



**MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION**

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED
HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING
HELD IN SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI,
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2023**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission was held on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at the Ozarks Technical Community College, Center for Advanced Manufacturing, Jack and Ann Gentry Family Event Center, 1001 E Chestnut Expressway, Springfield, Missouri and was available via live stream. Terry L. Ecker, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The following Commissioners were present: W. Dustin Boatwright, P.E., Gregg C. Smith, Robert G. Brinkmann, P.E., and Warren K. Erdman. There remains one vacant seat.

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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Patrick McKenna, 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 Wednesday, June 7, 2023.

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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.*

-- OPEN MEETING --

COMMISSION/DIRECTOR ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Boatwright, the Commission unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 3, 2023, and the special meeting on May 2, 2023. The Chairman and Secretary to the Commission were authorized and directed to sign and certify said minutes and to file same in the office of the Secretary.

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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 June 7, 2023, Consent Agenda

No items were removed from the consent agenda. Upon motion by Commissioner Brinkmann, seconded by Commissioner Smith, the consent agenda items were unanimously approved by a quorum of Commission members present.

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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. A Commissioner also serves on the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety Executive Committee. The following committee and board reports were made during the June 7, 2023, meeting.

Audit Committee – Commissioner Brinkman reported that the Audit Committee met today. They met with the external auditors from RubinBrown LLP regarding the upcoming Fiscal Year 2023 financial statement audit that is required annually, per Section 21.795.3, RSMo. The next Audit Committee meeting is scheduled for November 2023.

Legislative Committee – Commissioner Boatwright reported that it has been a historic year for MoDOT and the Commission. By the adjournment for the 2023 Missouri legislative session, the legislature approved investments of more than \$3 billion in general revenues into transportation infrastructure projects across the state. This is amazing!

He gave the following examples:

- \$100 million for minor and low volume roads;
- \$50 million for railroad safety improvements;
- Over \$50 million for ports;
- Over \$24 million for environmental studies on I-44, Highways 36 and 63;
- Over \$10 million for aviation; and
- \$1.4 billion in cash and another \$1.4 billion in bond financing to repair and expand Interstate 70 from Blue Springs to Wentzville.

These amounts of general revenues were made possible from a surplus of cash because of 28 months of state revenue growth and federal payments tied to COVID relief and recovery. Before he went

any further into his report, related to Interstate 70, he thanked Governor Parson and Lieutenant Governor Kehoe for their leadership and foresight to make improvements on the interstate hub of the nation that generates a large amount of economic development in the state each year. He also thanked Senate Appropriations chair Lincoln Hough for his forward thinking and all the House and Senate members who supported MoDOT's budget requests. He thanked the members of the Commission who took time out of their busy schedules each month to come to Jefferson City and visit with elected officials.

By the end of session, the General Assembly passed 63 different legislative proposals (including 19 separate fiscal year 2024 budget bills) which the Governor must now consider signing into law. Two specific transportation policy measures that passed this session include the enactment of a secondary law prohibiting the use of an electronic communication device while driving. This "Hands Free" safety initiative was part of the department's SAFER document entitled *Safer Access for Everyone on the Roadways*, and the creation of a Waterways and Ports Trust Fund for depositing state and federal grants and funds for local port authorities for capital improvement projects and statewide planning purposes.

Both proposals were priorities for the Commission. Commissioner Boatwright was excited to report on the proposals that did not pass that could have impacted funding available future transportation projects as outlined in the current Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. Some of those proposals included eliminating the 12.5-cent per gallon motor fuel tax increased as passed by the legislature in 2021; allowing individuals to claim a fuel tax refund on their state income tax; and increasing the current fuel tax refund process to all Missouri commercial motor carriers. Fortunately, by the end of this session, no legislation was passed that could impact the day-to-day operations or deteriorate the decision-making processes of the Commission. More information about the results of the legislative session will be provided when Chief Financial Officer Brenda Morris presents a summary of the fiscal year 2024 budget, and Director McKenna will have more to add to this report during his Director's Report.

Commissioner Boatwright again thanked all the safety partners and coalition members who helped pass the hands-free proposal. He also thanked Senator Jason Bean and Representative Tim Taylor for their leadership in passing the Waterways and Ports Trust Fund legislation. He then thanked all transportation partners who helped educate elected officials on the need to properly fund transportation by defeating legislation that could reduce monies already being collected and deposited into the state road fund for identified projects. Commissioner Boatwright concluded with stating that it was a great year and a great time to be in the transportation business in the state of Missouri.

Missouri Transportation Finance Corporation (MTFC) – Commissioner Smith stated that there was no report and the MTFC Board meeting is scheduled for August 2023.

MoDOT and Patrol Employees' Retirement System (MPERS) – Commissioner Boatwright reported the board had not met recently, but the Audit and Budget Committees held meetings in May. The next Board meeting is scheduled for June 22, 2023.

Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety Executive Committee – Commissioner Brinkmann reported as of June 2, 2023, there have been 341 traffic fatalities in Missouri this year. This is 24 fewer fatalities than the same period last year, a 7 percent reduction. While overall fatalities are down, motorcyclist fatalities remain elevated and are up 34 percent compared to this time last year.

Memorial Day kicked off what is typically the start of increased travel during the summer months. This, of course, also coincides with increased road construction and maintenance activities. These are

crucial months in our efforts to reduce traffic fatalities. The Commission and department are asking everyone to do their part, beginning with simple conversations and commitments to buckle up, put down the phone, slow down, and always plan for a sober ride. Please work with us to keep our roadways safe.

On June 6, 2023, an ad hoc committee of the Executive Committee met to further discuss the state’s ongoing efforts in public outreach and education. The Executive Committee is committed to finding additional ways to engage more Missourians with the life-saving message of Show-Me Zero, realizing every single person can help create a safer Missouri.

On that note, Commissioner Brinkmann expressed appreciation to the Missouri legislature for promoting safety by passing a Hands-Free law prohibiting all drivers from using their cell phones while driving. This is a meaningful step forward in Missouri’s pursuit to eliminate traffic fatalities, and the Commission and department are grateful for their efforts.

