



**MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION**

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED HIGHWAYS AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING HELD IN JEFFERSON CITY,
MISSOURI, WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2015**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission was held on Wednesday, May 6, 2015, at the Missouri Department of Transportation Building, 105 West Capitol Avenue, Jefferson City, Missouri. Stephen R. Miller, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The following Commissioners were present: Lloyd J. Carmichael, Gregg C. Smith, Michael B. Pace, and Michael T. Waters, Jr.

Commissioner Scott tendered his letter of resignation to Governor Nixon stating his resignation would be effective on February 1, 2015; at the time of the May 6, 2015 meeting, a replacement had not been appointed.

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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Roberta Broeker, Interim 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 6, 2015.

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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.
3. Section 610.021(11), (12) – Competitive bidding specs, sealed bids, or negotiated contracts.

Upon motion duly made and seconded to convene in closed session, the Chairman called for a voice vote of the members. The vote was as follows:

Commissioner Miller, Aye
Commissioner Carmichael, Aye
Commissioner Smith, Aye
Commissioner Pace, Aye
Commissioner Waters, Aye

The Commission met in closed session on Tuesday, May 5, 2015 from 1:45 p.m. until 5:15 p.m., reconvened on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 from 8:45 a.m. until 9:50 a.m., and reconvened from 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

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-- OPEN MEETING --

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Commissioner Pace, seconded by Commissioner Waters, the Commission unanimously approved the minutes of the special meeting held April 7, 2015. The Chairman and Secretary to the Commission were authorized and directed to sign and certify said minutes and to file same in the office of the Secretary.

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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 6, 2015, Consent Agenda

No items were removed from the consent agenda. Upon motion by Commissioner Waters seconded by Commissioner Carmichael, the consent agenda items were unanimously approved by a quorum of Commission members present.

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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 6, 2015, meeting.

Audit Committee – Commissioner Pace stated there was no report.

Legislative Committee – Commissioner Carmichael reported although there are only seven days left in this legislative session a transportation funding proposal is still alive. The proposal, Senate Bill 540, has evolved throughout session, but would still provide additional funding and options for transportation in Missouri. Once the bill passes the Senate it will need to pass the House. Commissioners Carmichael and Miller commended Senator Libla for his advocacy for transportation and tireless efforts to pass the bill throughout the legislative session.

Missouri Transportation Finance Corporation – Commissioner Smith stated the board met and elected new officers and also approved the 2016 Fiscal Year budget. He explained that was all the business that was conducted as it had been some time since the board has had a loan request to approve. He noted the next MTFC meeting is scheduled for August 4, 2015.

MoDOT and Patrol Employees' Retirement System – Commissioner Carmichael reported as of the April 8, 2015 board meeting, the assets of the retirement system were valued at \$1.965 billion. He explained the board reviews two parts of the system regularly, one is the investments and the other is the timely payment of benefits. He explained the distribution of investments is diversified with about thirty percent in the stock market, twenty-five percent in bonds, fifteen percent in real estate, fifteen percent in private equity, and fifteen percent in hedge funds.

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INTERIM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

During the May 6, 2015, Commission meeting, Interim Director Roberta Broeker provided the following report:

Innovations Showcase and DOMInno conference – Interim Director Broeker remarked the department held its annual celebration of ingenuity and Commissioner Pace attended the event in Springfield where fifty-seven different innovations were on display. Employees were recognized at the showcase for their innovations. Commissioner Pace commented that he was very impressed how employees were able to be more efficient at their daily business as a result of the many cost-effective innovations that were on display.

TRIP report – Interim Director Broeker announced TRIP, a national highway research group, released its report that states Missouri's roads and bridges are in a deteriorating situation and the cost of maintaining those roads and bridges is increasing. The report stated the deterioration and crowding on the roads costs Missourians \$4.5 billion annually in additional operating costs, delays on crowded roads, and cost of traffic crashes. She explained that these are hidden costs that people don't perceive, being slowed down or having a vehicle out of alignment. The hidden costs of a transportation system that isn't everything it could be is a staggering amount of money and there are very economical ways to improve the situation and additional funding for transportation would help with that.

