



**MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION**

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED HIGHWAYS AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING HELD IN ST. JOSEPH,
MISSOURI, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2014**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission was held on Wednesday, September 10, 2014, in the Fulkerson Center of Missouri Western State University, 4525 Downs Drive, St. Joseph, Missouri. Stephen R. Miller, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. The following Commissioners were present: Kenneth H. Suelthaus, and Gregg C. Smith. Lloyd J. Carmichael was present via teleconference. Commissioner Bryan T. Scott was re-appointed by Governor Nixon on September 3, 2014; Commissioner Scott was absent from this meeting.

On February 6, 2014, Governor Nixon withdrew the appointment of Commissioner Kelley M. Martin; at the time of the September 10, 2014 meeting, a replacement had not been appointed.

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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Dave Nichols, 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, September 10, 2014.

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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.*

-- CLOSED MEETING --

VOTE TO CLOSE MEETING

The agenda of the closed meeting was posted in keeping with Sections 610.020 and 610.022, RSMo, including the following statutory citations allowing the meeting to be closed:

1. Section 610.021(1) – Legal actions and attorney-client privileged communications.
2. Section 610.021(2) – Lease, purchase or sale of real estate.
3. Section 610.021(3), (13) – Personnel administration regarding particular employees.
4. Section 610.021(11), (12) – Competitive bidding specifications, sealed bids, or negotiated contracts.

Upon motion duly made and seconded to convene in closed session, the Chairman called for a voice vote of the members. The vote was as follows:

Commissioner Miller, Aye
Commissioner Carmichael, Aye
Commissioner Suelthaus, Aye
Commissioner Smith, Aye
Commissioner Scott, Absent

The Commission met in closed session on Wednesday, September 10, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

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-- OPEN MEETING --

BRYAN T. SCOTT APPOINTED AS A MEMBER OF THE MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

On September 3, 2014, Governor Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon re-appointed Bryan T. Scott of St. Louis to the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for a term ending March 1, 2017, or until his successor is duly appointed and qualified. Mr. Scott will fill the position he had previously held and whose term expired on March 1, 2017.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Suelthaus, the Commission unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting held August 6, 2014 and the special meeting held August 25, 2014. 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 September 10, 2014, Consent Agenda

No items were removed from the consent agenda. Upon motion by Commissioner Smith seconded by Commissioner Suelthaus, 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. The following committee and board reports were made during the September 10, 2014, meeting.

Audit Committee – Commissioner Suelthaus stated the external auditor is working on the fiscal year 2014 audit, which will be presented at the November Commission meeting.

Legislative Committee – Commissioner Miller reported Congress returned to Washington DC last week from its month long summer recess and has three weeks to complete its fiscal year end work, such as passing a new fiscal year 2015 federal budget, which begins on October 1, 2014.

The Missouri legislature reconvened at noon on September 10, 2014, for its annual Veto Session. It is during this time, the legislature will consider overriding 33 different pieces of legislation that was passed during the 2014 session, but vetoed by Governor Nixon.

Of those 33, there are two different pieces of legislation MoDOT and the Commission are watching closely. The first of those is a proposal, if overridden by the legislature, would increase livestock weights on Missouri’s roads and bridges. The second proposal would exempt certain vehicles

from sales taxes which could negatively impact MoDOT's annual funding by about \$27 million a year. Both proposals were opposed by the department during the legislative session.

Commissioner Miller said the Commission and department will wait and see if the House and Senate have the appropriate number of votes in their respective chambers to override the Governor's vetoes, or if the Governor's vetoes will withstand the political challenges.

Missouri Transportation Finance Corporation – Commissioner Miller stated there was no report.

MoDOT and Patrol Employees' Retirement System – Commissioner Carmichael stated there was no report.

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

During the September 10, 2014, Commission meeting, Director Dave Nichols provided the following report which made two points that illustrate the department's current funding dilemma where project successes are being delivered with funding commitments made some time ago, balanced against needed improvements MoDOT is beginning to struggle to make because of diminishing revenue streams.