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DIRECTOR’S REPORT

During the June 7, 2023, Commission meeting, Director Patrick McKenna provided the following report:

Draft Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) – The Director shared that today, Transportation Planning Director Eric Curtit would present the draft STIP. It was a challenging process this year to develop the fiscal year 2024 to 2028 list of funded projects. Like many areas of the economy, inflation is raising construction costs. The contracts awarded by the Commission this past year have averaged 20 percent over estimates. The department had to account for those increased costs as well as adjust the estimates for the future projects in the STIP. That total inflation over the next five years totals \$1.2 billion. That is basically the equivalent of an entire year of projects the department could have put out for contract. But most importantly, the department is honoring the commitments to do the projects already scheduled in the STIP and maintain a fiscally sound program list. Mr. Curtit will present more about this later in the meeting. The Director took a moment to thank the MoDOT planning and engineering staff as well as regional planning partners across the state who have worked on this difficult task for the past few months.

Year End Construction Report – The Director reflected on the record-breaking construction year it has been for road and bridge projects in Missouri. The department awarded \$1.8 billion in contracts since last July. Currently, the department is managing 540 contracts worth \$3 billion in active construction across the state.

MoDOT team members involved in program delivery from right of way and utility clearance, to designing plans and then construction and materials inspection have done phenomenal work despite turnover and training new employees. He also thanked partners in the private sector who helped the department prepare plans as well as all the construction industry who builds these projects.

Work Zone Awareness – The Director reported that all these projects also mean a tremendous number of work zones. On any day in Missouri there are more than 1,000 work zones for road and bridge construction or maintenance work. Staying alert and focused when behind the wheel is what keeps everyone’s families safe. It only takes one bad decision, sometimes in a split second, to change a life.

Buckle up, put the phone down, stay alert, and drive sober every trip, every time. MoDOT needs people to slow down and pay attention, because distracted driving is a serious problem that crews encounter every day. The Director shared a video showing the impact on the team and the reality of what they face every day from distracted drivers.

The video depicted the view looking behind MoDOT maintenance trucks that have truck mounted attenuators. This safety equipment is designed to protect the workers doing their job repairing roads and bridges and to take the impact to hopefully save lives of the people running into MoDOT trucks. It is a serious reminder for drivers to put their phone down, slow down, and move over when they see work zone warning signs, flashing lights and arrows, and lanes closed ahead.

National Debt Reduction – The Director reported that last week’s action at the federal level to raise the debt ceiling could have a potential impact on projects in Missouri. Part of the debt reduction actions cut various COVID era funds that had gone unspent. MoDOT was at risk of losing tens of millions of dollars. Quick action by the MoDOT team resulted in no loss of funds. The Director thanked team MoDOT and partners at the Federal Highway Administration. The department’s goal is to always use the funds it is entrusted with and get it into projects as quickly as possible, so citizens see the benefit of their tax dollars.

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PUBLIC PRESENTATION

STRENGTH IN PARTNERSHIPS – SPRINGFIELD DELEGATION

Matt Morrow, President of Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce; John Russell, Greene County Commissioner; and Sara Fields, Executive Director of Ozarks Transportation Organization, shared with the Commission their appreciation for being partners in transportation. Mr. Morrow noted southwest Missouri is hardwired for partnership and that it is how they operate and accomplish all their best work. The region works with legislative bodies, and advocates with the Commission and MoDOT, for the necessary resources for their communities to keep the state safe and prepared for future growth. Ozark Technical Community College (OTC) is an example of community partnership. Having this facility is a great advantage when businesses are considering where to grow and advance. The region can show an employer, who might consider investing here, how they can take care of ensuring that future workforce needs are met.

Mr. Morrow reported there is growth in every part of the region. He reviewed the growth of the ten counties of the Ozarks. As the population continues to grow, the workforce also continues to grow,

which helps them compete for private investment. Companies are also impressed and encouraged by partnerships that happen in the area and how they leverage those partnerships for success. Mr. Morrow described the last three years of growth in the metro areas of the state and noted that Springfield was second highest in growth. He stated the region's tremendous growth is good for a competitive advantage, but also creates many infrastructure needs. He shared that they have had a great history of being able to work at making the most of cost share opportunities and advocating for some of the same legislative priorities.

Mr. Russell highlighted stated that he felt that partnership with collaboration is done well in his area, especially when it comes to transportation. As chairman of the Ozarks Transportation Organization (OTO) he worked with the board to prioritize projects for the region to prioritize projects such as I-44 and the interchange for Highway 13. This led to partnering with MoDOT to seek federal discretionary funds and working with legislators to ensure funding was included in the state budget. The Greene County Commission and the City of Springfield Mayor also realized this was a priority and provided funding through a cost share.

Mr. Russell highlighted some OTO priorities such as, the widening of I-44 and US 65. The region is grateful to see some big projects like US 60 and smaller projects like the Highway 125 intersection in Strafford. They have prioritized two cost share projects; the first was a widening project near the new Amazon facility and the second being a widening project in Christian County. He noted that these projects are experiencing the same inflationary problems that Director McKenna had mentioned earlier. He also shared that there is a long list of arterials, like Highway 13, that the OTO board will work to prioritize and update to be ready to work with MoDOT to apply for additional funds when necessary.

Ms. Fields reported that last year the City of Springfield came and spoke to the commission about a new Quality of Place initiative. She noted they are making progress but there remains work to be done. She shared about one project that accommodates a trail underpass as part of the I-44 project. Additional

General Revenue investment is needed for a pavement rebuild project that allows the installation of a box culvert to accommodate the trail underpass. She stated funding has been added from Springfield and Greene County to enhance the pedestrian connection. Improvements to the bridges, lighting, wider sidewalks, and better connections will be important to reducing pedestrian deaths. The OTO works with MoDOT on cost share programs to enhance sidewalks and trail systems.

Ms. Fields reported that as they continue to work together, they are partnering to make efficient use of funds and resources to produce results requested by citizens. A part of their regional vision was to have an additional 45 miles of trails constructed by 2045. They believe that trails could be an essential part of the eco-tourism to show their rich natural environment. She noted that they saw Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act (CRRSAA) funds as an opportunity to advance that vision. They selected three trails that were approved for funding in May 2021. By May 2023 two projects were awarded, and in January of 2024, the third project will be awarded. She noted her appreciation of staff for being great partners and that together we are building better communities and better projects.

