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Amendment 3

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Element 1 Smooth Roads Initiative (SRI)

- Meetings have been held with contractors and materials suppliers. These stakeholders have confirmed their ability to deliver what is needed to accomplish this initiative by December 31, 2007. The contractors have also worked with MoDOT staff to determine the best structure for the contracts.
- MoDOT is pulling together to get this job done. The SRI Team includes staff from most MoDOT offices and districts. This team is determining the best approach for accomplishing the SRI's goals. Following is an outline of how the initiative will work.
 - **MoDOT teams** are currently working to --
 - Inspect all roads identified as part of the SRI and determine best treatments -- inspections include review of the quality of roadway surfaces, signs, striping, guardrails and shoulders to determine what improvements need to be made
 - Design plans for road treatments
 - Identify any preliminary work, such as joint repairs or shoulder repairs, that can be accomplished by MoDOT forces prior to the contracted roadway work
 - **Contractors** will be hired for pavement and striping work. The pavement work will include shoulder rumble strips where appropriate.
 - **MoDOT forces** will conduct all construction inspections, replace or repair damaged signs and address safety zone issues.
 - **Contractors** will be hired to install new guardrail and raised pavement markers where needed on the smooth road routes.
- Two groups of projects, totaling \$400 million, will be presented to the Commission. MoDOT teams are conducting inspections and determining the best scope of treatment for every roadway mile.
 - The first group of projects will be presented at the December 10, 2004, Commission meeting.
 - The second group of projects will be presented to the Commission in January 2005.

Element 2 Acceleration of Existing Project Commitments

- MoDOT staff is determining the projects already in the current Statewide Transportation Improvement Program that are good candidates for acceleration. Two types of projects are being considered.
 - **Resurfacing and rehabilitation projects** that are in the 2,200 miles of the SRI
 - **Major projects** that can be accelerated into 2005, 2006 or 2007
- Considerations of whether projects can be accelerated include –
 - Right of way plans and acquisition,
 - Environmental clearances,
 - Project readiness (design), and
 - Other logistical issues.
- The accelerated projects will be presented to the Commission in January 2005 and are expected to total over \$400 million.

Element 3 Selecting New High-Priority Projects

- MoDOT staff estimates there will be \$1.3-\$1.5 billion available to select new high-priority major projects for years 2007-2010.
- Planning partners will have a significant role in the major projects prioritization process.
- MoDOT staff will use the collaborative process defined in the Planning Framework to select high-priority major projects.
 - MoDOT district staffs are currently working with planning partners to determine the highest priorities in each district by the end of December.
 - A Major Projects Prioritization Task Force meeting is scheduled February 15, 2005.
 - Task force members include MoDOT representatives -- district engineers, director of project development, director of operations and transportation planning director.
 - Members of the public and planning partners may attend the meeting and observe the task force discussions about priority project decisions.
 - The meeting's outcome is an agreed-upon, fiscally constrained list of high-priority major projects.
- MoDOT will not distribute Amendment 3 major projects funds prior to choosing priorities.
- Major projects will be evaluated on their own merit, and the task force will determine the projects to fund based on 1) a combination of meeting the state's highest priorities and 2) achieving the outcome of MoDOT's adopted funding distribution method.
- The selected major projects will be presented to the Commission as part of the Draft Statewide Transportation Improvement Program in May 2005.

The final outcome for all Amendment 3 funding, including the Smooth Roads Initiative and new major projects, will result in a geographic distribution of funds reflecting as closely as possible MoDOT's current funding distribution.