



**MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION**

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED HIGHWAYS AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING HELD IN SPRINGFIELD,
MISSOURI, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2014**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission was held on Thursday, November 6, 2014, at the Springfield-Branson National Airport, 2300 North Airport Boulevard, Springfield, Missouri. Stephen R. Miller, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The following Commissioners were present: Lloyd J. Carmichael, Kenneth H. Suelthaus, Gregg C. Smith and Bryan T. Scott.

On February 6, 2014, Governor Nixon withdrew the appointment of Commissioner Kelley M. Martin; at the time of the November 6, 2014 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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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 Thursday, November 6, 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.
3. Section 610.021(11), (12) – Competitive bidding specifications, 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 Suelthaus, Aye
Commissioner Smith, Aye
Commissioner Scott, Aye

The Commission met in closed session on Thursday, November 6, 2014 from 8:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m., recessed from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., and reconvened from 2:00 p.m. until 4:15 p.m.

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-- OPEN MEETING --

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 November 6, 2014, Consent Agenda

The item titled Report and Recommendation Regarding Notice of Proposed Rescinded and Proposed New Rulemaking – Signing Program, was removed from the consent agenda for further consideration as indicated in the minute related to that agenda item. Upon motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Suelthaus, the remaining consent agenda items were unanimously approved by a quorum of Commission members present. Commissioner Carmichael abstained from Consent Agenda item number 4, Consideration of Disposal of Excess Property, Route 60 in Greene County, Excess Parcel Number E8-0620.

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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 November 6, 2014, meeting.

Audit Committee – Commissioner Suelthaus stated the Audit Committee met on November 5, 2014 and reviewed two internal audit reports and concurred with the recommendations made in the following audits (1) Review of Construction Contract Administration – Southwest District, and (2) Review of Traffic and Highway Safety – DWI Enforcement Grants – Southwest District. Commissioner Suelthaus also reported the committee received a clean audit report for the fifteenth consecutive year and noted a full report will be presented by the external auditor, RubinBrown, later during this meeting. Commissioner Suelthaus noted the department's Internal Audit Section would receive an AASHTO Peer Review the first week in December and the results would be provided at the April 2015 Audit Committee meeting.

Legislative Committee – Commissioner Carmichael stated following the election on November 4, the U.S. Senate is now controlled by the Republican Party and there will be a new majority leader, the apparent choice is Senator McConnell from Kentucky. Commissioner Carmichael noted he is cautiously optimistic as both Senator McConnell and President Obama stated they could work together on infrastructure.

Missouri Transportation Finance Corporation – Commissioner Miller stated there was no report.

MoDOT and Patrol Employees' Retirement System – Commissioner Carmichael stated there was no report.

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

During the November 6, 2014, Commission meeting, Director Dave Nichols provided the following report:

AGC Merger – Director Nichols noted the Associated General Contractors (AGC) of Missouri and the AGC of St. Louis announced their merger to join forces, becoming the state’s largest construction industry organization representing 550 member firms in 110 counties.

Route 364 / Page Avenue – Director Nichols stated the entire Route 364 / Page Avenue project is now complete. The last section opened with a ribbon cutting that was attended by Commissioner Suelthaus and Former Commissioner Nichols. Director Nichols noted the entire project – from I-270 in St. Louis County, across the Missouri River, and across St. Charles County to I-64 – has been envisioned for more than 30 years and is the biggest cost-share project in the department’s history.

Statewide Winter Operations Drill – Director Nichols announced the third annual statewide winter operations drill was held on November 5, 2014. This event helps the department prepare for the upcoming winter season, and gives both the new and experienced staff the opportunity to test the equipment and familiarize themselves with the snow routes. He expressed his appreciation for team MoDOT’s work to make the day a success.

Veteran’s Recognition – Director Nichols explained the department will honor its employees who have served in the military on Wednesday, November 12, the day after the Veteran’s Day holiday. Each district and central office will host a special ceremony for those who have protected our freedom as Americans.