Commissioner Smith thanked them for their joint presentation and shared his appreciation for the working relationship they have with the Commission and MoDOT. He noted that we will continue to work together to keep moving economic development forward. He also thanked Mayor McClure for being present today. Director McKenna stated that this is a really great example of how federal, state, and local officials work together. Commissioner Erdman thanked them for their partnership, and he recalled a legislative hearing where a proposal came before legislature that would have essentially replaced the Commission and department's partnership with local planning agencies to come up with long-term capital plans for state appropriations for all transportation projects. He noted that proposal reminded him how important it is to defend this process of local partnerships that has worked so well.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMENTS REGARDING THE SUNSHINE STREET MEDIAN PROJECT

Tom Fowler, President and Chief Executive Officer of State Bank of Southwest Missouri, shared his concerns about the Sunshine Street median project. He stated Sunshine Street, in his judgement, is the predominant east to west retail street in Springfield. He said that other streets that have medians do not have businesses because of those medians. He noted about 90 businesses have signed a petition stating their opposition to this project. With the opposition to this project, he asked that the Commission and MoDOT consider removing the median and limited access part of this project. He feels that this project would have a negative impact on the local economy and property values. Mr. Fowler thanked the Commission for listening to his concerns and let them know he would be sending them a packet of information.

Commissioner Ecker thanked Mr. Fowler for sharing and noted that they have heard and understood his concerns. He encouraged Mr. Fowler to continue working with Southwest District Engineer, Stacy Reese.

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MODOT PRESENTATIONS

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT UPDATE

On behalf of the Director, Stacy Reese, Southwest District Engineer, presented a brief overview of great and wonderful things happening in the Southwest District. She noted there are currently 309 projects in the current Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) worth over a billion dollars for the Southwest District and currently there are 103 active projects in the district. She shared information on the following large and impactful projects. These include:

- Route 86, Long Creek Bridge
- Interstate 44, Corridor Bridge Bundle
- U.S. 60, Widening Project
- U.S. 65, Improvements

- Route 14, Widening
- Interstate 44, Improvements
- Route 13, Intersection Improvements

She expressed her appreciation for the Governor's cost share projects. One project from the first round is completed and another two projects are currently underway. From the second round, the district has awarded one project and an additional six projects are being developed. Ms. Reese noted the growth and economic development in the region has led to an increased workload for the district. Last year, the Southwest District issued 1,575 permits for work on MoDOT right of ways. She described the excellence in the district's operations with examples that included collection of 56,780 bags of litter, and how the district shifted resources so Butler and Clinton maintenance buildings could assist the Kansas City area in preparation for the NFL draft. She highlighted that there were nine maintenance buildings and organizations that had zero incidents in 2022 and were all recognized with a certificate during the spring meetings.

She shared about innovation in the district. They have a new striper that with the help of central office, they have retrofitted. It has the capability of autonomously striping and the ability to record passing and no passing zones which has huge safety and time saving potential. She noted that this year, the district submitted nine innovations, and were able to take five of the nine to the statewide innovations challenge.

Ms. Reese highlighted some examples of community outreach. The district attended ten Jobs for America's Graduates events and over fifty recruitment and community outreach events. Additionally, the district interacted with over 3,500 students and families at MoDOT events. Community outreach includes their continued work with partnerships with the cities of Springfield and Nixa. Cost share and economic development projects include partnering with communities of Carthage, Joplin, Neosho, Republic, and Ozark. They also partner with emergency management, law enforcement, and the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety.

The district's employees demonstrate excellence daily. Ms. Reese described a few noteworthy examples of employee excellence including recent recognition of the Anderson Maintenance crew that found a box containing a small coin collection, old military medals, and photos. The items were turned into the sheriff's office and the owner was found. Crews from Regional Bridge and Southwest maintenance came together and in just five days completed an emergency repair on a broken bridge joint on I-49 in McDonald County. She noted on June 14, the department will celebrate 30 years of Incident Response and recognize its employees in that area of service. The district will celebrate 16 years at their current Transportation Management Center (TMC) of the Ozarks, a joint facility with the City of Springfield. She recognized Wyatt Schubert, Motorist Assistance Operator, and read a letter of appreciation that the district received acknowledging Mr. Schubert's efficiency and customer service while assisting a motorist with a flat tire on U.S. 60. Mr. Schubert was presented with a leadership coin and a picture was taken with Commission members, Director McKenna, and Ms. Reese.

Commissioner Boatwright thanked Ms. Reese for her presentation and welcomed her to her new role as the Southwest District Engineer. He expressed appreciation for the district hosting this month's Commission meeting and noted it is exciting to see the work that she and her team are doing. Commissioner Erdman wanted to highlight his appreciation for the shift of resources to help the Kansas City district prepare for the NFL draft.

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MODOT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (MMS) UPDATE

On behalf of the Director, Michael Middleton, Project Director, highlighted the functions of MoDOT Management System (MMS). About six or seven years ago MoDOT had multiple systems in place to document work, equipment, materials, etc. With sponsorship of the department's executive team, a steering team was created that traveled the state to determine the needs of a single system that will be more efficient and easier to use. They completed district visits for a year and met with subject matter

experts. He reviewed the time it took from the start in 2017 to present where the system was developed, employees were trained and it went live in 2020, to 2022 when the safety module was added, to the future with additional enhancements planned.

Mr. Middleton described the eight modules that include daily journal, work plan, budget, my area, fleet, results, consumable inventory, and safety management. Because the system is being used every day it is also a great communication tool where short videos can be displayed to communicate current MoDOT messages. Under the daily journal module work is assigned so each employee has the activity and equipment assigned to them, risk-based assessments are reviewed along with work zone applications. The supervisors can also verify that the employees have the training needed for the day's work as well. At the end of the day the crews can document their work including information about the labor, equipment usage, location, material usage, and the actual work that was performed that day.

The work plan module captures activities that have been federalized so the department can be reimbursed with federal funds for this work. This module captures what work is planned compared to what work actually takes place. This helps bring situation awareness to the buildings and supervisors for their area. The budget module allows the building to estimate the cost of the work they want to accomplish, documents the actual cost, and then shares the amount of funds remaining in the budget.

