



View from the Chair

Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission

Commission Seeks Maximum Input from Missourians

Comment Period Extended to July 3

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Dear

After years of work by local planning agencies and transportation partners, the moment is here: Missourians can see the list of new transportation projects that could improve safety, create jobs and boost Missouri's economy.

Starting on June 13, the complete draft list of projects and priorities will be available at www.modot.org/movingforward. In addition, open house public meetings are taking place in every region of the state.

Community leaders, business owners and residents can drop by to take a look at local transportation priorities and share their thoughts.

We will work to reach as many people as possible over the next few weeks so they can see exactly what their Amendment 7 tax dollars would provide for their communities. Our goal is to help Missourians understand how the extra quarter they would pay for a pair of Levi's would mean hundreds of projects affecting every type of transportation – from roads and bridges to transit, ports, rail, airports and bike/ped facilities.

At today's commission meeting, MoDOT's Chief Engineer Ed Hassinger outlined the plan to gather public comment. The Commission has recommended that Missourians get as much time as possible to review the list and offer their feedback. That's why we decided to extend the public comment period for another two weeks to July 3. The Commission will then meet on July 9 to review the comments and approve the final list.

This is an opportunity of unprecedented magnitude. Each one of you understands the role of transportation in Missouri and the impact this amendment could have. The Commission and MoDOT are charged with *educating* all Missourians about the value of these transportation improvements and how these projects will improve safety and provide prosperity for the state. We cannot accomplish this without you. I urge you to engage in the conversation and get actively involved.

The list of public meeting locations and an online comment form is also available at www.modot.org/movingforward. Check back often, as additional meetings will be added as they are confirmed. I encourage you to find a meeting near you, and ask your friends and business associates to do the same.

And one more note – if you've got a Twitter feed, make sure to follow me [@MoDOT_Commish](https://twitter.com/MoDOT_Commish). I'll be tweeting all summer long about the value of transportation in Missouri. Come join the conversation!

Stephen R. Miller
Chairman

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