TIGER Grants – Interim Director Broeker reported two Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant applications were submitted, one was to assist with the replacement of the Champ Clark Bridge over the Mississippi River at Louisiana, and the other is to replace the Merchants Bridge over the Mississippi River at St. Louis. Announcement of the grant recipients will be made later this year.

Staff accomplishment – Interim Director Broeker recognized Kansas City District Engineer, Dan Niec, who serves in the United States Navy Reserve and his recent promotion to the rank of Commander.

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PARTNERING TO BRING NEW JOBS TO ROLLA

Cyndra Lorey, Executive Director of the Rolla Regional Economic Commission, shared with the Commission how important and valuable the relationship is between a community like Rolla and MoDOT. She explained that Rolla understands the important role transportation plays in fostering economic growth and creating new jobs, all of which serve to improve the quality of life for

Missourians. For many years, MoDOT offered its cost-sharing program that enabled vital transportation projects to be built. The City of Rolla serves as a prime example of the positive results that come from these cost-share partnerships. However, the Rolla-area community, like so many others throughout the state, has many unmet transportation needs that hinder economic growth and development.

Ms. Lorey highlighted the success of the I-44 and Route V interchange project. The \$600,000 transportation investment added five lanes, decreased congestion and increased accessibility to the industrial park. As a result of this improvement, one of the existing businesses will be expanding to a larger facility and creating another 50 to 60 jobs. She noted this was a small investment with a tremendous impact for the Rolla region.

She described another example of partnering with MoDOT on the economic development project called TOPAZ. This project would have brought Caterpillar to the region and created 500 jobs. Rolla was the number one site in a search for a location where Caterpillar could consolidate several of their subsidiaries until the company decided to off shore the project. The package that Rolla presented to Caterpillar was made possible through Rolla's partnership with MoDOT to improve 2.5 miles of the north outer road that would provide alternate access to Highway 63. Had Rolla not been able to include that transportation improvement in their proposal, the community would not have been considered by Caterpillar as the prime location in the United States. Subsequently, this roadway improvement has provided an alternate route in case of emergencies, connects the industrial park directly to Route 63, reduces congestion, and makes the industrial park more marketable for future expansion.

Ms. Lorey then described a future project that the community is planning. The Rolla West plan includes a commercial retail improvement. A major component in making the plan a reality is the extension of Highway 72, and eventually a fifth interchange along I-44 on the western end of Rolla.

Ms. Lorey then reviewed two other major economic drivers for the Rolla region which include the Phelps County Regional Medical Center and Missouri S&T. Both organizations have seen

significant growth in the recent past and a safe and reliable transportation system is imperative for their continued growth in the future.

Ms. Lorey concluded her presentation expressing appreciation for the partnership with MoDOT and the Rolla community. She noted how vital a good transportation system is to the sustainability and economic growth in the region and that she looks forward to continuing to work with the department on future projects as funding becomes available.

Commissioner Waters thanked Ms. Lorey for her presentation that provided a wonderful example of the field of dreams effect. If you build infrastructure, business will come. He expressed how important it is for members of the General Assembly to be aware of what can happen when a transportation investment is made as noted in the examples of economic development that Ms. Lorey shared today.

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ECONOMIC IMPACT OF REDUCED TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT IN MISSOURI

On behalf of the Director, Mabelle Watkins, Transportation Planning Director, stated there is a strong tie between the state's economy and transportation infrastructure. There are communities all over the state that have transportation infrastructure needs. Those transportation needs must be fulfilled in order to draw new businesses and create jobs. Transportation investments are a proven economic engine for this state.

Every year following the Commission's approval of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), an independent economic analysis is performed on that five year program. Ms. Watkins shared her observations of a disturbing trend when comparing the current five year program, the 2015-2019 STIP, to the analysis of the 2007-2011 STIP. The numbers show a reduced investment in transportation infrastructure leads to the creation of fewer jobs, less personal income, and a reduced economic impact.