Bridge Closure Web Page – Director Nichols reported over the last three months the department had unplanned bridge closures as a result of unfavorable inspection results. Due to the number of bridges on the state’s highway system and the plummeting construction budget, the department will be facing more unplanned bridge closures in the future. Director Nichols stated MoDOT created a website where the traveling public can view bridge locations, inspection photos, bridge closure information, detour options, and other information to keep the public aware of bridge closures.

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GROWING SPRINGFIELD REGION’S ECONOMY THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS

Sara Fields, Executive Director of the Ozarks Transportation Organization (OTO), and Jeff Seifried, Manager of Regional Development for the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce, welcomed the Commission to Springfield and expressed appreciation for the long history of partnering between the department and the Springfield region to deliver transportation solutions. Through these partnerships, transportation projects have encouraged significant economic growth in the region. Mr. Seifried cited

several statistics as indicators of the region's growth including the increase in population, increase in jobs, low unemployment rate, and recognition for being a great community to start a business. He stated that strong economies are supported by strong infrastructure.

Ms. Fields noted OTO partners such as the City of Springfield, Greene County, Christian County, City of Nixa, City of Republic, and City of Ozark have contributed \$107 million to regional cost share projects. For example, the Route 160 and Route 14 intersection in the City of Nixa is programmed in Fiscal Year 2016 of the 2015-2019 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The Route 65 and Battlefield Road Interchange in the City of Springfield is scheduled for Fiscal Year 2015. The Route 65 and Routes CC/J interchange in Christian County is also scheduled for Fiscal Year 2015. Ms. Fields thanked the Commission for the cost share program and shared the region's regrets that the program has been suspended. She also commended the Southwest District staff who works with the Chamber and OTO to make the transportation system better where they all live and work.

Commissioner Carmichael applauded the Chamber and OTO for the way in which they have embraced the partnering spirit over the years to advance so many important projects in this area. Commissioner Carmichael noted the Commission suspended the cost-share program indefinitely and acknowledged the projects mentioned in the presentation were already approved before the Commission's suspended the program in January 2014.

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BRANSON'S NEW SPIRIT OF 76

Raeanne Presley, Mayor of the City of Branson, and Sabin Yañez, Senior Vice President of CFS Engineers, stated the City of Branson is working on a project to rebuild Route 76 with a Complete Streets concept. The project would transform Route 76 into a multimodal corridor. Ms. Presley noted

the re-imagination of Route 76 would offer travelers a unique experience on the corridor and would contribute to the continued success of Missouri's tourism economy.

Mr. Yañez explained the Spirit of 76 embraces heritage, understands Ozark values, preserves the spirit, flavor, sights and sounds, and creates new opportunities. The project would transform 76 Country Boulevard to a complete street design that would enable safe, attractive, and comfortable access and travel to pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and transit users. The project goals are to provide sight-line enhancements such as buried utilities, create safe and efficient interplay of transportation, build an attractive promenade to boost visitor numbers and stay time, and identify and extend available resources for completion and long-term viability.

Mr. Yañez explained the team intends to deliver on what tourists want today and create a tourist conduit to enjoy the local attractions, entertainment, shopping, and lodging. The themes of the 76 corridor are Branson heritage, Ozark nature/water, patriotism, music, and family fun. The Branson Board of Aldermen approved the New Spirit of 76 master plan and requested an analysis of city funding project options in August 2014. The Board approved the project team to move ahead with the project at its September 2014 meeting. Mr. Yañez reported the team is moving the project forward through preparation of construction documents for specific locations as well as meeting with property and business owners to discuss what their individual needs are and provide an opportunity to describe how the project can be accomplished and gain their support and partnership. The Spirit of 76 team was also tasked with developing a funding plan for the entire project and to identify existing or additional potential sources of funding that will build upon the city's contribution of \$15 million for the project.

Commissioner Carmichael commended Mayor Presley for her understanding of the connection between transportation and tourism. Her leadership in the tourism industry for the state of Missouri has been noteworthy! Commissioner Miller thanked Ms. Presley and Mr. Yañez for their presentation and hard work and their vision that will preserve and enhance this unique area of Missouri.

