



Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission Policies

Category: FINANCIAL
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Sub-Subcategory: Transportation Development Districts (TDDs)

Transportation Development Districts

Related Statutes: Sections 238.200 – 238.280, RSMo – Transportation Development Districts (First effective May 30, 1990)

Legislation known as the “Missouri Transportation Development District Act” was enacted in 1990. This legislation allows a district (political subdivision) to be created to fund, promote, design, construct, improve, maintain, and operate one or more projects or to assist in such activity. Transportation Development Districts are temporary political subdivisions of the state formed through the circuit court process to advance local or state system projects. The District board has various powers and authority to (1) act on its own behalf; (2) issue bonds; (3) and impose sales tax, property tax, special assessment, or toll. When the project is complete, it becomes either part of the state or local transportation system.

In addition to the Project Funding and Financing Alternatives policy, Transportation Development District projects must be in compliance with the following:

- Property owners or registered voters must approve the district, project, and funding.
- Must enter into agreement with the MHTC and/or a local transportation authority.

Transportation Development District Documents – Approval and Execution

Agreements with Transportation Development Districts may be executed by any member of the Executive Committee; HOWEVER, in keeping with the statutes, the following must be approved by the Commission: project authorization and final plans and specifications.

Executive Committee

For purposes of this policy the term Executive Committee includes the individuals who fill the positions of Director, Deputy Director/Chief Engineer, Assistant Chief Engineer, Chief Safety and Operations Officer, Chief Administrative Officer, and Chief Financial Officer.

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