	2007-2011 STIP	2015-2019 STIP
<i>STIP Investment</i>	\$5.7 billion	\$3.5 billion
<i>Additional jobs</i>	10,605	3,946
<i>New personal income</i>	\$399.2 million	\$203.1 million
<i>Economic impact over the next 20 years</i>	\$20.6 billion	\$10.1 billion

She explained when MoDOT has fewer funds to invest in transportation improvements; it forces the department to invest in smaller projects that simply maintain the system which has a lot less economic benefit. That is where the department is currently, and unfortunately, Missouri is going to miss opportunities as a result of that. She then provided an example of the Grindstone Parkway project in Columbia, Missouri which improved 2 miles of Route AC in 2005 and has since led to significant development of the area with new businesses and jobs. She described how Missouri is going to miss out on opportunities, like the Grindstone Parkway project, in the future because MoDOT does not have the funds to invest in additional transportation infrastructure improvements. This means Missouri will lose opportunities to create jobs, personal income, and long term economic impact.

Commissioner Carmichael thanked Ms. Watkins for her presentation connecting transportation and economic development and raising awareness about what opportunities are out there right now that we are unable to fund and what that means to Missourians. He encouraged Ms. Watkins to share her presentation around the state, especially with the local chambers of commerce.

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MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2016 BUDGET

On behalf of the Director, Brenda Morris, Financial Services Director, presented the Fiscal Year 2016 budget in the amount of \$2,078,700,000.

Ms. Morris explained there are three important financial documents that are the blueprint for MoDOT’s spending: financial forecast, Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), and budget. While each of these three documents serves different purposes, they are related. The financial forecast estimates future revenues and disbursements and is the basis for the operating budget as well as

the funding targets for planning partners and MoDOT to use when selecting projects for the STIP. The budget development process takes approximately 18 months and the department presents to the Commission three times during that process. In September the appropriations request is brought to the Commission for approval, the appropriations request is used during the legislative budget process. Then in May the department presents the preliminary budget documents for the Commission's review and consideration. Following the conclusion of the legislative session in May, adjustments are made to the draft budget to reflect the legislative changes, and in June the department seeks the Commission's approval of the final budget prior to the start of the new fiscal year.

Ms. Morris explained there are three primary state revenue sources: the 17 cent motor fuel tax, motor vehicle sales tax, and motor vehicle and driver's license fees. The financial forecast estimated a decline in motor fuel tax, however, with the decline in fuel prices, more people are driving and there has been a slight increase in motor fuel tax. However, the slight increase does not make up for all of the decreases since 2008. Additionally, the state gas tax has been at 17 cents since 1996, and only has the purchasing power of 8 cents today.

She then reviewed the estimated receipts for fiscal year 2016 at \$1,909,274,000. Total receipts for fiscal year 2016 are projected to increase \$38.2 million, or 1.8 percent, compared to the fiscal year 2015 budget. She then explained the decline in state transportation funding. The decline in state receipts of \$37.6 million, or 3.1 percent, is primarily due to the suspension of the cost share program. In January 2014, the Commission suspended the cost-share program because it would no longer be prudent to continue to build expansion projects when there were insufficient revenues to take care of the existing system. The only cost share projects that are moving forward are those that were approved prior to January 2014, and for Fiscal Year 2016 there are fewer cost-share projects. However, federal reimbursement increased \$76.7 million, or 8.5 percent, for several reasons. MoDOT projected a \$53.8 million increase for road and bridge federal reimbursement compared to fiscal year 2015 due to the

extension of Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21). In addition, Multimodal federal funds increased \$22.9 million due to final guidance being established for the Transit programs. Multimodal will begin spending multi-year grants now that federal guidance is available. For Aviation, federal reimbursements will increase for the completion of airport construction projects currently in the construction and design phase.

Through legislative appropriations two other state agencies will receive \$268,541,000; these funds come from State Road Fund revenue sources and reduce revenues available to the department. The Department of Revenue receives three percent of the cost of collection of the road fund revenues, and the Missouri State Highway Patrol receives road funds for the enforcement of motor vehicles.

The disbursement request for fiscal year 2016 is \$2.1 billion with the largest portion of this disbursement attributed to the program delivery category at \$1.35 billion for building roads and bridges. The next largest category is \$488 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. There was a \$17 million increase in this category to address the increase in cost of materials. This is the budget category that will be used to maintain the 26,000 miles of the supplementary system. The multimodal category will receive \$109 million for aviation, ports, transit, and rail; this category shows an increase because they are now able to spend the federal funds received in previous years because federal rules were published. The fleet, facilities, and information systems category will receive \$76 million. The smallest category, administration, is allocated \$53 million, which is approximately 2.6 percent of the total budget.

