten percent, which could make a total of \$5.544 billion available for the STIP. In addition, should the federal reauthorization pass, it is being referred to as IJA, federal funds are estimated to increase by about forty-three percent, making a total of \$7.207 billion available for the STIP. Mr. Hassinger noted that estimates for the IJA funding does not include any discretionary funds which would be in addition to these amounts.

Director McKenna noted some people may assume the state gas tax increase brings in more revenue than it actually does. While the dollar amount may not seem as significant to those people, what it does allow to happen is very significant; it allows the state to continue to match federal funds. Director McKenna also reported that he is hopeful the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funds that are available at the state level could be applied to transportation; the department has suggested that I-70 improvements be considered as a possible use for ARPA funds.

Mr. Curtit described the change in current funding distribution to the possible change in future funding distribution with SB 262 funding as one option and with SB 262 and IJA funding as another option. Both options increase funding for asset management significantly, more accurately reflecting the funding needed to take care of the system. But both options also reflect an increase in funding for future system improvements. Staff and the Commission had discussions regarding possible changes to the funding distribution to address the low volume road condition and to improve safety.

Staff explained that over the summer the department worked with its planning partners to update the unfunded needs list. However, with the potential additional transportation revenues there is a desire to revisit the unfunded needs list and seek additional public comment. The unfunded needs list has been updated for both tier one and two, and this year a tier three has been added along with a multimodal tier. The department plans to seek additional public comment on the unfunded needs list over the next several weeks. This list will help the department be prepared with projects when additional transportation funds become available.

The Commission noted its appreciation for receipt of this information from the workshop and looks forward to a presentation in December that incorporates options for future implementation.

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

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**The Mission of the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission is to:**

- 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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