Route 50 East Ribbon-Cutting – He noted that on September 12, 2014, the ribbon will be cut on a new four-lane extension of U.S. Route 50 from just east of the U.S. Route 50/63 junction to just west of Linn in Osage County. This project will increase capacity and improve safety on what was previously a narrow, curvy, and hilly stretch of highway.

Bridge Closures – Director Nichols also told Commissioners that in the past week, routine bridge inspections have found problems that have forced the closure of three bridges – in the Kansas City, St. Louis, and Southeast districts. He noted that with reduced funding and a large inventory of bridges that need attention, actions like these could become more frequent in the future. He stressed though, some may need work, but bridges in Missouri are safe. If a bridge is unsafe, it is closed to the traveling public.

Safety Events – Director Nichols reminded the Commission that the department will hold its second annual "Day of Remembrance" on September 18, taking time out across the state to remember the 131 MoDOT employees who have lost their lives while performing their duties for the benefit of all Missourians. He reported, too, that on September 15, 2014, more than 200 MoDOT employees and industry partners will play in the 10th annual 1033 Benevolent Fund Golf Tournament in Columbia. The event raises money for the fund that provides immediate benefits to families of public servants who are killed in the line of duty.

Charitable Campaign - The annual Missouri State Employees Charitable Campaign is now underway. Last year, MoDOT employees pledged the most money of any state agency for the seventh year in a row. The \$172,260 from MoDOT was in excess of \$50,000 more than the next closest agency. Director Nichols took pride in the fact that MoDOT employees, year after year, offer support and compassion to those in need through their selfless contributions. Director Nichols again challenged every MoDOT employee to be involved in this year's charitable campaign. Commissioner Smith led the audience in a round of applause for MoDOT's generous employees.

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MEDICAL PLAN FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2015

On behalf of the Director, Jeff Padgett, Risk and Benefits Management Director, shared the funding recommendations for the medical and life insurance plan. The recommendations are based upon projected funding necessary to provide medical and life insurance benefits to employees and retirees of MoDOT, the Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP), and the MoDOT and Patrol Employees' Retirement System (MPERS). The MoDOT and MSHP Medical and Life Insurance Plan board of trustees (Board) provides recommendations based upon an actuarial review. AON Hewitt Consulting conducts an actuarial review and analysis of medical plan funding on a semi-annual basis. Based upon the June 24, 2014 review, the Board made recommendations for plan funding for calendar year 2015. The recommendations are projected to maintain adequate funding for medical plan costs.

Mr. Padgett shared information on medical plan trend costs. The medical plan utilization trend for 2015 is projected to increase by seven percent, which compares favorably with the projected national average increase of seven to nine percent. Additionally, the plan's actual trend rate has been significantly lower over the past few years than what was projected. The employees continue to help manage costs by receiving the majority of services from participating providers as well as using generic drugs when possible.

Mr. Padgett explained that the prescription drug trend costs are not as favorable. There has recently been a dramatic increase in specialty medication cost. There are new drugs on the market that

while they are only .05 percent of the total prescription drug claims, they make up 28 percent of the cost of prescription drug claims. He provided an example of a new drug that is sold as a cure for Hepatitis C and the total cost of the prescription regimen is \$150,000. So far eight patients on the plan have used this new drug regimen. The cost trend for specialty drugs has increased 26 percent compared to last year and 120 percent when compared to 2010. The plan will continue to seek potential strategies to reduce costs and find solutions to the challenge of funding for the use of new specialty drugs on the market.

The recommendations are projected to provide adequate funding while maintaining an appropriate plan premium stabilization reserve. The premium stabilization reserve goal is established based on guidance from the Plan actuary and is set aside to prevent dramatic fluctuations in necessary Plan premiums. This recommendation is projected to increase the employer contribution by approximately \$1.8 million for calendar year 2015. The projected total annual cost to the employers are approximately \$74.1 million (\$52.1 million for MoDOT and \$22 million for the Missouri State Highway Patrol). The projected amount of contributions to be paid by subscribers is \$34.5 million.

