



**MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION**

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**MINUTES OF THE HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
INFORMATIONAL MEETING HELD IN JEFFERSON CITY,
MISSOURI, WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2014**

An informational meeting of the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission was held on Wednesday, May 14, 2014, at the Missouri Department of Transportation Building, 105 West Capitol Avenue, Jefferson City, Missouri. Stephen R. Miller, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. The following Commissioners were present: Kenneth H. Suelthaus and Gregg C. Smith. Commissioner Lloyd J. Carmichael was absent. On February 6, 2014, Governor Nixon withdrew the appointment of Commissioner Kelley M. Martin; at the time of the May 14, 2014 meeting, a replacement had not been appointed. On May 6, 2014, Governor Nixon withdrew the appointment of Commissioner Bryan T. Scott; at the time of the May 14, 2014 meeting, a replacement had not been appointed. With three Commission members present, a quorum was not attained. A quorum is required in order for business to be legally transacted. Consequently, a meeting was held for informational purposes only.

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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Dave Nichols, 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 Wednesday, May 14, 2014.

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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.

The Commission is a six member bipartisan board. With three Commissioners in attendance, the Commission did not attain a quorum; therefore, a closed meeting was unable to be convened.

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-- OPEN MEETING --

OPENING REMARKS

Chairman Miller opened the meeting by noting only three Commission members were present due to a Commissioner falling ill that morning and two vacancies that have yet to be filled. By law, the Commission is a six member bipartisan board, and a quorum consists of four Commission members. A quorum is required for business to be legally transacted. Chairman Miller stated the meeting was being conducted for informational purposes and all agenda items that required action would be postponed until a later meeting.

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COMMISSION REORGANIZATION

The Commission is a six member bipartisan board. With three Commissioners in attendance, the Commission did not attain a quorum to be able to take action on any agenda items. The Commission Reorganization agenda item required action; therefore, it was postponed to a later meeting.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Commission is a six member bipartisan board. With three Commissioners in attendance, the Commission did not attain a quorum to be able to take action on any agenda items. The Consideration of Minutes agenda item required action; therefore, it was postponed to a later meeting.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda Process

In order to make the most efficient use of Commission meeting time and to ensure Commission members are well informed on issues requiring their action, staff prepares and submits to the Commission members, in advance of their meeting, internal memoranda consisting of advice, opinions,

and recommendations related to the items of the Commission meeting agenda. Those items considered by staff to be of a routine or non-controversial nature are placed on a consent agenda. During the meeting, items can be removed from the consent agenda at the request of any one Commission member. The items that are not removed from the consent agenda are approved with a single motion and unanimous vote by a quorum of the members.

Minutes reflecting approval of items on the consent agenda are singly reported herein and intermingled with minutes reflecting action on related subjects that were openly discussed. Reference to “consent agenda” is made in each minute approved via the process described in the paragraph above. Minutes reflecting action on items removed from the consent agenda and openly discussed reflect the open discussion and vote thereon.

Consideration of May 14, 2014, Consent Agenda

The Commission is a six member bipartisan board. With three Commissioners in attendance, the Commission did not attain a quorum to be able to take action on any agenda items. The Consideration of the Consent Agenda required action; therefore, it was postponed to a later meeting.

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COMMISSION COMMITTEES AND COMMISSION RELATED BOARDS

The Commission has two standing committees: Audit and Legislative. In addition, it elects Commission representatives to two boards: Missouri Transportation Finance Corporation Board of Directors and MoDOT and Patrol Employees’ Retirement System Board of Trustees. The following committee and board reports were made during the May 14, 2014, meeting.

Audit Committee – Commissioner Suelthaus stated there was no report.

Legislative Committee – Commissioner Miller stated May 16 is the last day of the 2014 legislative session. He noted while the dust will not settle to know what specific transportation-related issues have either passed or failed until session concludes and all bills are reviewed, the Commission is still hopeful

for the successful passage of House Joint Resolution 68 (HJR 68), the three-quarters of one-percent sales tax increase dedicated for all modes of transportation.