Ms. Morris then reviewed the different components of the program delivery category. She highlighted contractor payments and explained for fiscal year 2016 this category is \$101 million less than 2015. This is the budget line that relates to the STIP. In the STIP you will find contractor awards. Projects very rarely are awarded and paid out in the same year, so contractor payments lag behind

contractor awards. For example, last month the Commission approved \$70 million in contractor awards in fiscal year 2015, however, a large portion of the expenditures for those projects are going to be included in the fiscal year 2016 contractor payment budget category. She then explained in further detail the program delivery budget included \$122.5 million for construction operations, \$170.6 million for federal pass-through, \$280.3 million for debt service, \$14.4 million for accelerated programs, \$10 million for design and bridge consultant payments, and \$15 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 local entities for local projects as required by law, this category increased slightly as local entities use current allocations as well as existing balances. Debt service is the repayment of bonds issued for road and bridge projects, this category decreased by about \$5 million due to the savings from the refunding that took place in the spring of 2014.

Ms. Morris concluded her presentation stating she will return in June to request approval of the final budget for fiscal year 2016. The Commission thanked Ms. Morris for her presentation. The Commission will review the information presented by Ms. Morris and take action thereon at the June 3, 2015, Commission meeting. Commissioner Carmichael inquired about funding for Amtrak. Ms. Morris explained that the department is approximately \$3.7 million in arrears and will be seeking additional legislative appropriations to address the shortfall. Ms. Morris also noted that Amtrak has notified MoDOT it will begin charging interest on the balance due.

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2016 – 2020 DRAFT STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

On behalf of the Director, Machel Watkins, Transportation Planning Director, presented the 2016-2020 Draft Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), which is developed in unison with the budget and financial forecast. The STIP is a state and federally required document that

identifies the projects MoDOT will deliver over the next five years and represents MoDOT's commitments to Missourians. This year's STIP begins at \$600 million in contractor awards, that is nearly half of the \$1.3 billion in contractor awards in 2009. By 2017 and continuing in 2018 and beyond, it drops to \$325 million, nearly half the amount again. The reduced funding presents a real challenge to the department.

Ms. Watkins reminded everyone that it takes \$485 million to maintain the system we have today in the condition that it is in today. In 2009 when MoDOT had a \$1.3 billion program the department could maintain the system in the condition that it is in today as well as deliver systematic safety improvements that reduced fatalities, and deliver on economic development projects. But as the program is reduced to \$325 million the department will not be able to take care of the system, much less do those other things.

Ms. Watkins outlined the areas contained within the program: highway and bridge, local, and multimodal. The highway and bridge program is the largest portion at nearly \$600 million in 2016 but is reduced to \$325 million by 2020. The local programs are those federal pass through dollars that go to local entities for city and county bridge programs, CMAQ funding, enhancement funding, state planning and research. In 2016, the local programs receive \$171 million but that is reduced to \$151 million by 2020. The multimodal program drops as well, however the lack of a dedicated statewide funding source for other modes of transportation is what makes long term planning a real challenge for the multimodal program.

This STIP was developed with the Commission's direction to implement the Missouri 325 System. Knowing that the department was approaching a program that has only \$325 million available for contractor awards meant STIP dollars could only go to the primary highway system and those associated bridges, the remainder of the system, 26,000 miles of supplementary system, would have limited maintenance performed by MoDOT personnel. The department worked with their planning

partners to develop this STIP knowing that the money had to be spent on the primary system and expansion and economic development projects could not be implemented.

She reviewed the projects the 2016-2020 STIP will deliver, and stated 161 projects were added to this STIP. The majority of those projects address taking care of the system, and a few projects address some safety or operational issues. There were 35 projects that were deleted in the development of the program, however, the work that was intended by those projects are still being delivered. Those deletions may occur because a large job was split into several smaller jobs, and so the first job number is deleted. Or there is an on-call guard cable repair project that had an option to expand the contract for another year and so the department chose to do so, and the job number established the prior year was no longer needed. Or a project may be accomplished another way, or incorporated in with a different project, or completed by MoDOT forces. The deletions are more of an accounting, but those commitments are being met.