The "my area" module was built upon the Transportation Management System (TMS). The system can show conditions of routes, bridges, and signs. This module also allows employees to pull up a map that shows all of the work, including STIP projects and planned maintenance work to be mapped out and indicate all of the different work zones across the state. A new part of the module includes call reports to allow documentation for that work. The fleet module allows the capture of fleet that are down, pictures of the equipment, oil change and routine maintenance work. The results module provides reports regarding time expended and estimated total cost for litter pickup, pipe culvert repairs, flood response, and signal work.

Mr. Middleton stated in August of 2021 they went from how you can manage your work and plan your work, to how do we help out with safety. Following the addition of this module the system's name changed from the MoDOT Maintenance System to the MoDOT Management System. In January 2023, the department implemented the incident reporting system; anytime an employee is injured or if there is equipment damage, it is displayed on a map as well. Reviewing these incidents drilling down on the data helps the department understand areas that need to be reviewed and where improvements can be made for better safety and efficiency.

The department is continuing to build on this system to review things like career ladders, employee training records and licenses, and leave balances and requests. Work is underway to also integrate signing and striping work in the future as well as mobile interaction for the system. Mr. Middleton concluded his presentation by stating the MoDOT Management System is a premiere system in the nation. As a result, MoDOT is confident work is planned better and employees are safer at the end of the day.

Commissioner Brinkmann thanked Mr. Middleton for his presentation, commended him for his passion for this system, and inquired in the system use could be measured. Mr. Middleton said there are some features like that, so he does know that there are 3,000 employees that use this system every day. Commissioner Boatwright also commented that this system allows the department to go on offense rather than defense in its operations and that is a game changer!

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MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET

On behalf of the Director, Brenda Morris, Chief Financial Officer, presented the \$7.2 billion operating budget for fiscal year 2024 for the Commission's consideration and approval. This budget request is \$3.6 billion more than the fiscal year 2023 budget. The General Assembly approved the appropriations legislation on May 5, 2023. Ms. Morris noted the Governor has not yet signed the appropriations legislation.

Ms. Morris explained it was an extraordinary legislative session. Governor Parson and the General Assembly worked together to fund significant transportation infrastructure, namely \$2.8 billion for the improvement of Interstate 70. She explained that as part of the financial planning model, there are three important financial documents including the financial forecast, the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), and the budget. A pie graph was shown with an overview of the department's \$7.2 billion budget. The largest budget category was program delivery at 80 percent and includes the \$2.8 billion for the improvement of I-70. Most of the budget is put toward transportation work and projects including funds for program delivery; safety and operations; fleet, facilities, and information systems; and multimodal. The budgeted funds from these areas are approximately 95 percent of the entire budget, the remaining budget is for administration, refunds, and fringe benefits.

The Governor recommended, and the General Assembly approved an 8.7 percent cost of living (COLA) increase that was effective March 1, 2023. The Commission approved implementing this increase and coupled with the pay actions taken by the Commission last year, the department is beginning to see an impact on turnover and the ability to hire staff.

Ms. Morris reported there will be an increase for the safety and operations category, \$12.5 million to help defray the increasing price of roadway materials due to inflation. She noted with the increased emphasis on safety, the safety and operations budget includes \$12.6 million for high priority safety initiatives. This includes items like additional automated Truck Mounted Attenuators (TMA's), TMA video recording systems, TMAs for our existing fleet, and outsourcing the department's safety training. This increase also includes an additional \$2.0 million for paid media to educate the public about the dangers associated with risky driving behavior to drive Missouri toward zero roadway deaths. The safety and operations budget also includes \$1.9 million to implement a six-year maintenance plan to upgrade or replace noncompliant TMAs. All TMAs must meet the Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH) safety compliance guideline hardware requirements by December 2029.

With the construction program being as large as it is, the amount budgeted for the program delivery appropriation was increased by \$379 million for contractor payments, consultant design work, and right of way purchases. In addition to the regular STIP work, the legislature approved some other program delivery projects. The draft STIP, at \$13.4 billion, represents the largest five-year construction program in Missouri history. This was due in large part to the investment funded by Governor Parson and the General Assembly.

In addition to the \$2.8 billion for I-70, an additional 16 road and bridge projects totaling nearly \$207 million were funded with General Revenue or General Revenue look alike funds. Approximately \$177 million of the \$207 million for ten projects came from the department's high priority unfunded needs list. A couple of these projects include an additional \$100 million to invest in low volume and minor roads around the state and \$20 million for an Environmental Impact Study for corridor improvements along I-44. The remaining six projects totaling \$29.6 million were other General Assembly designated and funded projects.

Ms. Morris stated that the fleet, facilities, and information systems investments are essential to supporting the department. The Commission approved increases to this category as part of their submittal last fall. The Governor recommended and the General Assembly approved the amounts included in the submittal. These included an additional \$10 million investment in the fleet to improve the average age and condition of MoDOT's fleet. The average age of MoDOT's fleet is nine years and the target is six years. The target is based on one-half of the expected useful life of the equipment. An additional \$4.8 million investment in facilities to offset inflationary cost increases, reduce the number of facility systems in need of replacement or repair, and for capital improvement projects to meet functional needs. MoDOT maintains 514 facilities at 200 locations and those facilities have a \$134 million replacement value. An investment of \$1.85 million for improvements and conversions to truck parking at weigh stations, and \$4.2 million for rest areas and truck parking facilities. These facilities provide a safer and more enjoyable

traveling experience for customers through providing a place of rest and information. An additional \$2 million investment in information technology, as the information systems budget for the department has not been increased in over 10 years and this additional investment is needed.