Commissioner Miller also reported the GROW AMERICA act was introduced on April 30 by the U.S. Department of Transportation as its version of the next multi-year transportation reauthorization act. The act is a \$302 billion, four-year transportation reauthorization proposal that would take the place of the current reauthorization act called MAP-21, which is scheduled to expire by the end of the current federal fiscal year. Commissioner Miller commented just as MAP-21 was an abbreviation for Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century, GROW AMERICA stands for Generating Renewal, Oppportunity, and Work with Accelerated Mobility, Efficiency, and Rebuilding of Infrastructure and Communities throughout America.

Missouri Transportation Finance Corporation – Commissioner Miller reported the Missouri Transportation Finance Corporation (MTFC) Board met earlier in the morning. The Board elected officers and approved the fiscal year 2015 budget. Commissioner Miller stated the next MTFC meeting would be in August.

MoDOT and Patrol Employees’ Retirement System – Commissioner Suelthaus stated there was no report.

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DIRECTOR’S REPORT

With the end of the legislative session nearing, Director Dave Nichols was at the Capitol. During the May 14, 2014, Commission meeting, Chief Engineer Ed Hassinger provided the following report:

Innovations Showcase – Mr. Hassinger stated the Innovations Showcase was held in April 2014 in Springfield. He commented the innovations were incredible and like every year, staff continues to find ways to do things better and more efficiently. He shared a short video highlighting a few innovations.

State Employee Charitable Campaign – Mr. Hassinger reported for the seventh year in a row, MoDOT raised more money for the Missouri State Employees Charitable Campaign (MSECC) than any other agency. The department raised \$172,260; over \$50,000 more than the second highest agency. Mr. Hassinger commended the MSECC Committee, consisting of Dawn Haslag, Kelly Mertens, Richard Schomaker, and Jennifer Jorgensen, for organizing the department’s efforts.

Mowing – Mr. Hassinger noted crews have started mowing roadsides to provide good visibility. There are 385,000 acres of state-maintained roadsides statewide. Mr. Hassinger said the department has reduced mowing to three times through the end of October, not mowing out to the right of way line but making sure sight distance is mowed for safety purposes.

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PRESENTATION BY THE JEFFERSON CITY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Bob Gilbert, Chairman, thanked the Commission for their partnership and appreciated the opportunity to share with the Commission the tremendous economic impact that an investment of transportation funds has generated for the region and led to construction of the new St. Mary’s hospital. The soon-to-be-open world-class health care facility will retain or create over 200 jobs and SSM Healthcare is investing over \$200 million in the facility. Mr. Gilbert stated according to the Missouri Department of Economic Development, on average each year the hospital creates statewide 203 new jobs annually that pay an average wage of \$33,393, generates \$9.02 million in new personal income annually, adds \$12.06 million in new value-added to the economy annually, and boosts new economic activity by \$18.7 million annually. Mr. Gilbert commented the new St. Mary’s hospital is a result of partnering together to build the economy, which will soon share in the benefits of the investments of SSM Healthcare, the City of Jefferson, Cole County, MoDOT, and the Jefferson City Area Chamber. Partnerships like these are critical in getting projects, such as the new St. Mary’s hospital, from concept to completion.

Mr. Gilbert noted it takes resources to fuel a successful partnership. The Jefferson City area has been an advocate for transportation funding solutions. In each of the Chamber’s presentations since 2007, the Chamber’s Chairman has been in support of additional transportation funding. Mr. Gilbert noted last year the Chamber specifically endorsed Senate Joint Resolution 16, which demonstrated their sincere support for the state’s transportation infrastructure. This year the Chamber has continued with its support of HJR 68, the ¾ cent sales tax proposal to fund transportation that is pending before the

General Assembly. Most recently, Randy Allen, the President and CEO of the Chamber, arranged to have other chambers of commerce join them at the Capitol this week to support transportation funding and specifically HJR 68.

Mr. Gilbert also introduced a key partner in finding a transportation funding solution, Jefferson City Mayor Eric Struempf. Mayor Struempf stated transportation is essential to growing the local economy. Great strides have been made in the state's transportation system during the past few years. Moving forward the city recognizes MoDOT's funding will possibly decrease. Thus, new choices are needed for the people of the state to fund transportation. The city hopes the legislature will give the voters the chance to voice their opinion by passing HJR 68. The city stands to accomplish more transportation priorities if the sales tax proposal is passed. The mayor concluded his remarks by stating MoDOT has done a great job of building trust in the community and across the state and is known as an agency that can get things done.

