

## **Highway and Bridge Construction Schedule RSMo 21.795.3(3)**

### **Introduction**

The information in this section is in accordance with the highlighted portion in the following section of the reporting statute. *"(3) The proposed allocation and expenditure of moneys and **the proposed work plan for the current fiscal year, at least the next four years**, and for any period of time expressed in any public transportation plan approved by either the general assembly or by the voters of Missouri. This proposed allocation and expenditure of moneys shall include the amounts of proposed allocation and expenditure of moneys in each of the categories listed in subdivision (1) of this subsection; ..."* Section 21.795.3(3), RSMo Supp. 2002 (L. 2003 TAFP HB 668) (emphasis added).

MoDOT has proposed a specific plan for highway construction covering the next five years. The plan relies only on currently anticipated revenues, and it specifies projects assumed to be placed under contract in the years 2005 through 2009. As each year of the plan is completed, a new year is added. This plan also includes other modes of transportation.

The 2005-2009 STIP represents MoDOT's transition from highway expansion to taking care of the existing highway system. Both the development process of the 2005-2009 STIP and the projects identified in the 2005-2009 STIP are consistent with each of MoDOT's strategic priorities. These priorities are to take care of the existing transportation system, to finish what has been started and to build public trust.

The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission approved a new funding distribution method in January 2003. This funding distribution was amended in June 2004. This funding method was developed with extensive public involvement and is consistent with MoDOT's strategic priorities. MoDOT intends to use the planning framework for identifying transportation needs and prioritizing projects for the upcoming 2006-2010 STIP. The process will provide a set of guidelines allowing for statewide consistency and for flexibility that recognizes regional differences. Each of MoDOT's 10 districts will have input in deciding how to use flexible funds.

The 2005-2009 STIP continues to emphasize the need to take care of the existing transportation system by increasing the investment in this area. The transition to the new funding distribution is not completed until state fiscal year 2006. The funding distribution in state fiscal year 2005 is consistent with the funding distribution in the previous STIP. This is necessary in order to honor previous project commitments. In state fiscal years 2006 through 2009, the new funding transition is fully implemented.

The 2005-2009 STIP incorporates new projects in 2009. This happens each year in a new STIP. As one year of projects is completed, another year is added. The program includes references to transportation improvements on the state system and also improvements identified by metropolitan planning organizations in St. Louis, Kansas City, Springfield, Columbia, Jefferson City, Joplin and St. Joseph.