Ms. Watkins shared some facts about this STIP, the majority of the work is taking care of the system projects, nearly eighty-seven percent. There are some expansion projects in this STIP, but Ms. Watkins clarified that these are commitments from a prior STIP so they are going to be delivered as promised, but no new expansion projects were added to the STIP this year. She also explained that nearly seventy percent of the work is being done on the primary system. In future STIPS that percentage will increase as work focuses on the primary system.

She noted that typically when presenting the STIP the department can share what is going to be achieved with the investment being made, however, that is changing and this STIP is more about what the department cannot do as a result of the investment in the transportation system. She noted that the roads on the supplementary system are going to deteriorate from roughly seventy-four percent in good condition today down to twenty-seven percent in good condition in ten years. This STIP provides for no new economic development and cost share opportunities, and no expansion projects. Those projects

revive communities and bring jobs to regions that spur economic growth. The department will not be able to implement systematic safety improvements that reduce fatalities. While this STIP makes the very best use of the limited resources, it doesn't do enough for the State of Missouri.

The next step in the process is for the department to conduct a public comment period for the draft STIP, May 6 through June 5, 2015. 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 1, 2015, meeting for consideration and approval.

Commissioner Miller thanked Ms. Watkins for her presentation and commended MoDOT for their planning process and how that process gives the department tremendous credibility as it shares with our partners how the department is being prudent and responsible with the limited resources it has available.

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RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO ED HILLHOUSE FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Via approval of the consent agenda, the Commission unanimously approved the following resolution.

WHEREAS, Ed Hillhouse has had a long, varied, and distinguished career in public service as an educator, superintendent of schools, and presiding county commissioner; and

WHEREAS, his experience merited acceptance and respect throughout the state when Mr. Hillhouse was selected as the Executive Director for the East-West Gateway Council of Governments in November 2010; and

WHEREAS, his calm and steady style of leadership was critical when establishing direction and guidance for East-West Gateway, as he set a positive tone in the working relationship with the Commission, MoDOT, municipalities, cities and counties to come together and work as a team when developing a plan for a prosperous and sustainable future for the St. Louis Region; and

WHEREAS, he demonstrated a desire to enhance collaboration, cooperation, and focus between Missouri and Illinois to meet regional transportation goals to reduce congestion, improve safety, and

increase the economic growth of the greater St. Louis Metropolitan area. His voice of reason was key in navigating many tough transportation issues that led to the implementation or completion of many successful projects such as the Stan Musial Veterans Memorial Bridge, the rebuilding of the Poplar Street Bridge, and the CityArchRiver Project due to his enthusiastic leadership to encourage multi-jurisdiction cooperation, bringing the two states together for a common good; and

WHEREAS, he performed his duties with the highest degree of integrity, innovation, and passion when balancing the needs of two states, a major city, more than 120 municipalities, and seven counties to establish and manage a regional mobility network that meets the needs of all users. This propensity to form partnerships and establish excellent relationships with all transportation partners in the greater St. Louis metropolitan region has encouraged a rise in roadways serving all users, including transit, cyclists, and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, his ability to foster alliances between municipalities, cities, and counties has encouraged them to work collaboratively toward a common goal when planning projects that move the region forward. He valued and encouraged participation in the public process that established a long-range plan for East-West Gateway, and contributed to the long-range plan for the Missouri Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, he was a tremendous liaison between the people he served and the people he worked with and effectively communicated with them through publications *“Where We Stand,”* and the recent *“Where We Stand – Strategic Assessment of the St. Louis Region,”* providing the most relevant data and insight into the trends and needs of the St. Louis area; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hillhouse’ s expertise in the development of sound public policy coupled with his humility in resolving complex civic challenges gained his well-known and well-deserved recognition as a great public servant and esteemed statesman; and

WHEREAS, after five years of service to the St. Louis region, Mr. Hillhouse will return to the field of education and pursue his next career with the Missouri Baptist University in St. Louis; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission does hereby publicly express its appreciation and gratitude to Ed Hillhouse for his service to the citizens of Missouri and extends to him best wishes for his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Ed Hillhouse so he will have a permanent record of the high esteem in which he is held by the members of the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission and the Missouri Department of Transportation staff.

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RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO BETH WRIGHT FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Via approval of the consent agenda, the Commission unanimously approved the following resolution.