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**FISCAL YEAR 2014 COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT, INCLUDING
INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT**

On behalf of the Director, Brenda Morris, Financial Services Director, and Jeff Winter and Ted Williamson, both of RubinBrown, presented the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for Fiscal Year 2014 including the independent audit report. State law requires an annual audit of MoDOT's financial statements be performed by an independent certified public accountant. MoDOT believes preparing the CAFR demonstrates the highest level of public accountability. Ms. Morris explained while the Financial Services division is responsible for preparing the CAFR, the results that are presented in the report are based upon a department wide effort. Ms. Morris recommended the Commission accept the Fiscal Year 2014 CAFR and independent audit report as presented.

Jeff Winter, CPA, reviewed with the Commission the results of the audit of the CAFR for the year ended June 30, 2014. Mr. Winter reported for the fifteenth consecutive year, MoDOT received an unmodified clean opinion. An unmodified opinion is issued when auditors can state that financial statements conform, in all material respects, to all reporting requirements. Mr. Winter indicated the auditor's opinion on internal control and compliance was also provided to the Commission's Audit Committee.

Ted Williamson, CPA, explained the CAFR is a large comprehensive report, and the auditor's opinion covers two sections of the report: the financial statements and notes to the financial statements. The auditor's opinion does not include the introductory section, management's discussion and analysis, or the statistical sections of the CAFR. However, the auditors review these sections to ensure there is nothing contradictory in the report. Mr. Winter and Mr. Williamson praised the professional and competent Financial Services Division staff for their assistance and cooperation during the audit process.

Commissioner Suelthaus noted RubinBrown reviewed the CAFR in great detail with the Audit Committee. After consideration and upon motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner

Scott, the Commission unanimously accepted the Fiscal Year 2014 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and independent audit report as presented.

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REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION REGARDING NOTICE OF PROPOSED RESCINDED AND PROPOSED NEW RULEMAKING – SIGNING PROGRAM

On behalf of the Director, Eileen Rackers, State Traffic and Highway Safety Engineer, presented the notice of proposed rescinded and proposed new rulemaking. The current administrative rules for Tourist Oriented Directional signing (TODs), Logo signing (specific service signs), and Traffic Generator signing (including college signing) need to be updated to reflect current federal guidelines and to allow MoDOT to modify the administration of the programs. Currently each signing program has an individual chapter of administrative rules in the Code of State Regulations (CSR). While in the process of updating the administrative rules for these programs, it is recommended to consolidate the three chapters of administrative rules into one unified chapter. This action will eliminate redundancies and inconsistencies between the current administrative rules. It will also permit the Traffic Generator signing program to be incorporated into the TODS and Logo contract to be administered by an outside contractor in the future.

Staff propose to rescind the existing rule and propose the following significant changes in the new rule: (1) combine all the programs into one administrative rule and standardize definitions and qualifications to eliminate discrepancies or inconsistencies between the programs; (2) add motorist service signing to the TODs program, which will provide additional options for businesses to participate and offer motorists more information; (3) minor editorial changes to the Logos to match the most recent federal guideline; (3) eliminate the “Minor” and “Major” categories of the Traffic Generator program and only have the “super” category, which requires one million or more annual attendance; (4) better define the signing program each college would qualify for (either college generator signing or college

emblem signing); and (5) add signing for state and federal agencies, welcome center affiliates, and state correction centers.

The department supports this notice of proposed rescinded and proposed new rulemaking to update the administrative rules to be consistent with federal guidelines as outlined in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, provide clarifications to the rules where needed, and modify the Traffic Generator signing program so the administration of this program can be outsourced. The public will have an opportunity to submit comments in support of or in opposition to this proposed rescinded and proposed new rulemaking. All comments received from the public will be considered and summarized in the orders of rulemaking.