This year, the General Assembly approved several funding items related to multimodal. The department requested \$15.45 million of General Revenue for the State Transit Assistance Program. The legislature did not approve the department's request, but the General Assembly did approve \$10 million of General Revenue for this important program to the core funding versus making it a one-time funding increase. In addition, a \$7 million one-time funding increase for fiscal year 2023 was approved. The Missouri State Transit Assistance Program is one of the smallest state programs nationally. These funds will be used for operating assistance to help support transit operating deficits for public transit agencies and for match to purchase transit vehicles through the federal programs that MoDOT administers. Ms. Morris stated that this brings the funding for this program back up to the amount experienced in the early 2000s. The General Assembly appropriated enough General Revenue to support the twice daily passenger rail service between St. Louis and Kansas City. In addition, multimodal also had eight General Assembly designated and funded projects totaling \$52.4 million. Five of the eight projects totaling \$49.2 million, were projects from the high priority unfunded needs list. These projects include a rail spur, improvements at airports, and investments in port facilities.

The Commission's submittal included \$50 million of General Revenue for the railroad grade crossing safety program. The General Assembly approved the department's request and included a \$10 million placeholder for any federal discretionary grants. There are over 6,500 highway-rail crossings in Missouri. There are 4,381 public crossings and 2,183 private crossings. Over 3,300 of the of the public crossings are at-grade railroad crossings with approximately 85 percent located off the state highway system. About 43 percent of the at-grade crossings are passive crossings, with most (98 percent) being on the local system versus the state system. Ms. Morris explained that passive crossings are those that

lack active warning devices to indicate if a train is coming. Over the last five years, 53 percent of fatalities at railroad crossings in Missouri occurred at passive crossings. This funding will increase the number of crossings with active warning devices. This will improve the safety at many of the crossings. This funding will allow the department to complete the equivalent of six years of projects that the current program could accomplish. The current estimated cost to upgrade all public passive railroad crossings with flashing lights and gates is approximately \$700 million.

The key investments for the Fiscal Year 2024 budget are:

- Program Delivery – \$5,748,611,000
- Safety and Operations – \$548,601,000
- Multimodal – \$405,227,000
- Fleet, Facilities, and Information Systems – \$120,043,000
- Administration – \$29,894,000
- Fringe Benefits – \$297,498,000
- Other State Agencies – \$459,100,000

Commissioner Erdman thanked Ms. Morris for her presentation and commended the department for continuing to operate with the same staffing level with this significant increase in transportation funding for projects. He noted he anticipates an increase in staffing will be needed to meet the commitments of the increased transportation program. He also thanked the Governor and legislators for entrusting the department with the new funding.

Following discussion, and upon motion by Commissioner Boatwright, seconded by Commissioner Smith, the Commission unanimously approved the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget as noted in the table below. Any necessary revisions to the fiscal year 2024 budget will be presented to the Commission by request for a budget amendment. The Commission also authorized the expenditures of the operating budget in accordance with Commission policies.



**Fiscal Year 2021-2023 Summary
and Fiscal Year 2024 Budget**
(Dollars in Thousands)

	Fiscal Year 2021 Actual	Fiscal Year 2022 Actual	Fiscal Year 2023 Budget ¹	Fiscal Year 2024 Budget ²
Administration				
Personal Services	\$ 16,872	\$ 17,952	\$ 21,387	\$ 23,247
Expense and Equipment	1,809	2,703	6,439	6,647
Total Administration	<u>18,681</u>	<u>20,655</u>	<u>27,826</u>	<u>29,894</u>
Safety and Operations				
Personal Services	135,797	138,218	164,317	179,008
Expense and Equipment	193,748	236,040	253,370	277,846
Program	17,274	19,230	127,750	91,747
Total Safety and Operations	<u>346,819</u>	<u>393,488</u>	<u>545,437</u>	<u>548,601</u>
Program Delivery				
Personal Services	57,894	61,722	81,754	88,939
Expense and Equipment	17,702	21,532	27,918	28,171
Program	1,401,732	1,398,356	2,147,004	2,624,819
I-70 Project	0	0	0	2,800,000
Gen. Assembly Designated/Funded Projects	0	0	0	206,682
Total Program Delivery ⁴	<u>1,477,328</u>	<u>1,481,610</u>	<u>2,256,676</u>	<u>5,748,611</u>
Fleet, Facilities, and Information Systems				
Personal Services	9,258	10,124	13,143	14,286
Expense and Equipment	61,396	77,228	88,298	105,757
Total Fleet, Facilities, and Information Systems	<u>70,654</u>	<u>87,352</u>	<u>101,441</u>	<u>120,043</u>
Multimodal				
Personal Services	1,743	1,791	2,179	2,837
Expense and Equipment	160	293	590	711
Program	90,277	99,613	306,944	299,279
Railroad Grade Crossing Projects	0	0	0	50,000
Gen. Assembly Designated/Funded Projects	0	0	0	52,400
Total Multimodal	<u>92,180</u>	<u>101,697</u>	<u>309,713</u>	<u>405,227</u>
Cost-of-Living Adjustment (House Bill 3014)				
Personal Services	0	0	10,399	0
Fringe Benefits				
Retirement & Long-Term Disability	124,454	128,515	170,843	179,787
Medical, Life Insurance and EAP	46,075	44,813	55,001	55,288
Retiree Medical Insurance	17,661	17,193	18,630	18,740
Workers' Compensation	7,485	7,500	8,600	9,227
Other Fringe Benefits ³	16,765	17,191	27,840	34,456
Total Fringe Benefits	<u>212,440</u>	<u>215,212</u>	<u>280,914</u>	<u>297,498</u>
Subtotal MoDOT Disbursements	\$ 2,218,102	\$ 2,300,014	\$ 3,532,406	\$ 7,149,874

¹Fiscal year 2023 budget is Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed appropriation amounts adjusted for supplemental increases, vetoes, restrictions, and reverted amounts.

²Fiscal year 2024 budget is Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed appropriation amounts.

³Includes fringe benefits appropriated in House Bill 5 for social security, unemployment tax and deferred compensation match and the department's share for MoDOT employees who are enrolled in the Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan (MCHCP) and Missouri State Employees' Retirement System (MOSERS).

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2024-2028 DRAFT STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION

On behalf of the Director, Eric Curtit, Transportation Planning Director, presented the 2024-2028 Draft Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) which is developed in unison with the budget and financial forecast. Mr. Curtit explained the STIP is MoDOT's proposed list of transportation projects for the next five years. This document describes how transportation dollars are being invested and represents MoDOT's commitment to Missourians. The STIP being presented today is the largest in Missouri history. This STIP increased almost \$3 billion from last year, this includes funding from the General Assembly for I-70 and special designated projects, with 1503 projects.

