



View from the Chair

Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission

Commission Alters Schedule To Prepare for August Election

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Dear «GreetingLine»

Last Friday we learned the amendment to add a $\frac{3}{4}$ -cent sales tax for transportation purposes will be voted on by Missourians in the August 5 primary election. We had assumed it would be on the November general election ballot, but Governor Nixon opted to assign it to an earlier election, along with four other constitutional questions.

This means that the Commission and MoDOT must finish developing with all our planning partners the list of the projects to be delivered in the next ten years. Our planning partners around the state are hard at work at that task now and a draft list will come together by Friday, June 13th. The good thing is that these discussions have been taking place since January and are largely an extension of what we learned last year as MoDOT's long-range transportation plan was developed. So, it's not like we're starting from scratch.

In fact, at our last Commission meeting on May 14th, I had a chance to visit with each of our District Engineers who are spearheading this project in our seven districts around the state. I was very pleased to hear all the work they had already accomplished. The change in the election date will require MoDOT and our partners to move more quickly but they have already revised their timetables and are moving ahead full speed. When complete, the list will reflect the transportation needs of the state as assessed at the local level and will allow Missourians to clearly see what they will be getting for their additional transportation investment.

To prepare for the August election, the Commission has changed its summer meeting schedule. *A June 25 meeting has been scheduled in Jefferson City as the regular monthly meeting. This will also be the meeting when the MHTC will be asked to consider the 10-year project list.*

If you would like to communicate with the Commission, you can always reach us at MHTC@modot.mo.gov.

Onward!

Stephen R. Miller
Chairman

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