Mr. Padgett recommended the Commission support the medical care plan as follows:

- Approve an increase of two percent in total medical plan premiums for active employees and Medicare retirees for calendar year 2015.
- Increase total premiums for non-Medicare retiree categories by approximately seven percent. This is necessary to make these categories more self-sufficient, compared to the other Plan rate categories.
- Begin applying a prescription drug maximum out-of-pocket limitation to accommodate changes in calculation required by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA).
 - Establish the out-of-pocket maximum at \$5,000 for individual participants.
 - Establish the out-of-pocket maximum at \$8,400 per family membership.

After further discussion and consideration, and upon motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Suelthaus, the Commission unanimously approved medical and life insurance plan recommendations as presented by Mr. Padgett.

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MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2016 APPROPRIATION REQUEST

On behalf of the Director, Brenda Morris, Financial Services Director, presented the fiscal year 2016 appropriations request for \$2.7 billion. Ms. Morris explained the department is required by law to submit an appropriations request to the Office of Administration by October 1 of each year. This appropriations request is the basis of the Governor's recommendation, which is submitted to the Missouri General Assembly within thirty days of when the legislature convenes the regular session. Under the state constitution, the State Road Fund (SRF) stands appropriated without legislative action. However, the department continues to follow the process and shepherd the request through the legislative session. Typically, very little time is spent on SRF appropriations. The majority of the time is spent discussing appropriations for other modes of transportation from the General Revenue Fund; those appropriations are controlled by the legislature.

Ms. Morris briefly explained the fiscal year 2016 budget timeline. In July and August 2014, the Financial Services division begins to gather and analyze data. In September 2014, the Commission potentially approves the fiscal year 2016 appropriations request. From October 2014 to May 2015, the budget is submitted to the Office of Administration and the department's Financial Services staff supports the request through the legislative process. In May 2015, the Commission will review the fiscal year 2016 budget request. In June 2015, the fiscal year 2016 budget request is submitted to the Commission for final approval. On July 1, 2016, the 2016 fiscal year begins.

Ms. Morris stated the fiscal year 2015 appropriations request is \$2.7 billion, but not all appropriations are for spending. Of that amount, \$578 million (21 percent) consists of refund or transfer

appropriations. Refund appropriations allow the department to refund to motor carriers' overpayments of permit fees, registration fees, and overpayments of fuel taxes. Transfer appropriations are needed for accounting purposes and permit the movement of money between the various funds in the state treasury. Only \$2.16 billion is available for actual payments such as contractor and vendor payments, salaries, and fringe benefits.

Ms. Morris explained this appropriation request has decreased overall compared to the previous fiscal year, by \$40.3 million, or 1.5 percent. However, the legislature continues to eliminate "E" appropriations, or estimated appropriations. Estimated or "E" appropriations allow MoDOT flexibility to increase the appropriations budget amount during the fiscal year. Some appropriations are being increased to provide more flexibility to ensure the Commission approved budget fits within the appropriations request. She then reviewed some of the changes in the appropriations request compared to the 2015 Truly Agreed and Finally Passed (TAFP) budget.

Personal services are increasing \$1.4 million. The increase is spread among various personal service appropriations, which includes the continuation of the fiscal year 2015 legislatively approved pay plan of a one percent cost of living adjustment beginning January 1, 2015. Administration expense and equipment is increasing \$648,000, for additional flexibility to fund changing priorities in the Commission approved budget. The Office of Administration is requiring all departments to request an appropriation for any membership dues to a single organization that exceed \$70,000; this request includes an appropriation of \$80,000 for the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) membership dues. Construction expense and equipment is increasing \$2.1 million. This increase is due in part of the need to purchase a \$1.5 million Automatic Road Analyzer (ARAN) van. This increase also includes \$600,000 for outside counsel costs related to condemnation litigation associated with the Construction program. Fleet, Facilities, and Information Systems expense and

equipment is increasing \$1.1 million to provide some flexibility to ensure the appropriation request is sufficient to fund the Commission approved budget.