He described how the STIP includes five program areas, and some are required, and some are not. The largest program is the highway and bridge program. The next largest part is the operations and maintenance plan, while not a requirement it does provide the citizens of Missouri a comprehensive view of the total investment in Missouri's transportation system. The STIP also includes the local and other programs that receive federal funds for large flexible urban funding, county bridge programs, air quality, transportation alternatives, and recreational trails programs. Finally, the draft STIP includes a section for multimodal funding in all modes including transit, aviation, rail, waterways, and freight.

The STIP maintains a focus on asset management and was developed in coordination with the department's asset management plan. Missourians have expressed for a long time their priority is to maintain what you have before and expand roads and bridges in their current condition. That continues to be the theme of this STIP, take care of Missouri's transportation system that is comprised of 34,000 miles of roadway and over 10,400 bridges. Roads are classified into three categories. The first category is major roads, which include the interstates and roads designated as part of the National Highway System, for a total of 5,500 miles and carry seventy-six percent of all the travel and are at eighty-nine percent good condition. The second category includes minor roads that carry approximately twenty-two percent of travel on the state system and represent about 17,500 miles of roadway and are in eighty percent good

condition. The low volume roads carry less than 400 vehicles a day, carry two percent of traffic, account for about 11,000 miles of roadway, and are in seventy-four percent good condition.

The STIP also provides for bridge maintenance on the low volume minor roads, but typically, the pavements on low volume minor roads are maintained through the operating budget. However, the Commission directed the department to use STIP funds to address the disparity of low volume road condition. The asset management deficit program of about \$352 million is directed to improve those conditions. The asset management deficit program includes STIP jobs with STIP funds and the Rural Route Program as well as M jobs with operations funds.

He noted objective criteria are used to distribute funds to the districts who work side-by-side with the planning partners to identify needs and prioritize projects that are included in the draft STIP being presented today. The amount of funds available to distribute in the construction program is \$1.5 billion. Of that amount \$58 million is distributed for safety related projects, \$829 million is distributed for asset management projects, and \$621 million is distributed for system improvements. Safety funds are distributed based on fatalities and serious injuries. Asset management funds are distributed based on highway travel, bridge size, and highway miles. The remaining funds, system improvement funding, are distributed based on population, employment, and highway travel.

Mr. Curtit reported on the impacts of inflation on this draft STIP. In 2022 there was a difference between program amount and contractor awards, leading to an adjustment of \$102 million due to inflation. In 2023 the difference between program amounts and contractor awards are estimated to a total inflation adjustment of \$236 million. Program estimates from last year's STIP to this draft have increased \$891 million due to inflation. The department had to schedule adjustments from 54 jobs that moved from the year 2023 to 2024. An additional 362 project schedules were adjusted for the remainder of the STIP to accommodate inflation impacts.

Mr. Curtit reported on the changes for the 2024-2028 draft STIP. There were fifteen projects that were deleted from the STIP because those projects were no longer deemed a priority by the public, the work was incorporated into other projects, or was a root project from which other projects were split, or no bids received for the project. There were only 112 projects added to the draft STIP, compared to last year when the department added 781 projects. Of the 112 projects; 61 of those projects were operational, safety, and funded from other sources. Fifty-one projects are being added as a result of General Assembly's work this year setting aside general revenues for rural routes and other legislatively designated projects. Within the multimodal section of the STIP, the estimated program summary is \$792 million; additionally, there is also \$112 million for 10 legislatively designated and funded initiatives, that includes the \$50 million for the railroad grade crossing program. This STIP includes road and bridge construction projects, scoping jobs, transit projects, aviation projects, railroad projects, and water ways projects.

He highlighted some of the major projects that the legislature provided with \$3.173 billion designated and funded initiatives. These projects include \$2.8 billion for I-70, \$100 million for rural routes, \$161 million for other road and bridge funded projects and studies, \$50 million for railroad crossing corridor improvements, \$30 million for Kansas City public port improvements, and \$32 million for other multimodal funded projects and initiatives. He noted that these are all subject to the Governor's approval.

The next step in the process is for the department to conduct a public comment period for the draft STIP, then the department will collect the comments received and recommend action, noting any changes to the draft STIP. The final STIP is then presented to the Commission for consideration and approval following the public comment period. Commissioner Brinkmann stated that it is really impressive how the department collaborates with the public to plan for transportation in Missouri and that it is a shame to be experiencing twenty percent inflation, but it is good news that the legislature has provided additional transportation funding through general revenues.

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BUSINESS ISSUES

FINANCIAL ADVISOR SERVICES

On behalf of the Director, Brenda Morris, Financial Services Director, recommended approval of the award for financial advisory services in connection with complex financial transactions to Public Financial Management (PFM), which is comprised of Public Financial Management, Inc., and PFM Financial Advisors LLC. The general financial advisor service fees will be \$250 per hour throughout the life of the contract. The fees for bond issuances will be \$75,000 for an issuance requiring a new indenture or lien and will be \$60,000 for an issuance under an existing indenture or lien.

Via approval of the consent agenda, the Commission unanimously approved a one-year contract extension with PFM, which is comprised of Public Financial Management, Inc., and PFM Financial Advisors LLC, for financial advisory services through October 31, 2024, and authorized the Director, Deputy Director/Chief Engineer, Chief Financial Officer, or the Assistant Chief Engineer to execute a one-year Financial Advisor Services Agreement with PFM subject to approval as to form by the Chief Counsel's Office

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FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET AMENDMENT

On behalf of the Director, Brenda Morris, Financial Services Director, recommended increasing the fiscal year 2023 budget by \$832,000. The increase in budget is for the supplemental appropriations truly agreed to and finally passed by the General Assembly and signed by the Governor.

Via approval of the consent agenda, the Commission unanimously approved the fiscal year 2023 budget amendment described above.