Commissioner Smith thanked Mr. Gilbert for his presentation and also the Chamber's enthusiastic support of HJR 68. Commissioner Smith reiterated the kind of impact a project can have on a community like the Route 179 / Mission Drive interchange did for Jefferson City. A \$7.9 million transportation project enabled construction of a \$200 million hospital and created construction jobs throughout central Missouri.

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PUBLIC COMMENT – GENE MCKEEN AND LEE GANNAWAY

Gene McKeen and Lee Gannaway, citizens of Greene County, voiced concern about the design-build project on Route 60 at Rogersville. Approximately 35,000 vehicles utilize Route 60 daily. There are eight at-grade intersections, two of which are signalized, within the 3.5 miles of Route 60 through the City of Rogersville. The City of Rogersville is a quickly growing community in the greater Springfield area. Route 60 needs to be improved to accommodate the increased traffic and improve

safety at the intersections. One goal of the project is to convert Route 60 to a freeway between County Road 241 on the west and near Chicory Road on the east, providing two points of controlled access to Route 60 in the vicinity of Greene County Farm Road 253 and Webster County Route B/VV. This project will eliminate the at-grade intersections and traffic signals. Mr. McKeen and Mr. Gannaway expressed concern that the proposed interchanges are too close together and that there was not enough public input on the project. They requested the Commission and the department consider an interchange further west of Greene County Farm Road 253 to either Greene County Farm Road 249 or 247 and allow the design-build teams to consider an interchange west of Greene County Farm Road 253. Because of their concern about public input, another public meeting was held in April 2014. The meeting was recorded and the gentlemen presented a copy of the recording to the Commission for their consideration. The design-build project is in the process of being evaluated and a decision has not been made, they stressed that now is the time to take into consideration their preferred location for the interchange further west.

Commissioner Miller thanked Mr. McKeen and Mr. Gannaway for their comments. He also noted that the Commission takes their comments very seriously and will, in conjunction with staff, act accordingly.

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PUBLIC COMMENT – MAYOR JACK H. COLE

The Honorable Jack H. Cole, Mayor of Rogersville, thanked the Commission for the opportunity to express the city’s support of the Route 60 design-build project at Rogersville. He also introduced John Hill, President of the Board of Alderman, and Nancy Edison, City Administrator. Mayor Cole stated he has been the mayor for thirteen years, Mr. Hill the President for ten years, and Ms. Edison the city administrator for eleven years. During that time, Mayor Cole, Mr. Hill, and Ms. Edison have observed numerous public meetings conducted by various members of the MoDOT team seeking public

input on improvements to Route 60 through Rogersville. Mayor Cole appreciated the department's thoroughness and transparency of the design build project process.

Mayor Cole stated he is on the scoring committee for the design build project, and has signed a non-disclosure agreement so he could not share any details about the project. However, he could explain the base requirements are truly base requirements and do not limit the design-build team from proposing additional options. Mayor Cole noted the teams have brought forward interesting options that address safety and will provide economic benefit to the City of Rogersville, Greene County, and the entire region. The mayor noted he has not received any complaints about the project from the citizens of Rogersville.

Commissioner Miller thanked Mayor Cole for his comments, also expressing his appreciation for the time and energy to travel to the Commission meeting and for their effective form of advocacy by presenting a contested issue in a very civil and professional manner.

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PUBLIC COMMENT – DAN SMITH

Dan Smith, Greene County Highway Administrator, read a letter from the Greene County Commission to Southwest District Engineer Becky Baltz that stated appreciation of the openness, transparency, and diligence that the department has followed in evaluating possible sites for the Highway 60 intersections near and in Rogersville. Mr. Smith stated the project will be beneficial not only to the City of Rogersville, Webster County, and Greene County, but to the entire region. The Greene County Commission believes the project has tremendous economic development potential and will improve safety for the traveling public. Mr. Smith concluded by expressing his support of MoDOT staff, who listen to every viewpoint, give everyone the opportunity to comment, and take everything into consideration.

Commissioner Miller thanked Mr. Smith for his comments.

