Title 7—DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Division 10—Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission Chapter 7—Transportation

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

7 CSR 10-7.010 Distribution of Funds Appropriated to the Missouri Elderly and Handicapped Transportation Assistance Program. The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission is amending subsections (1)(A), (1)(C), and (2)(B) through (2)(E).

PURPOSE: This amendment amends the term "handicapped" to "handicapped/disabled" except where referencing the statutory program name; removes and simplifies the regulatory burden of varying match requirements to a consistent dollar-for-dollar; removes dates for applications, awards, and disbursements; and removes the monthly disbursement requirement to reduce regulatory burden to align with 7 CSR 10-7.030.

- (1) Criteria. The following criteria is to be used to distribute state financial assistance to eligible transportation providers under section 208.260, RSMo:
 - (A) Eligibility. Applicants must-
 - 1. Meet one (1) of the following criteria:
- A. Be incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation in Missouri under the provisions of Chapter 355, RSMo; or
- B. Engage the services of a not-for-profit corporation, County Sheltered Workshop or Developmental Disability Services under the provisions of sections 205.968–205.972, RSMo, or Senior Citizens Service Fund Tax under the provisions of sections 67.990–67.995, RSMo;
 - 2. Show availability of federal, local, or private funds for the project under application;
- 3. Show that their total operating costs exceed their total operating revenues, including all dues, membership fees, and all other sources of operating revenue; and
- Show that its costs are limited to operating costs specifically for transporting elderly and handicapped/disabled persons;
- (C) Federal, local, and private funds will be matched with program funds on a dollar-for-dollar basis to defray transportation operating losses for approved applicants [by the following procedures:
- 1. When an organization receives federal funds from a state agency and a cash match is required, the commission will provide the cash match;
- 2. If federal funds are received directly from a federal agency and no state program or agency is involved, the commission will provide one-half (1/2) of any cash match, required by the federal program with the remaining one-half (1/2) being provided from other sources; and
 - 3. The commission will match local or private funds on a dollar-for-dollar basis].
- (2) Applications, Awards, and Disbursements.
 - (B) Applications will be accepted [through March 31] each year.
 - (C) Applications will be processed [through June 15] each year.
 - (D) Announcements of financial assistance to applicants will be made [by June 30] each year.
- (E) Awards will be made for a period of twelve (12) months [beginning on July 1 of each year]. Disbursements will be made [monthly] on a reimbursable basis subject to the above conditions.

AUTHORITY: section 208.265, RSMo 2016.* This rule was previously filed as 14 CSR 10-2.010. Original rule filed Dec. 1, 1976, effective March 11, 1977. Amended: Filed March 4, 1983, effective June 15, 1983. Emergency amendment filed Aug. 13, 1993, effective Aug. 23, 1993, expired Dec. 20, 1993. Amended: Filed Aug. 13, 1993, effective March 10, 1994. Amended: Filed Oct. 6, 2017, effective May 30, 2018. Amended: Filed December 9, 2022.

*Original authority: 208.265, RSMo 1976.

PUBLIC COST: This proposed amendment will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

PRIVATE COST: This proposed amendment will not cost private entities more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: Anyone may file a statement in support of or in opposition to this proposed amendment with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission, Pamela J. Harlan, Secretary to the Commission, PO Box 270, Jefferson City, MO 65102 or Pamela.Harlan@modot.mo.gov. To be considered, comments must be received within thirty (30) days after publication of this notice in the Missouri Register. No public hearing is scheduled.