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MISSOURI TRANSPORTATION FINANCE CORPORATION (MTFC) ELECTION OF AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBER

On behalf of the Director, Brenda Morris, Financial Services Director, reported in keeping with the Commission’s policy regarding the Missouri Transportation Finance Corporation (MTFC), at-large members of the MTFC Board of Directors are elected by the Commission and the President of the Board of Directors is appointed by the Commission Chairman. Ms. Morris recommended the Commission elect James E. Smith to the MTFC Board of Directors for a two-year term expiring on July 1, 2025. The current term for at-large member James E. Smith expires on June 30, 2023. The department appreciates that James E. Smith is a successful businessman with knowledge of finance and transportation and is a great asset to the MTFC Board of Directors.

Via approval of the consent agenda, the Commission unanimously elected James E. Smith to serve on the MTFC Board of Directors as an at-large member for a two-year term beginning July 1, 2023, and expiring on June 30, 2025.

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STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP)

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS FOR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS

On behalf of the Director, Travis Koestner, 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 C04, C06, G04, G06, and H01 have local funding as noted in the tables below, and the department received all of the necessary concurrences. He reported call B09 received no bids.

Mr. Koestner recommended: (1) Award of contracts to the lowest responsive bidders for bids received at the May 19, 2023, letting, as recommended, and noted in Table I below; (2) Award of contracts to the lowest responsive bidders for Calls C06 and H01, contingent upon receiving additional funding

from the local entities; and (3) Rejection of Calls B06, C03, G03, H09, and H10 due to excessive bids per Section 102.15(a) of the Missouri Standard Specifications for Highway Construction as noted in Table II below; and (4) Declare the bid from Millstone Weber, LLC for Call F01 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.

**Table I
Award of Contracts
May 19, 2023, Bid Opening**

Call No.	Route	County	Job No.	Bid Amount	Non-Contractual Costs	Contractor	Description
A02	M	Carroll, Chariton	J1S3387	\$866,867.50	\$0.00	Phillips Hardy, Inc.	Bridge Rehabilitation
B01	I-70	Montgomery, Warren	J2I3372	\$387,500.00	\$0.00	N.B. West Contracting Company	Job Order Contract for Asphalt Pavement Repair
B03	Various	Various	J2P3404	\$1,935,000.00	\$0.00	Collins & Hermann, Inc.	Job Order Contract for Guardrail Repair
B08	I-70, 61, T, 36	Lincoln, Macon, Montgomery, Ralls, Warren	JNE0130	\$2,690,010.00	\$0.00	CSD Environmental Services, Inc.	Job Order Contract for Guard Cable Repair
C01	Various	Various	J3I3103	\$1,700,000.00	\$0.00	Superior Rail System, LLC	Job Order Contract for Guardrail and Guard Cable Repair
C02	Various	Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte	J4P3117	\$1,625,000.00	\$0.00	Collins & Hermann, Inc.	Job Order Contract for Fence Repair
C04*	7	Cass	J4P3443	\$10,985,676.85	\$0.00	Radmacher Brothers Excavating Co., Inc.	2 Bridge Replacements and Intersection Improvements
C05	350	Jackson	J4S3339	\$11,786,457.58	\$10,000.00	Ideker, Inc.	Intersection improvement and ADA
			J4S3410				Coldmill, Resurface, and ADA
C06* *+	24	Jackson	J4S3405	\$20,888,425.35	\$0.00	Leavenworth Excavating & Equipment Company, Inc.	Grading, Paving, Drainage, Signals, ADA, and Resurface
			J4S3405B				Grading, Paving, Drainage, Signals and ADA
C07	Various	Johnson, Lafayette, Pettis, Ray, Saline	JKR0119	\$1,806,000.00	\$0.00	Ideker, Inc.	Job Order Contract for Asphalt Pavement Repair

Call No.	Route	County	Job No.	Bid Amount	Non-Contractual Costs	Contractor	Description
C08	Various	Johnson, Lafayette, Pettis, Ray, Saline	JKR0227	\$2,458,500.00	\$0.00	Realm Construction Inc.	Job Order Contract for Concrete Pavement Repair
C09	Various	Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte	JKU0004	\$2,518,011.80	\$0.00	Capital Electric Line Builders, Inc.	DMS Replacement and Concrete Maintenance Pads
C10	I-435, I-29	Clay, Platte	JKU0005	\$2,143,392.55	\$0.00	Leavenworth Excavating & Equipment Company, Inc.	5 Slide repairs, culvert extension, guardrail replacement
C11	C	Saline	J3MAMD02	\$1,439,823.05	\$0.00	Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc.	Resurface
D01	Various	Various	J5P3485	\$3,289,000.00	\$0.00	Collins & Hermann, Inc.	Job Order Contract for Guardrail and Guard Cable Repair
D02	Various	Various	J5P3486	\$3,588,000.00	\$0.00	Collins & Hermann, Inc.	Job Order Contract for Guardrail and Guard Cable Repair
D03	Various	Callaway, Cole, Crawford, Miller, Moniteau	J5P3490	\$1,230,276.54	\$0.00	Aplex, Inc.	ADA Improvements
D04	U	Cooper	J5S3465	\$172,454.77	\$0.00	Widel, Inc.	Bridge Rehabilitation
D05	Various	Crawford, Gasconade, Maries, Washington	J5S3369	\$757,639.20	\$0.00	Concrete Solution LLC	ADA Improvements
D09	HH	Cooper	J5S3462	\$764,119.69	\$187.55	Widel, Inc.	Bridge Replacement
D10	119	Dent	J5S3466	\$273,500.00	\$0.00	West Plains Bridge & Grading, LLC	Bridge Rehabilitation
D12	A	Washington	J5S3478	\$1,423,373.00	\$0.00	Joe's Bridge & Grading, Inc.	2 Bridge Replacements
F01	I-270	St Louis	J6I2090	\$38,500,000.00	\$0.00	Kozeny-Wagner, Inc.	Grading, Paving, ADA, 3 Bridge Replacements, 2 Bridge Redeck Widenings, 2 bridge Rehabilitation, 4 MSE Walls
F03	Various	Franklin, , St Louis, St Louis City	J6I3540	\$12,643,874.60	\$0.00	R. V. Wagner, Inc.	8 Bridge Rehabilitations
		St Charles, St Louis, St Louis City	J6I3550				25 Bridge Rehabilitations and ADA
F04	67, N, AC	St Louis	J6I3573	\$1,652,269.00	\$0.00	Concrete Strategies, LLC	3 Culvert Rehabilitations