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PUBLIC COMMENT – JEFF SEIFRIED

Jeff Seifried, Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce, explained the Chamber represents ten counties around Springfield for economic development. The Chamber works with communities to help realize economic development goals. Mr. Seifried noted the Chamber fully supports the Route 60 Rogersville project as it will help grow the economy and appreciated the department's transparent process. He also submitted a letter of support from the Chamber to the Commission.

Commissioner Miller thanked Mr. Seifried for his comments.

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF FIRST LIEN REFUNDING STATE ROAD BONDS, SERIES A 2014 AND SECOND LIEN REFUNDING STATE ROAD BONDS, SERIES B 2014

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MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET

On behalf of the Director, Roberta Broeker, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Fiscal Year 2015 budget in the amount of \$2,223,941,000. Ms. Broeker reminded the Commission that the financial forecast was presented to them on January 8, 2014, and that it is the link between engineering and financial worlds at MoDOT. The department begins with its view of what resources are going to be available, then a budget is prepared, and ultimately the STIP uses the financial forecast and budget to develop the program that drives the operations of MoDOT.

Ms. Broeker estimated receipts for fiscal year 2015 at \$2,152,760,000. Total receipts for fiscal year 2015 are projected to decline \$79.7 million, or 3.6 percent, compared to the fiscal year 2014 budget. She then explained the decline in state and federal transportation funding. State funding has

also been flat as the state gas tax has been at 17 cents since 1996; and only has the purchasing power of 8 cents today. Since the fiscal year 2012 budget, federal funds have been flat and will start declining next year. Ms. Broeker noted due to the unlikelihood of a new federal transportation program titled, GROW AMERICA, being approved prior to the end of the federal fiscal year, states are once again facing the insolvency of the highway trust fund. MoDOT projects a 19 percent reduction in federal funds, or \$78.3 million, which not only impacts the department, but also local transportation partners. The highway trust fund is predicted to be insolvent in either July or August 2014.

The disbursement request for fiscal year 2015 is \$2.49 billion with the largest portion of this disbursement attributed to the program delivery category at \$1.49 billion for building roads and bridges. The next largest category is \$477 million for system management, which pays for the maintenance and repair of roads and bridges along with plowing snow and mowing the right of way. The multimodal category will receive \$124 million for aviation, ports, transit, and rail. The fleet, facilities, and information systems category will receive \$76 million. The smallest category, administration, is allocated \$53 million, which is approximately 2.4 percent of the total budget. Ms. Broeker noted MoDOT remains in the top five of all state departments of transportation for efficiency of operations in terms of administration costs.

Although legislatively appropriated, other state agencies will receive \$266 million; these funds come from State Road Fund revenue sources and reduce revenues available to the department. Ms. Broeker reported that total disbursements, including other state agencies, are anticipated to exceed receipts in fiscal year 2015. The \$337.3 million difference will be funded from existing cash reserves.

Ms. Broeker highlighted for the Commission that program funds will focus on taking care of the existing transportation system, as revenues are insufficient to do more. Of the proposed Program Delivery \$1.49 billion budget, the largest portion is contractor payments at \$841.7 million, which is an increase of 17.4 percent. This increase is due to large construction projects started in prior fiscal years

such as Daniel Boone Bridge, Page Avenue/Route 364 Phase 3, and I-70 Bridges over Manchester Trafficway paying out in fiscal year 2015. In addition, as the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) declines, more new projects are less complex system maintenance projects. These projects are typically shorter in duration and payout quicker. She further explained the most often misunderstood aspect of the budget – how it can reflect \$841.7 million in contractor payments when the STIP shows only \$720 million available for contractor awards. The reason is that most MoDOT projects take more than one year to build and payments to contractors can be made over multiple years. For fiscal year 2015, \$223.5 million of the \$720 million in awards will be paid to contractors this year, with \$496.7 million to be paid in future years. Meanwhile, nearly \$600 million will be paid to contractors for work that was completed in previous years.