WHEREAS, Beth Wright began her distinguished career with the Missouri Department of Transportation on February 1, 1985, and will be retiring on June 1, 2015, after 30 years of service to the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Beth Wright served in a variety of capacities in three districts and three divisions including the former Districts Four, Seven, and One and the divisions of Construction and Materials, Traffic, and Maintenance moving through increasingly responsible assignments culminating in her career with MoDOT as State Maintenance Engineer in the Central Office; and

WHEREAS, Beth Wright valued and encouraged participation from the department's employees when planning and preparing for incidents and emergencies. While District Engineer, she led the district in responding to a pavement collapse at Three Trails Crossing in the summer of 2010. After considerable rain, soil underneath the highway gave way and created a large gap where the ramp that links westbound I-470 and northbound US 71 to westbound I-435 impacting traffic in the Kansas City region; and

WHEREAS, her inspiring leadership and engineering knowledge brought her much success with completion of many significant transportation projects. Most notably with the implementation of the design build process and the kcICON project reconstructed and rehabilitated four-miles of Interstate 29/35 into downtown Kansas City and constructed a new iconic cable-stayed river bridge that was completed in December 2010; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career, Beth Wright served admirably, diligently, tirelessly, and collaboratively on behalf of the Department of Transportation and the State of Missouri, as evidenced by her ability to establish and maintain excellent relations with organizations in Missouri for the betterment of Missouri's transportation system; and

WHEREAS, her work ethic, integrity, expertise, and caring for others have earned her the respect, admiration, and friendship of department employees and the public she served; and

WHEREAS, Beth Wright recognized the importance of balancing family and career and is a loving wife to Kevin; while performing her job duties with compassion, dedication, and pride;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission does hereby publicly express its appreciation and gratitude to Beth Wright for her service to the citizens of Missouri and extends to her best wishes for her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Beth Wright so she will have a permanent record of the high esteem in which she is held by the members of the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission and the Missouri Department of Transportation staff.

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**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION REGARDING NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDED
RULEMAKING – APPORTION REGISTRATION PURSUANT TO THE INTERNATIONAL
REGISTRATION PLAN**

On behalf of the Director, Scott Marion, Motor Carrier Services Director, presented the notice of proposed amended rulemaking, 7 CSR 10-25.030, Apportion Registration Pursuant to the International Registration Plan, which explains the process for commercial motor vehicles that shall operate for hire in interstate commerce to register with Missouri as a base state and thereby lawfully operate in other jurisdictions as required under the International Registration Plan (IRP). By agreement, Missouri is a member jurisdiction under the IRP.

As a result of IRP member states passing Ballot 391 on September 18, 2014, starting January 1, 2016, chartered buses used in interstate transportation would be required to register through the IRP. The Commission's rule, 7 CSR 10-25.030, only gives these buses the option to register with the IRP, thereby requiring a change to the rule. Staff proposed to amend the existing rule with the following changes: (1) remove language that allows carriers to add other IRP members during initial or renewal registration because the IRP now provides full reciprocity; (2) update language to incorporate the January 1, 2016 version of the IRP. This update is required by section 536.031, RSMo; (3) remove language that simply restates current state law, such as the Commission's authority to grant exemptions from registration, the issuance and display of license plates, and the like; and (4) update mailing and web addresses.

The department supports this notice of proposed amended rulemaking which will amend the administrative rule to be consistent with the IRP, remove language that is unnecessary due to provisions in current state law and to update references to the IRP and mailing and web addresses. Furthermore, this amendment is necessary for Missouri to be compliant as a member state of the IRP and is required by section 226.008, RSMo, as part of the Commission's duties to administer and enforce the registration and regulation of interstate commercial motor vehicles consistent with the IRP. The public will have an opportunity to submit comments in support of or in opposition to this proposed amended rulemaking. All comments received from the public will be considered and summarized in the orders of rulemaking.

After consideration, the Commission, via approval of the consent agenda, unanimously authorized the Secretary to the Commission to file the notice of the proposed amended rulemaking with the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and the Office of the Secretary of State for publication in the *Missouri Register*, and authorized the Interim Director, Chief Engineer, Chief Financial Officer, or Assistant Chief Engineer to execute documents to initiate the rulemaking process.

