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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING HELD IN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2012

A special meeting of the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission was held on Tuesday, June 5, 2012, at Union Station, World Trade Center Conference Room, 30 West Pershing Road, Kansas City, Missouri. Rudolph E. Farber, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. The following Commissioners were present: Grace M. Nichols, Lloyd J. Carmichael, Stephen R. Miller, and Kenneth H. Suelthaus. On February 2, 2012, Governor Nixon withdrew the appointment of Commissioner Joseph J. Hunt; at the time of the June 5, 2012, meeting, a replacement had not been appointed.

The meeting had been called pursuant to Section 226.120 of the 2000 Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended. The Secretary verified that notice of the meeting was posted in keeping with Section 610.020 of the 2000 Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended.

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Kevin Keith, 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 Tuesday, June 5, 2012.

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-- OPEN MEETING --

The Commission held a special workshop for the purpose of discussing transportation funding issues and investigating innovative transportation investment strategies for the State of Missouri.

After averaging \$1.2 billion per year from 2006-2011, MoDOT's construction budget for road and bridge improvements has fallen below \$700 million. The proceeds from Amendment 3 and federal stimulus funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which provided short-term funding for a larger construction program, have been invested and made dramatic improvements in Missouri's transportation system.

MoDOT's construction program has declined to \$700 million, which is just enough to maintain Missouri's transportation infrastructure assets. Missourians are not likely to see major new construction projects (the projects that create jobs, increase safety, ease congestion and foster economic development) until a long-term transportation funding solution is in place. While the Commission and MoDOT are committed to maintaining the current transportation system for as long as possible with current funding, the Commission expressed the critical need to identify a long-term solution to funding infrastructure at the state and federal level.

Julie Lorenz, former Director of Public Affairs for the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), presented to the Commission the process that KDOT used that led to the successful passage of a transportation funding measure called Transportation Works for Kansas (T-Works). David Warm, Mid-America Regional Council Executive Director, encouraged the Commission, as the public entity responsible for Missouri's transportation system, to lead the effort to develop a transportation investment strategy in Missouri and engage political leaders, business leaders, chambers of commerce, and the citizens of Missouri in the development of the strategy. The Commission thanked Ms. Lorenz and Mr. Warm for participating in the workshop.

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

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CERTIFICATION

We, Rudolph Farber, Chair, and Pamela J. Harlan, Secretary to the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission, hereby certify that the foregoing are full, true, and complete minutes of the special meeting of June 5, 2012, held by said Commission in Kansas City, Missouri, as approved by said Commission at its meeting held July 11, 2012.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereto set our hands and affixed the seal of said Commission on July 11, 2012.

Chair

Secretary