Call No.	Route	County	Job No.	Bid Amount	Non-Contractual Costs	Contractor	Description
F05	Various	St Louis, St Louis City	J6P3453	\$4,725,000.00	\$0.00	Collins & Hermann, Inc.	Job Order Contract for Guardrail Repair
F06	Various	St Charles	J6P3457	\$1,257,141.60	\$0.00	Collins & Hermann, Inc.	Job Order Contract for Guardrail and Guard Cable Repair
F07	Various	Franklin, Jefferson	J6P3460	\$1,314,284.40	\$0.00	Collins & Hermann, Inc.	Job Order Contract for Guardrail and Guard Cable Repair
F09	109, 141, I-270	St Louis	J6S3583	\$999,632.00	\$800.00	Gerstner Electric, Inc.	Signal Improvements and ADA
F10	231	Jefferson, St Louis	J6S3597	\$1,161,620.00	\$0.00	Gerstner Electric, Inc.	Signal Improvement
G02	82	St Clair	J7P3477	\$2,286,992.25	\$0.00	Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc.	Bridge Deck Replacement
G04* **	ZZ	Greene	J8S3194	\$1,877,772.09	\$0.00	Hartman and Company, Inc.	Add Roundabout
G06* ***	ZZ	Greene	JSU0054	\$1,289,979.03	\$0.00	Radmacher Brothers Excavating Co., Inc.	Add Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail and ADA
H01* **** +	61	Cape Girardeau	J9P3735	\$7,086,939.82	\$0.00	Penzel Construction Company, Inc.	Paving, Bridge Replacement, and ADA
H06	Various	Bollinger, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Stoddard, Texas	J9S3734	\$1,227,621.88	\$0.00	Hessling Construction, Inc.	ADA Improvements
H08	I-55, I-57, 60	Various	JSE0096	\$1,649,341.00	\$0.00	Meyer Electric Company, Inc.	Dynamic Message Board Upgrades
S01	Various	Various	JSTM0036	\$1,518,247.50	\$0.00	Raising Solutions, LLC	On-Call Slab Stabilization
			TOTAL	\$153,919,743.05	\$10,987.55		

* Call C04 - Funding by City of Harrisonville – \$38,220.00

** Call C06 - Funding by City of Independence – \$8,077,714.65 (J4S3405B)

*** Call G04 – Funding by Federal Lands Access Program - \$870,000.00 and National Parks Service \$100,000.00

**** Call G06 – Funding by Ozark Greenways, Inc. - \$1,289,979.03

***** Call H01 – Funding by City of Jackson - \$1,223,120.55

+ Award contingent upon receipt of additional funding from local entity

Table II
Rejection of Bid
May 19, 2023, Bid Opening

Call No.	Route	County	Job No.	Description
B06	19	Montgomery	JNE0022	2 Bridge Rehabilitations and Painting Pedestrian Rail and Fence
C03	92	Clay	J4P3420	Coldmill and Resurface
G03	76	Taney	J7P3548	2 Bridge Rehabilitation
H09	Various	Butler, Cape Girardeau, New Madrid, Perry	JSE0121	ITS Maintenance
H10	C	Madison	JSE0160	Soil Nail Wall

Commission Consideration and Action

After consideration, and upon motion by Commissioner Brinkmann, seconded by Commissioner Smith, the Commission took the following action with abstentions listed below.

1. Awarded contracts to the lowest responsive bidders for bids received at the May 19, 2023, bid opening, as recommended, and noted in Table I above. Non-contractual costs for these projects are shown in the above tabulation.
2. Awarded contracts to the lowest responsive bidders for Calls C06 and H01, contingent upon receipt of additional funding from the local entities.
3. Rejected Calls B06, C03, G03, H09, and H10 due to excessive bids per Section 102.15(a) of the Missouri Standard Specifications for Highway Construction as noted in Table II above.
4. Declared the bid from Millstone Weber, LLC for Call F01 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.
5. Authorized the Director, Deputy Director/Chief Engineer, Chief Financial Officer, or Assistant Chief Engineer to execute the contracts awarded above.

Commissioner Boatwright abstained from calls H06 and H09. Commissioner Brinkmann abstained from calls F03 and F04. Commissioner Erdman abstained from calls C06 and D03. Commissioner Smith abstained from call D03.

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APPROVAL OF PLANS FOR CONDEMNATION

On behalf of the Director, Travis Koestner, State Design Engineer, recommended the Commission approve the following detailed project plans, approved by the Chief Engineer, for filing as necessary for the condemnation of right of way.

<u>County</u>	<u>Route</u>	<u>Job Number</u>
Dekalb	69	J1P3373
Randolph	3	J2S3448

In accordance with Section 227.050 RSMo, the Commission, via approval of the consent agenda, approved the detailed project plans for the above noted projects and directed them to be filed as necessary for the condemnation of right of way.

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The Commission received the following written reports.

MODOT BRIEFING REPORT

Patrick McKenna, Director, provided to the Commission the written monthly Issue Briefs that are sent from the department to the Governor since the previous MoDOT Briefing Report. There were no briefing reports for the past month.

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MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FINANCIAL REPORT – FISCAL YEAR 2023

Todd Grosvenor, Financial Services Director, submitted a written financial report for the fiscal year to date April 30, 2023, with budget and prior year comparisons.

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CONSULTANT SERVICES CONTRACT REPORT

Travis Koestner, State Design Engineer, submitted a written report of consultant contracts executed in the month of April 2023, 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. There were 560 active contracts held by individual engineering consultant firms prior to April 1, 2023. Nineteen engineering consultant services contracts were executed in April 2023, for a total of \$12,782,921. There were zero non-engineering consultant contracts executed in April 2023.

Mr. Koestner noted that prior to this report, the budget for design and bridge consultants was \$70 million and acknowledged the department had exceeded the planned budget. Prior to April 1, 2023, the

department increased the budget from \$70 million to \$110 million. As of this report expenditure is \$84.2 million.

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

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- 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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