Ms. Broeker explained in further detail the Program Delivery budget included \$121.6 million for construction operations, \$166.6 million for federal pass-through, \$294.1 million for debt service, \$20.1 million for accelerated programs, \$28.5 million for design and bridge consultant payments, and \$20.0 million for right of way. The accelerated program allows the partner to fund and build the project and the department reimburses the partner in later years when it was scheduled in the STIP. Federal pass-through funds come to the department and are passed through to the major metropolitan organizations such as East-West Gateway, Mid-America Regional Council, and Ozarks Transportation Organization as required by law. Debt service is the repayment of bonds issued for road and bridge projects including the Safe and Sound bridge improvement program and Amendment 3.

Ms. Broeker noted the currently proposed fiscal year 2015 budget did not include items approved by the legislature such as the one percent cost-of-living increase for state employees, the reinstatement of state match for deferred compensation for state employees, general revenue for multimodal activities and Amtrak, and other public agencies. Other adjustments will need to be made include the amount for other state agencies. Ms. Broeker explained the Missouri State Highway Patrol Troop F suffered a

devastating fire at their maintenance facility, and are currently located in a MoDOT building on a short term basis so the patrol can continue to work on their fleet of cars and trucks. The patrol will be appropriated state road funds to rebuild the garage. These changes will be incorporated in the final budget.

Ms. Broeker concluded her presentation stating she will return in June to request approval of the final budget for fiscal year 2015. The Commission thanked Ms. Broeker for her presentation. The Commission will review the information presented by Ms. Broeker and take action thereon at the June 11, 2014, Commission meeting. Chairman Miller commended Ms. Broeker for her concise explanation of confusing numbers for construction awards when compared to contractor payments.

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**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO JAMES B. ANDERSON FOR
OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

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COMMISSION POLICY – COMMISSION – ORGANIZATION – LEADERSHIP

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COMMISSION POLICY – DELEGATION OF CONTINGENT COMMISSION AUTHORITY

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**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION REGARDING FINAL ORDERS OF RULEMAKING –
OUTDOOR ADVERTISING**

The Commission is a six member bipartisan board. With three Commissioners in attendance, the Commission did not attain a quorum to be able to take action on any agenda items. The final orders of rulemaking agenda item required action; therefore, it was postponed to a later meeting.

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**THE NEWCO TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, CONSIDERATION OF THE
PROJECT AND APPOINTMENT OF AN ADVISOR**

The Commission is a six member bipartisan board. With three Commissioners in attendance, the Commission did not attain a quorum to be able to take action on any agenda items. The Newco Transportation Development District (TDD) agenda item required action; therefore, it was postponed to a later meeting.

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2015 – 2019 DRAFT STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

On behalf of the Director, Machelles Watkins, Transportation Planning Director, presented the 2015-2019 Draft Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), which is virtually unchanged from the 2014-2018 program approved a year ago for a couple of reasons: the stark reality of funding in Missouri for transportation and the suspension of adding projects to the STIP. She reminded the Commission of their action taken at the January 8, 2014 Commission meeting to suspend the addition of new highway improvement projects to the STIP, EXCEPT (1) projects in *Safety* and *Taking Care of the Existing System* categories where funds are already committed in the STIP, but the specific projects have not been identified; (2) projects funded with federal sub-allocated funds matched with local agency funds; and (3) projects approved by the Cost-Share Committee on or before its November 15, 2013, meeting. Additionally, based on the financial forecast that showed the construction budget falling to

\$325 million by 2017, far below the \$485 million it takes each year to take care of the system, minimal changes were made to this STIP.

Ms. Watkins explained the 2015-2019 STIP provides MoDOT's direction for all modes of transportation. The department is required to prepare the STIP by law and it outlines the work the department will accomplish and the resources that will be used to conduct the work in that five-year period, it also outlines the work that is planned for future projects. The STIP is the department's commitment for what the public is going to receive for their transportation dollars, and is developed through a collaborative effort with the public. The department uses the planning framework process for needs identification, and regional prioritization of projects. The results of that process are what are presented in the draft STIP.