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CONSIDERATION OF BIDS FOR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS

On behalf of the Director, Eric Schroeter, State Design Engineer, presented the following recommendations pertaining to bids received on federal-aid and state highway and bridge projects during the past month.

Mr. Schroeter recommended award of contracts to the lowest responsive bidders for bids received at the April 17, 2015, letting, as recommended and noted in Table I below.

**Table I
Award of Contracts
April 17, 2015, Bid Opening**

Call No.	Route	County	Job No.	Bid Amount	Non-Contractual Costs	Contractor	Description
A01	N	Atchison	J1S0561	\$1,095,257.05	\$0.00	Widel, Inc.	Bridge Replacement
A02	Various	Various	J1S3083	\$687,836.00	\$0.00	International Rigging Group, LLC	9 Bridges Paintings
B01	J	Lincoln	J2P2221B	\$1,529,223.00	\$0.00	Don Schnieders Excavating Company, Inc.	Bridge Deck Replacement
	Y	Warren	J2P2221C				Bridge Deck Replacement
	J	Warren	J3S0517				Bridge Replacement
B02	A	Scotland	J3S0506	\$793,559.80	\$0.00	Bleigh Construction Company	Bridge Replacement
			J3S0507				
C01	50	Jackson	J4P3046	\$6,501,839.90	\$0.00	Chester Bross Construction Company/C.B. Equipment, Inc.	Grading and Pavement

Call No.	Route	County	Job No.	Bid Amount	Non-Contractual Costs	Contractor	Description
D01	44	Various	J0I3001O	\$560,498.80	\$0.00	N.B. West Contracting Company	JOC Asphalt Repair
D03	F	Boone	J5L1500G	\$958,662.72	\$0.00	APAC-Missouri, Inc.	Resurface
	PP		J5S3077				
D04 & D05	179	Cole	J5L3075B	\$204,456.89	\$0.00	Chester Bross Construction Company/C.B. Equipment, Inc.	Seal Coat
		Cole, Moniteau	J5M0266	\$367,496.79			
D06	50	Cole	J5P3007B	\$1,249,971.45	\$0.00	Jefferson Asphalt Company	Resurface
D07	Y	Osage	J5S3001	\$310,107.78	\$0.00	SCE, LLC	Bridge Deck Replacement
D08	Various	Crawford, Washington	J5S3007C	\$1,921,718.95	\$0.00	N.B. West Contracting Company	Resurface
D09	Various	Pulaski, Phelps	J5S3007D	\$1,526,272.94	\$0.00	Willard Asphalt Paving, Inc.	Resurface
	Y	Pulaski	J9S0588				
D10	F	Laclede	J8S2367	\$281,463.59	\$138.13	Willard Asphalt Paving, Inc.	Railroad Crossing Improvements
D11	AA	Washington	J5L1500F	\$759,676.41	\$0.00	Jokerst Paving & Contracting, Inc.	Resurface and Seal Coat
F01	I-44	St. Louis	J6I1891	\$1,929,888.31	\$0.00	Concrete Strategies, LLC	2 Bridge Rehabilitations
F02	D	St. Louis City	J6S2212	\$1,469,325.20	\$13,000.00	Reinhold Electric, Inc.	Signal Replacements and ADA Improvements
			J6S2213		\$23,500.00		
F03	D	St. Louis	J6S3008	\$2,978,494.63	\$0.00	N.B. West Contracting Company	Grading, Pavement, and Resurface with 2 Add Alternates
F04	50	St. Louis	J6S3103	\$752,564.24	\$0.00	Concrete Strategies, LLC	Bridge Rehabilitation
	61		J6S3104				Resurface Bridge Deck
G01	215	Cedar	J7P2224	\$8,090,610.70	\$0.00	Lehman Construction, LLC	Bridge Deck Replacement with One Add Alternate
H01	PP	Butler	J0S0919	\$944,750.00	\$347.40	RL Persons Construction, Inc.	Grading and Pavement
H03	61	Cape Girardeau	J9S3005	\$797,674.50	\$0.00	United Ironworkers, Inc.	Bridge Replacement
			TOTAL:	\$35,711,349.65	\$36,985.53		

Commission Consideration and Action

After consideration, and upon motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Pace, the Commission took the following action with the abstentions noted below:

1. Awarded contracts to the lowest responsive bidders for bids received on the April 17, 2015, bid opening, as recommended and noted in Table I above. Non-contractual costs for these projects are shown on the above tabulation.
2. Authorized the Director, Chief Engineer, Chief Financial Officer, or Assistant Chief Engineer to execute the contracts awarded above.

