

Recommendations for Statutory or Regulatory Changes

21.795. 3(7) RSMo

*The information in this section is in accordance with the following section of the reporting statute. “Specific Recommendations for any statutory or regulatory changes necessary for the efficient and effective operation of the department;...”
Section 21.795.3(7)*

The Missouri Department of Transportation(MoDOT) strives to improve its existing transportation system, and continues to work with available resources for the construction and rehabilitation of the state road system. MoDOT is committed to working with the Governor’s Office and the General Assembly in the 2008 legislative session to explore ways to improve safety on Missouri’s roadways, address financial shortfalls in highway and non-highway modes of transportation, and enhance transportation programs & operations to better serve MoDOT customers.

During a Special Session of the 2007 General Assembly, the legislators passed an initiative addressing bonding issues under Missouri’s design-build statute, allowing both MoDOT and two contractor teams to move forward in the procurement process for a “Safe and Sound Bridge Improvement Program.” Under the Safe and Sound Bridge Improvement Program, the selected contractor team will contract with MoDOT to repair or replace more than 800 of Missouri’s worst bridges within five years and will maintain those bridges for at least twenty-five years.

For the 2008 session, MoDOT has drafted three legislative proposals to improve safety in work zones and improve efficiency in Missouri based motor carrier operations. MoDOT will also work with the budget committees in requesting an appropriation to improve multimodal transportation services. The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission approved the department’s legislative agenda at its September meeting. The proposals are grouped into two “tangible results” found in MoDOT’s *Tracker, Measures of Departmental Performance*: Safe Transportation System and Efficient Movement of Goods.

Safe Transportation System

Automated Speed Enforcement in Work Zones – amends Missouri law to specifically allow automated speed control devices to be used in state highway system work zones, which will encourage motorists to slow down in work zones.

Increased Criminal Penalties to Protect Highway Workers – amends Missouri law to add highway workers working in a construction zone or work zone on the state highway system as public service workers that are protected by the same criminal assault laws that apply specifically to law enforcement officials, emergency personnel and probation and parole officers.

Efficient Movement of Goods and Partner With Others to Deliver Transportation Services

Unified Carrier Registration System – The department will pursue a proposal that would put into place statutory authorization to implement a new interstate registration program referred to as the Unified Carrier Registration System. This program would replace the current Single State Registration System and will modify the registration requirements for the interstate exempt registration program, mirroring recent federal law changes. This proposal was also pursued during the 2007 session.