The 2015-2019 STIP focuses on keeping Missouri's roads and bridges in good condition as long as possible with the limited resources available. MoDOT has heard consistently from partners, stakeholders, and citizens that the department's priority should be to take care of the system first, and that is the focus of this STIP. Ms. Watkins noted that typically between 300 and 500 projects are added to the STIP each year. This year's five year program only added twenty-five projects, and each meet the qualifying exceptions noted during the January 8, 2014 Commission meeting. Eleven of those projects were safety projects, eleven were cost share projects previously approved by the cost share committee, and three projects take care of the system and are funded by other entities. Also, the STIP is normally fully programmed for the first three years; this STIP is fully programmed for only the first two years. Ms. Watkins commented that looking forward just a couple of years from now, the department will be entering territory where there are not enough funds to maintain the current system. Roads and bridges will deteriorate and the department will not be in a position to deliver major projects or safety improvement projects that make a difference in saving lives.

The draft 2015-2019 STIP includes federal funding, state revenue, and local contributions. The combination of these funds results in an average annual amount of \$720 million available for programming contractor awards in the STIP's Highway and Bridge Construction Schedule. MoDOT administers an additional average annual amount of \$143 million for other transportation modes and an average annual amount of \$167 million for other sub-allocated programs for local agencies. Ms. Watkins noted the majority of the multimodal program funds transit, but it also supports rail, waterways, and aviation. Many of these program areas rely on the annual appropriations process, which makes it extremely challenging to plan for a robust multimodal system.

The next step in the process is for the department to conduct a public comment period for the draft STIP May 14 through June 13, 2014. The draft STIP will be shared with various audiences by personal contacts, news releases, and MoDOT's website. The department will collect the comments received and recommend action, noting any changes to the draft STIP. The final STIP will then be presented to the Commission at its July 9, 2014, meeting for consideration and approval.

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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF LOCATION AND DESIGN OF HIGHWAYS

Route I-64 at the Poplar Street Bridge, St. Louis City
Job No. J6I2377C
Public Hearing Held December 5, 2013
On-line Public Hearing Held December 5, 2013 – December 19, 2013

The Commission is a six member bipartisan board. With three Commissioners in attendance, the Commission did not attain a quorum to be able to take action on any agenda items. The request for approval of location and/or design of highways agenda item required action; therefore, it was postponed to a later meeting.

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-- REPORTS --

The Commission received the following written reports.

CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE REPORT

David Ahlvers, State Construction and Materials Engineer, presented the annual contractor performance report for 2013. Performance summaries will be mailed to the contractors the week of May 19, 2014. Contractors receiving the top ratings for the 2013 construction season will be recognized at the MoDOT / AGC Coop meeting in the fall of 2014.

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A BOLDER FIVE-YEAR DIRECTION REPORT

Dave Nichols, Director, provided to the Commission the quarterly update of the Bolder Five-Year Direction. On June 8, 2011, the Commission approved the Bolder Five-Year Direction to reduce staff by nearly 1,200 employees, close 131 facilities, and reduce MoDOT's fleet by more than 750 units. Significant progress has been made in the implementation of the plan, and the workforce and fleet reduction components have been completed.

As of March 31, 2014, MoDOT has vacated 124 facilities. Of that total, 108 facilities have been conveyed, which includes the termination of five leases and the establishment of long-term leases with other parties for four facilities that MoDOT previously occupied. Of note, since the last report, the former District 2 office located at Macon was conveyed. The department is successfully operating in a seven-district configuration, has a significant presence in every county in the state, and has put the right people in the right jobs. As of March 31, 2014, the department realized a total savings of \$507 million.

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FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT – QUARTERLY REPORT

Brenda Morris, Financial Services Director, provided to the Commission the written Quarterly Financial Accountability Report for the period ending March 31, 2014.

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**FINANCIAL – BUDGET – REPORTS
YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL REPORT, PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 2014**

Brenda Morris, Financial Services Director, submitted a written financial report for fiscal year-to-date ended March 31, 2014, with budget and prior year comparisons.

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CONSULTANT SERVICES CONTRACT REPORT

Eric Schroeter, State Design Engineer, submitted a written report of consultant contracts executed in the month of March 2014, for both engineering and non-engineering related projects. The department utilizes consultants to efficiently manage workload and provide specialized expertise to supplement and support department staff. Expenditures for consultant services are funded from the Commission approved Statewide Transportation Improvement Program and MoDOT Operating Budget. Thirteen engineering consultant services contracts were executed in March 2014, for a total cost of \$3,687,258. There were four non-engineering consultant contracts executed in March 2014, for a total cost of \$760,776.

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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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