Ms. Morris also explained the Multimodal expense and equipment appropriations are decreasing overall by \$13.3 million from the fiscal year 2015 TAFP budget. She then reviewed the adjustments made to the various multimodal programs. Transit programs are decreasing \$11.6 million due to the reduction in anticipated federal funds. The reductions are a result of program changes under Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st century (MAP-21), and impact both capital and operating assistance. The improved passenger rail program is decreasing \$9.5 million as the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) rail program projects are completed. The improved passenger rail program is expected to conclude in fiscal year 2016. Airport capital improvements program is increasing \$2.5 million to complete airport construction projects currently in the construction and design phase.

The multimodal appropriations request includes an increase of \$5.1 million of General Revenue for Multimodal programs. This increase would bring the total General Revenue funding to \$21.2 million and includes an increase of \$2.1 million for Amtrak, port capital improvements increase of \$3.0 million for additional port capital improvement projects, and an increase of \$200,000 for the freight enhancement program for freight initiatives that promote economic development and efficient movement of goods.

Ms. Morris reviewed the breakdown of the appropriations request:

- \$1.37 billion for program delivery
- \$578 million for refunds and transfers
- \$506 million for system management
- \$85 million for fleet, facilities, and information systems
- \$139 million for multimodal
- \$55 million for administration

Ms. Morris recommended approval of the proposed fiscal year 2016 appropriations request totaling \$2.7 billion. Following discussion, and upon motion by Commissioner Suelthaus, seconded by Commissioner Smith, the Commission unanimously approved the Missouri Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2016 Appropriations Request, as noted in the table below, and authorized staff to release the request to the Office of Administration – Division of Budget and Planning.



Fiscal Year 2016 Appropriations Request

(Dollars in Thousands)

	<u>Fiscal Year 2014 Actual</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 2015 TAFP¹ Budget</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 2016 Appropriations Request</u>
<u>Appropriations</u>			
Administration ²	\$47,134	\$54,612	\$55,438
System Management ^{2,3}	\$449,936	\$504,842	\$505,598
Program Delivery ^{2,3,4,5}	\$1,321,651	\$1,375,993	\$1,378,459
Fleet, Facilities and Information Systems (FFIS) ^{2,6}	\$69,452	\$84,431	\$85,582
Multimodal ^{2,3,7}	\$89,811	\$151,842	\$138,788
Refunds and Transfers	<u>\$509,740</u>	<u>\$610,525</u>	<u>\$578,035</u>
Total MoDOT Appropriations Request	<u>\$2,487,724</u>	<u>\$2,782,245</u>	<u>\$2,741,900</u>

¹ Fiscal year 2015 Truly Agreed and Finally Passed (TAFP) budget.

² For fiscal year 2015 TAFP, a part or the whole appropriation has been withheld or vetoed.

³ Includes federal funds MoDOT transfers to our partners and providers.

⁴ Includes Contractor Payments, Design and Bridge Consultant Payments, Accelerated Program, Right of Way and Federal Pass-Through.

⁵ Appropriation Request amount is estimated at \$1 in the event funding becomes available or is needed.

⁶ Includes investments for fleet, capital improvements and information systems.

⁷ Includes disbursements for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

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FREIGHT ON THE MISSOURI RIVER, RON BLAKELY

Ron Blakely, Chairman of the Marine Highway Task Force, addressed his desire for more and better use of the Missouri River for freight transportation. He shared with the Commission the work underway through an organization called MINK which includes the states of Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, and Kansas that promotes rural development and receives funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The area covered by MINK includes the river and the neighboring counties along the banks of the river and could assist with development of Missouri's rural ports and waterways. He also shared the fact that moving freight along the river is more efficient than any other mode of transportation. One barge can haul the equivalent of 13 hopper railroad cars or 58 large semi-trucks. He went on to highlight how towing freight on the river can be even more efficient and good for the environment through the use of biodiesel.

He expressed his concern for transportation funding at both the national and state levels and his desire for a solution to be reached quickly. He also requested full consideration of increasing the amount of the transportation budget allotted to ports.