Commissioner Carmichael abstained from voting on Call D01.

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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF LOCATION AND/OR DESIGN OF HIGHWAYS

Business Route 37, City of Cassville, Barry County Job No. J7P2193D Public Hearing Held October 29, 2014

The proposed improvement provides for pedestrian improvements to bring the existing pedestrian facilities into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) along Business Route 37 between 5th Street and 17th Street. The project will have normal access right of way. Business Route 37 will remain open during the construction of the pedestrian facilities. The project is 0.8 miles in length.

On behalf of the Director, Becky Baltz, Southwest District Engineer, recommended approval of the design as presented at the public hearing.

Route AC, North Route 61 to East Route 51, Perry County Job No. J9P3093 Public Hearing Held November 13, 2014

The proposed improvement provides construction of a new connector road in the Perryville Industrial Park. This project is a cost share project with the City of Perryville. The project will have normal access right of way. The project length is 1.9 miles.

On behalf of the Director, Mark Shelton, Southeast District Engineer, recommended approval of the location and design as presented at the public hearing.

After full consideration of the favorable and adverse economic, social and environmental effects of the recommended designs, the Commission via approval of the consent agenda unanimously found and determined the recommended designs would best serve the interest of the public and approved the recommendation.

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RATIFICATION AND APPROVAL OF PLANS FOR CONDEMNATION

On behalf of the Director, Eric Schroeter, State Design Engineer, recommended the Commission ratify and approve the following detailed project plans, approved by the Chief Engineer, which have been filed for condemnation.

<u>County</u>	<u>Route</u>	<u>Job Number</u>
Warren / Franklin	47	J6P2321

In accordance with Section 227.050 RSMo, the Commission via approval of the consent agenda, approved the detailed project plans for the above noted projects and directed they be filed as necessary for the condemnation of right of way.

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CONSIDERATION OF EXCESS PROPERTY DISPOSAL, BUSINESS LOOP 65 IN GREENE COUNTY, EXCESS PARCEL NUMBERS SW0163, SW0164, AND SW0165

In keeping with the Commission's policy regarding disposition of Commission-owned property or property rights, the sale of all properties owned by the Commission with appraised or sale values of \$200,000 or more must be approved by specific Commission action.

On behalf of the Director, Becky Baltz, Southwest District Engineer, recommended conveyance of 1.48 acres of property located in the southeast quadrant of Business Loop 65 and Luster Avenue in Springfield, to Skateport for a consideration of \$400,000.

Via approval of the consent agenda, the Commission unanimously approved the property conveyance described above.

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-- REPORTS --

The Commission received the following written reports.

CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE REPORT

On behalf of the Director, David Ahlvers, State Construction and Materials Engineer, presented the annual contractor performance report for 2014. Project performance evaluations were completed by the resident engineers and provided to the contractors for review and comment. Performance summaries will be mailed to the contractors the week of May 11, 2015. Contractors receiving the top ratings for the 2014 construction season will be recognized at the MoDOT / AGC Coop meeting in the fall of 2015.

Pursuant to 7 CSR 10-10.070, Procedure for Annual Rating of Contractors, upon the recommendation of the State Construction and Materials Engineer and approval by the Chief Engineer, one contractor has been disqualified from bidding, Engineered Systems Company, LLC. One contractor remains disqualified from bidding based on findings by the USDOT on a non- MoDOT contract, Heckert Construction Company, Inc.

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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, 2015.

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**FINANCIAL – BUDGET – REPORTS
YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL REPORT, PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 2015**

Brenda Morris, Financial Services Director, submitted a written financial report for fiscal year-to-date ended March 31, 2015, 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 2015, 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. There were 124 active contracts held by individual engineering consultant firms prior to March 1, 2015. Three engineering consultant services contracts were executed in March 2015, for a total cost of \$68,009. There were three non-engineering consultant contracts executed in March 2015, for a total cost of \$81,868.

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By unanimous consensus of all members present, the meeting of the Commission adjourned.

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- 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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