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda for further consideration and discussion. After consideration and upon motion by Commissioner Suelthaus, seconded by Commissioner Smith, the Commission unanimously authorized the Secretary to the Commission to file the notice of the proposed rescinded rulemaking and the proposed new 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 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. He noted Calls D05, F01, and H05 have local funding, as noted in Table I below, and the department received all of the necessary concurrences.

Mr. Schroeter recommended (1) Award of contracts to the lowest responsive bidders for bids received at the October 17, 2014, letting, as recommended and noted in Table I below, and (2) to declare

the bid of APAC Missouri on call D01 as non-responsive due to not completing the bidding documents as directed.

**Table I
Award of Contracts
October 17, 2014, Bid Opening**

Call No.	Route	County	Job No.	Bid Amount	Non-Contractual Costs	Contractor	Description
A01	29	Holt	J1I3015	\$2,396,386.65	\$0.00	Widel, Inc.	Replace bridge deck on two bridges
		Atchison	J1I3014				
A02	136	Harrison	J1P2225	\$2,716,381.65	\$0.00	Norris Asphalt Paving Co., LC	Resurface & Add Shoulders
A03	F	Harrison	J1S1052	\$723,745.00	\$166.08	Chester Bross Construction Company/C.B. Equipment, Inc.	Replace Bridge
B02	KK	Lincoln	J3L1500C	\$1,263,000.00	\$0.00	Pace Construction Company	Resurface
	61 OR		J3L1500D				
	W		J3L1500E				
	70 OR	Warren	J3L1500F				
	H		J3L1500G				
B03	FF	Audrain	J3L1500H	\$419,000.00	\$0.00	Pace Construction Company	Resurface
C01	13	Johnson, Lafayette	J3P3035	\$1,552,204.69	\$0.00	Chester Bross Construction Company/C.B. Equipment, Inc.	Resurface
C02	23	Lafayette	J3S3025	\$1,091,837.26	\$0.00	Chester Bross Construction Company/C.B. Equipment, Inc.	ADA Improvements
			J3S3034				Resurface and ADA improvements
C03	210	Ray	J4P2284	\$1,172,893.59	\$0.00	Chester Bross Construction Company/C.B. Equipment, Inc.	Resurface
D01	44	Phelps	J5I3097	\$322,103.50	\$0.00	Lehman Construction, LLC	Alternate Slide Repair
D02	Y	Camden, Laclede	J5L1500D	\$2,499,625.14	\$0.00	Magruder Paving, LLC	Resurface and Add Shoulders
D03	68	Maries, Phelps	J5L1500E	\$1,833,882.00	\$0.00	Rolla Asphalt, LLC	Resurface and Add Shoulders
D04	Old Rt V	Camden	J5M0265	\$115,493.00	\$0.00	Lehman Construction, LLC	Remove Bridge
D05 *	5	Camden	J5P2187	\$4,497,575.95	\$0.00	Magruder Paving, LLC	Grading, Pavement and Resurface
	135	Morgan	J5S3007F				Resurface and Add Shoulders