Chairman Miller thanked Mr. Blakely for attending the meeting and presenting his comments, and reminded Mr. Blakely that ports are currently funded by the state legislature with general revenues and encouraged him to work with the industry to address his funding request through the legislative process. Director Nichols commented that he will make sure that Cheryl Ball, Administrator of Freight and Waterways, works in partnership with Mr. Blakely on freight issues in Missouri.

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**MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2015
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST**

On behalf of the Director, Brenda Morris, Financial Services Director, recommended a fiscal year 2015 supplemental appropriations increase for additional staffing in the Multimodal Division to perform railroad inspections and for two increases associated with Multimodal programs.

The Multimodal appropriations budget for fiscal year 2015 was truly agreed and finally passed for \$152.8 million. MoDOT is requesting an increase in the fiscal year 2015 appropriations budget of \$6.3 million. The request includes an increase of \$116.1 thousand for personal services and fringe benefits to hire two new railroad inspectors. To help ensure the safety of items transported by rail, these railroad inspectors will conduct railroad inspections and enforce railroad safety regulations. These two new positions will be funded from assessments paid by the railroads and deposited into the Railroad Expense Fund.

An increase of \$3.7 million of General Revenue is requested for the state's match for the passenger rail program, Amtrak. This funding would pay the \$2.6 million arrears owed to Amtrak for fiscal years 2010 through 2014 and the \$1.1 million difference between the anticipated operating costs of \$10.0 million for fiscal year 2015 and the appropriation amount of \$8.9 million.

The request also includes an increase of \$2.5 million from the Aviation Trust fund for the aviation construction program. This increase is for completion of airport construction projects currently in the construction and design phase. These projects were delayed in the prior fiscal year primarily due to the rejection of excessive bids, delayed release of federal funding and delayed consultant selection by local entities.

Via approval of the consent agenda, the Commission unanimously approved the proposed fiscal year 2015 supplemental appropriations increase as described above.

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RECOMMENDATION FOR BANKING SERVICES PROVIDER

The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission may hold and maintain checking and investment accounts outside the State Treasury for the Local Fund Account, the Medical and Life Insurance Plan and the Self Insurance Plan. The Missouri Transportation Finance Corporation (Corporation) is also authorized to deposit and hold the Corporation's funds outside the State Treasury. The Commission's current banking services agreement for these funds and accounts expires on September 30, 2014; Central Trust Bank is the current banking services provider. The department completed the Request for Proposal (RFP) process to identify a financial institution to provide these banking services for the Commission and for the Corporation.

The department received two responsive proposals from the RFP. The department's evaluation team determined Central Trust Bank to have the best overall proposal, as well as the lowest price. Central Trust Bank proposed some improved services, while slightly reducing the proposed fees in comparison to the current contract. The earnings rate on cash held overnight was also slightly reduced. Staff from the Missouri State Treasurer's Office reviewed the RFP before it was released and indicated it was a fair and reasonable RFP. The Director of Investments from the Missouri State Treasurer's Office was a member of the department's evaluation team and concurs with the recommendation.

Ms. Morris recommended the Commission approve Central Trust Bank as the service provider for banking services for the checking and investment accounts maintained for the Local Fund Account, the Medical and Life Insurance Plan, the Self Insurance Plan, and the Missouri Transportation Finance Corporation. She also recommended the Commission authorize the Director, Chief Engineer, Chief Financial Officer, or Assistant Chief Engineer to exercise a three-year (with two one-year extensions) Commercial Banking, Investment Management and Security Safekeeping Services Agreement with Central Trust Bank. The agreement has already been signed by Central Trust Bank and has been approved as to form by the Chief Counsel's Office. She also requested the Commission authorize the

Director, Chief Engineer, Chief Financial Officer, or Assistant Chief Engineer to independently exercise, without Commission approval, the two one-year extension options through September 30, 2019.

Via approval of the consent agenda, the Commission unanimously approved the Central Trust Bank as the service provider for banking services for the checking and investment accounts maintained for the Local Fund Account, the Medical and Life Insurance Plan, the Self Insurance Plan, and the Missouri Transportation Finance Corporation. The Commission authorized the Director, Chief Engineer, Chief Financial Officer, or Assistant Chief Engineer to exercise a three-year (with two one-year extensions) Commercial Banking, Investment Management and Security Safekeeping Services Agreement with Central Trust Bank. The Commission also authorized the Director, Chief Engineer, Chief Financial Officer, or Assistant Chief Engineer to independently exercise, without Commission approval, the two one-year extension options through September 30, 2019.

