

A Conversation for Moving Missouri Forward

Saving lives, creating jobs

- Missourians have invested in transportation, and MoDOT has made great progress with that investment.
- Have used Amendment 3 money to make 2,200 miles of the state's busiest highways smoother and safer in just two years, speed up 55 critical highway projects and move ahead with \$1.6 billion in new construction.
- This work has created jobs – an average of more than 7,500 a year – and saved lives.
- Missouri led the nation in saving lives in 2006 when 161 fewer people were killed on our highways.

Other accomplishments

- Missouri has gone from having the third worst pavement on major roads to an estimated ninth best.
- Seventy-eight percent of the state's major roads are now in good condition.
- Missouri ranks 13th in the nation in overall performance of the state highway system in one year.
- The Show-Me State has the fourth lowest administrative costs per mile.
- Customer satisfaction with MoDOT is at 78 percent.
- MoDOT received the 2007 Missouri Quality Award.

Tough times ahead

- 2008 - \$1.23 billion construction program
- 2010 - \$569 million construction program

With the passage of Amendment 3, voters directed MoDOT to sell bonds and use the money for highway construction. The new revenue from Amendment 3 is being used to pay off those bonds over time. The money MoDOT received from selling the bonds will be used up in 2010 and state funds available for highway maintenance and construction will return to pre-Amendment 3 levels. Funding levels are further jeopardized by decreasing federal aid and increasing construction, maintenance and fuel costs.

The first step in any funding discussion must answer, “What will we get if we give more money?”

Used public input to determine a plan of action to move Missouri forward.

Top Five Priorities

1. Take care of our roads and bridges – improve less traveled roads; maintain heavily traveled roads; repair or replace 20 of our worst big bridges and get 90 percent of other bridges in good condition.
2. Do a better job of providing other ways to get around – provide additional funding for passenger rail, ports and public transit.
3. Rebuild Interstates 70 and 44 – add car lanes and dedicated truck lanes.
4. Tackle needed major projects – have pared the public's wish list down to 46 key projects.
5. Meet regional needs – increase funding for cost-share and flexible fund programs to help meet regional needs.

Starting the conversation

- To deliver these improvements will cost a little more than \$1.5 billion a year for 20 years.
- That's based on 2008 costs and doesn't factor in inflation.
- Will only have a little more than \$600 million a year during that time.
- That leaves quite a gap – nearly \$1 billion a year.
- That's a lot of money, but it's a practical beginning - the start of the conversation.
- It's time to get excited about what we can do to move Missouri forward.