F01 **	100	Franklin	J6S2227	\$432,695.00	\$0.00	K.J. Unnerstall Construction Co.	Grading and Pavement
G01	49	Barton, Vernon	J7P2200	\$7,727,528.16	\$0.00	APAC-Missouri, Inc.	Resurface
G02	BUS 60	Newton	J7P2205	\$3,279,758.78	\$0.00	APAC-Missouri, Inc.	Resurface
	HH, A & D	Newton, Barry	J7S2231				Resurface and Add Shoulders
G03	37	Lawrence, Jasper, Newton	J7P2226D	\$2,234,710.46	\$0.00	Swift Construction Company, Inc.	Resurface and Add Shoulders
G04	B & 32	Dallas	J7S3036	\$1,127,620.75	\$0.00	Widel, Inc.	Replace Two Bridges
G05	44	Greene	J8P2264C	\$2,164,300.96	\$0.00	APAC-Missouri, Inc.	Resurface
	13		J8P3005				
G06	744	Greene	J8P3010	\$2,261,255.99	\$0.00	Blevins Asphalt Construction Company, Inc.	Resurface
	160		J8P3011				
G07	160 & 125	Taney	J8S2271	\$2,711,808.36	\$0.00	Leo Journagan Construction Co., Inc.	Resurface
H01	Various	Various	J0I0956B	\$127,689.00	\$0.00	Robertson, Incorporated Bridge & Grading Division	Demolition of Structures
H04	14	Douglas	J8S2460	\$1,364,318.52	\$0.00	APAC-Missouri, Inc.	Resurface
			J8S2464				Pavement and ADA Improvements
H05 ***	55	New Madrid	J9I3003	\$10,734,272.66	\$0.00	Chester Bross Construction Company/C.B. Equipment, Inc.	Resurface
	57	Mississippi	J9I3005				
H06	Various	Various	J9P2264H	\$1,330,771.16	\$0.00	RMD Holdings Ltd.	Guardrail Improvements
H07	55	Cape Girardeau	J9I3004	\$6,028,315.23	\$0.00	Chester Bross Construction Company/C.B. Equipment, Inc.	Resurface
			TOTAL:	\$62,129,173.46	\$166.08		

* Call D05 – Funding by the City of Sunrise Beach – \$750,433.55

** Call F01 – Funding by U-Gas, Inc. – \$27,544.00

*** Call H05 – Funding by Associated Electric Cooperative – \$56,439.00

Commission Consideration and Action

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

1. Awarded contracts to the lowest responsive bidders for bids received on the October 17, 2014, bid opening, as recommended and noted in Table I above. Non-contractual costs for these projects are shown on the above tabulation.

2. Declared the bid from APAC Missouri on call D01 as non-responsive per Section 102.8 of the Missouri Standard Specifications for Highway Construction due to not completing their bid in accordance with the bidding requirements.
3. Authorized the Director, Chief Engineer, Chief Financial Officer, or Assistant Chief Engineer to execute the contracts awarded above.

Commissioner Miller abstained from voting on Call G07. Commissioner Carmichael abstained from voting on Calls G02, G05, and G06. Commissioner Suelthaus abstained from voting on Calls B02 and B03.

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2015 – 2019 STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, AMENDMENT

On behalf of the Director, Ed Hassinger, Chief Engineer, requested approval to revise the 2015-2019 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) that was approved in August 2014, for the implementation of seven projects, as noted in the tabulation below.

**2015 – 2019 STIP
Highway and Bridge Construction Schedule
November Amendment
Project Changes**

District County Job No.	Route	Description of Improvement/Location	Tentative Award State Fiscal Year and Change by Type	Change in Construction and Right of Way Funds (Dollars in Thousands)	Change in Engineering Funds (Dollars in Thousands)
SL Jefferson J6P3102	21	Bridge painting at Old Route 21/Shady Valley, West Four Ridge Road, and Old Route 21/Schenk Road.	2015 CN	\$286	\$20
SL St. Charles J6I3106	64	Pavement repairs on two discontinuous sections of the eastbound lanes from 0.5 mile east of I-70 to west of Lake St. Louis Blvd; and from 1 mile east of Route DD to 0.5 mile west of Route K.	2015 CN	\$200	\$17
SW Various J7S3069	Various	Chip seal pavement improvements at various locations in the Southwest District.	2015 CN	\$1,896	\$110
SW Various J7S3070	Various	Chip seal pavement improvements at various locations in the Southwest District.	2015 CN	\$980	\$57
SW Various J8S3045	Various	Chip seal pavement improvements at various locations in the urban Southwest District.	2015 CN	\$64	\$4

SE Dunklin J9P3100	62	Bridge replacement over Union Pacific Railroad in Campbell.	2015 CN	\$1,500	\$303
SE Shannon J9P3101	County Road 19B	Intersections and roadway improvements on County Road 19B and County Road 250.	2015 CN	\$13,053	\$901
			TOTAL:	\$17,979	\$1,412

Via approval of the consent agenda, the Commission unanimously approved the amendment to the 2015 – 2019 STIP as noted in the tabulations above.

