ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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OF THE

SECRETARY OF STATE

MISSOURI TRANSPORTATION FINANCE CORPORATION

(A GENERAL NONPROFIT CORPORATION)

The undersigned,

Name of Incorporator

Address

Joe Mickes

Missouri Highway & Transportation Department Capitol and Jefferson Streets P. O. Box 270 Jefferson City, MO 65102

being a natural person of the age of eighteen years or more and a citizen of the United States, for the purpose of forming a nonprofit corporation under the provisions of Chapter 355 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended (the "Missouri Nonprofit Corporation Act"), does hereby adopt, as incorporator, the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of the corporation is:

MISSOURI TRANSPORTATION FINANCE CORPORATION

ARTICLE II

PUBLIC BENEFIT

This corporation is a Public Benefit Corporation.

ARTICLE III

DURATION

The period of duration of the corporation is perpetual.

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ARTICLE IV

REGISTERED AGENT

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The address of its initial registered office in the State of Missouri is 105 West Capitol, P.O. Box 270, Jefferson City, MO, 65102 and the name of its initial registered agent at said address is Mari Ann Winters.

ARTICLE V

INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The first board of directors of the corporation shall be five (5) in number, their names and addresses being as follows:

<u>Name</u>	Address		
Robert E. Jones	13100 Manchester Road Des Peres, Missouri 63131		
H. Mark Preyer	102 Slicer P.O. Box 189 Kennett, Missouri 63857		
Joe Mickes	Capitol and Jefferson Streets P.O. Box 270 Jefferson City, MO 65102		
David DeWitt	Capitol and Jefferson Streets P.O. Box 270 Jefferson City, MO 65102		
Mel Sundermeyer	Capitol and Jefferson Streets P.O. Box 270 Jefferson City, MO 65102		

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PURPOSES

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The purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

- (a) To benefit and carry out the purposes of the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission (the "Commission") by providing, or assisting in the provision of, the funding, establishment, acquisition, development, promotion, planning, design, construction, improvement, acquisition, maintenance or operation of transportation projects, facilities, equipment and systems in the State of Missouri.
- (b) To cooperate with the Commission toward the continued economic, social, industrial, cultural and commercial growth of the State of Missouri, act in the public interest and promote the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of the State of Missouri by providing financing and other assistance to public and private entities carrying out or proposing to carry out transportation projects in the State of Missouri.
- (c) To issue revenue bonds and refunding revenue bonds for the purposes set forth herein.
- (d) To secure and obtain to the extent authorized by law rights-of-way for transportation projects.
- (e) To perform functions normally undertaken by the Commission and its staff, thus reducing the burdens and demands on limited funds available to the Commission.
- (f) To act exclusively for charitable purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).
- (g) To operate exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of, the Commission. The corporation is not organized, nor will it be operated, for the benefit of, or to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of, any other person, organization or entity.
- (h) To perform any other lawful activity permitted by the Missouri Nonprofit Corporation Act.

ARTICLE VII

NONPROFIT STATUS

1. The corporation shall be a nonprofit corporation, organized under the Missouri Nonprofit Corporation Act, and no part of the net earnings or other assets of the corporation shall

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inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, any director, officer, contributor, or other private person, having, directly or indirectly, any personal or private interest in the activities of the corporation, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable of the purposes set forth in Article VI hereof.

- 2. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
- 3. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

ARTICLE VIII

POWERS

The corporation shall have all the powers of a nonprofit corporation enumerated in the Missouri Nonprofit Corporation Act, to be exercised only to prosecute and further its nonprofit purposes; provided, however, that none of the powers of the corporation shall be exercised to engage in activities, otherwise than as an insubstantial part of its activities, which are not in themselves in furtherance of the civic, social welfare and charitable purposes of the corporation.