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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF LOCATION AND/OR DESIGN OF HIGHWAYS

**Route I-49, Jackson and Cass Counties
155th Street interchange in Grandview, Belton and Kansas City
Job No. J4P2256
Public Hearing Held September 23, 2014**

The proposed improvement replaces the 155th Street Bridge over I-49 and reconfigures the interchange to a diverging diamond. The project also constructs a roundabout at the east ramp terminal and outer road intersection. The project will have fully controlled and normal access right of way. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained on I-49 throughout the project by utilizing lane shifts and short term single lane closures. Traffic will be detoured onto the ramps during off-peak periods to allow removal of the existing bridge and girder placement for the new bridge. Traffic on 155th Street will be detoured to adjacent interchanges. Access to the ramps and the east outer road will be maintained to the fullest extent as possible. The project length is 0.3 miles in length.

On behalf of the Director, Dan Niec, Kansas City District Engineer, recommended approval of the 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 design would best serve the interest of the public and approved the recommendation.

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**CONSIDERATION OF EXCESS PROPERTY DISPOSAL, ROUTE 60 IN GREENE COUNTY,
EXCESS PARCEL NUMBER E8-0620**

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 2.89 acres of property that once served as the Sandford Roadside Park, located two miles southwest of Springfield in the southwest quadrant of Route 60 and Route 413, lying south of the Frisco Railroad, to Kum & Go, L.C. for a consideration of \$395,000.

Via approval of the consent agenda, the Commission approved the property conveyance described above. Commissioner Carmichael abstained from voting on this agenda item.

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-- **REPORTS** --

The Commission received the following written reports.

A BOLDER FIVE-YEAR DIRECTION REPORT

Dave Nichols, Director, provided to the Commission provided the final update of the Bolder Five-Year Direction to the Commission. 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 September 30, 2014, MoDOT vacated 124 facilities. Of that total, 110 facilities have been conveyed, which includes the termination of five leases and the establishment of long-term leases with other parties for five facilities that MoDOT previously occupied. 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 September 30, 2014, the department realized a total savings of \$604 million. Since the ultimate goal of saving \$512 million was met and exceeded, this will be the final quarterly report on implementation of the Bolder Five-Year Direction. Although the reductions of staff and fleet were met earlier, the department will continue to work toward meeting the revised goal to close 124 facilities. Savings as a result of the Bolder Five-Year Direction have been spent on improvements to Missouri's roads and bridges.

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MEDICAL AND LIFE INSURANCE PLAN: MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL MEDICAL AND LIFE INSURANCE PLAN REPORT

Jeff Padgett, Risk and Benefits Management Director, provided financial and claims data reports for the period January 2014 through June 2014, and for the most recent five calendar years, to update the Commission on the cost and utilization of the Medical and Life Insurance Plan. Plan revenues exceed

claim and administrative expenses by \$56,766 during the first half of calendar year 2014. Plan revenues have increased 1.1 percent compared to the same period last year. This is a result of a slight increase in medical premiums in 2014 for non-Medicare retirees. Claims and administrative expenses have increased 0.5 percent compared to the same period last year. This can be attributed to a higher volume of prescription claims. Spending for prescription drugs increased 12.9 percent in the first half of 2014 compared to the same time period in 2013, and consists of Medicare and non-Medicare prescription claims and Medicare Part-D Coverage Gap payments. This is attributable to an increase in utilization and costs associated with specialty drugs. This semi-annual report is required by the policy and guidelines that established the Plan.

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**FINANCIAL – BUDGET – REPORTS
YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL REPORT, PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**

Brenda Morris, Financial Services Director, submitted a written financial report for fiscal year-to-date ended September 30, 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 September 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. Six engineering consultant services contracts were executed in September 2014, for a total cost of \$551,164. There were two non-engineering consultant contracts executed in September 2014, for a total cost of \$901,800.

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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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