ARTICLE IX

NO CAPITAL STOCK OR MEMBERS

The corporation shall not have authority to issue capital stock and shall not have any members as such but, in lieu thereof, shall have only a self-perpetuating board of directors, in which board there shall be vested all of the power and authority to supervise, control, direct and manage the property, affairs and activities of the corporation. The rights, powers and privileges of the directors shall be fixed in the bylaws. The first board of directors shall be as set forth in Article V hereof and shall hold office until their successors are duly elected and qualified as provided in the bylaws. The number of members of the board of directors shall be fixed by the bylaws, as amended from time to time at any time after the adoption of the initial bylaws, but in no event shall such number be less than three (3). Directors shall be elected or appointed in the manner and for the terms as provided in the bylaws.

ARTICLE X

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LIABILITY AND INDEBTEDNESS

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No officer or director of this corporation shall be individually or personally liable for the debts, liabilities or obligations of the corporation. Bonds, notes or other obligations issued by the corporation shall not be a debt of the Commission, and the Commission shall not be liable thereon. In no event shall such bonds, notes or other obligations be payable out of any funds or properties other than those acquired for the purposes of the corporation, and such bonds, notes or other obligations shall not constitute an indebtedness of the Commission, within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory debt limitation or restriction. The corporation shall issue no bonds, notes or other obligations until, in each case, the Commission adopts a resolution approving each specific issuance of obligations.

ARTICLE XI

DISSOLUTION

- 1. Upon dissolution of the corporation and after payment of all debts and satisfaction of all liabilities and obligations of the corporation (or making adequate provision therefor), and after the return, transfer or conveyance thereof because of the dissolution of the corporation, any remaining assets of the corporation shall be disposed of exclusively for the civic, social welfare and charitable purposes of the corporation by distributing such assets to the Commission, if then in existence, and, if not in existence, then to its successor or successors, provided that such successors be governmental units or organizations organized and operated exclusively for civic, social welfare and charitable purposes as shall at the time qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).
- 2. If no such successor is then in existence, any remaining assets shall be distributed to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for civic, social welfare and charitable purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).
- 3. All distributions upon dissolution shall be in accordance with a plan of distribution duly adopted in the manner provided by law; provided, however, that no distribution shall be made (i) which would violate the statutes of Missouri then in effect, or (ii) except in furtherance of the civic, social welfare and charitable purposes of the corporation.
- 4. The foregoing shall constitute the plan of distribution upon dissolution of the corporation.

ARTICLE XII

AMENDMENTS

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by the Missouri Nonprofit Corporation Act, but only upon (i) the affirmative vote of a majority of the entire number of directors then fixed by the bylaws; and (ii) the approval of the Commission. The bylaws of the corporation may from time to time be altered, amended, suspended or repealed, or new bylaws may be adopted, by resolution adopted by a majority of (a) the entire number of directors then fixed by the bylaws, and (b) the Commission.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has signed these Articles of Incorporation this Zawaday of August, 1996.

INCORPORATOR

Joe Mickes

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SS.

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said State, do hereby certify that on this day of August, 1996, personally appeared before me Joe Mickes, who being by me first duly sworn, declared that he is the person who signed the foregoing document as incorporator, and that the statements therein contained are true, and acknowledged that he executed said document as his free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal.

Notary Public - State of Missouri Commissioned in Cole County

My commission expires: 11-19-98

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Rebecca McDowell Cook Secretary of State

CORPORATION DIVISION

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

MISSOURI NONPROFIT

WHEREAS, DUPLICATE ORIGINALS OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF MISSOURI TRANSPORTATION FINANCE CORPORATION

HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, WHICH ARTICLES, IN ALL RESPECTS, COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF MISSOURI NONPROFIT CORPORATION LAW;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, REBECCA McDOWELL COOK, Secretary of State of the State of Missouri, by virtue of the authority vested in Me by Law, do hereby certify and declare this entity a body corporate, duly organized this date and that it is entitled to all rights and privileges granted corporations organized under the Missouri Nonprofit Corporation Law.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE SET MY HAND AND IMPRINTED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, ON THIS, THE 23RD DAY OF AUGUST, 1996.

Secretary of State

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