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CONSIDERATION OF BIDS FOR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS

On behalf of the Director, Eric Schroeter, 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 Call G08 has local funding, as noted in Table I below, and the department received all of the necessary concurrences.

Mr. Schroeter recommended (1) Award of contracts to the lowest responsive bidders for bids received at the August 22, 2014, letting, as recommended and noted in Table I below.

**Table I
Award of Contracts
August 22, 2014, Bid Opening**

Call No.	Route	County	Job No.	Bid Amount	Non-Contractual Costs	Contractor	Description
A02	116	Clinton, Caldwell	J1P3025	\$1,974,109.24	\$0.00	Ideker, Inc.	Resurface, Add Shoulders and Bridge Repair
C01	A	Clay	J4S3048	\$1,429,401.28	\$0.00	Ideker, Inc.	Resurface and Add Shoulders
D01	I-70	Cooper	J5I3005	\$1,927,653.44	\$0.00	APAC-Missouri, Inc.	Resurface
F01	64	St. Louis	J6I2381	\$30,977,333.24	\$0.00	Gershenson Construction Co., Inc.	Resurface
			J6I2434		\$16,450.00		Grading and Pavement
	Various		J6Q3084		\$356,500.00		ITS Improvements
F03	Various	Various	J6M0259	\$71,751.00	\$0.00	Reinhold Electric, Inc.	On Call Loop Detector Replacement
F04	30	Jefferson, St. Louis	J6Q3076	\$739,339.32	\$39,600.00	Gerstner Electric, Inc.	ITS Improvements
F05	Various	Various	J6Q3077	\$986,814.30	\$1,066,600.00	Gerstner Electric, Inc.	ITS Improvements
F06	67	St. Louis	J6S3080	\$414,439.89	\$0.00	Gerstner Electric, Inc.	Signal Improvements
F07	44	St. Louis	J6I3105	\$604,597.50	\$0.00	St. Louis Bridge Construction Company	Bridge Repair
G01	60	Newton	J7P2201	\$3,549,454.08	\$0.00	Blevins Asphalt Construction Company, Inc.	Resurface
			J7P2202				
G02	49 OR	Vernon	J7P0797W	\$426,426.79	\$0.00	Blevins Asphalt Construction Company, Inc.	Resurface and Add shoulders
G03	65	Greene, Dallas	J7P2212B	\$3,653,161.45	\$0.00	Leo Journagan Construction Co., Inc.	Resurface
		Greene	J8P3006				
G04	215	Polk	J7S3036B	\$375,041.80	\$0.00	Lehman Construction, LLC	Bridge Redeck
G05	160	Greene	J8P2264D	\$718,792.50	\$0.00	Blevins Asphalt Construction Company, Inc.	Coldmill and Resurface
G06	NN	Christian	J8S2267	\$585,061.90	\$0.00	Leo Journagan Construction Co., Inc.	Resurface
G07	N	Greene	J8S2407	\$1,662,803.92	\$0.00	APAC-Missouri, Inc.	Replace Bridge
G08 *	65	Greene	J8U0500	\$10,218,520.00	\$99,003.96	Hartman and Company, Inc.	Grading, Pavement and Bridge
TOTAL:				\$60,314,701.65	\$1,578,153.96		

Commission Consideration and Action

After consideration, and upon motion by Commissioner Suelthaus, seconded by Commissioner Smith, the Commission took the following action with the abstentions noted below:

1. Awarded contracts to the lowest responsive bidders for bids received on the August 22, 2014, bid opening, as recommended and noted in Table I above. Non-contractual costs for these projects are shown on the above tabulation.
2. Authorized the Director, Chief Engineer, Chief Financial Officer, or Assistant Chief Engineer to execute the contracts awarded above.

Commissioner Carmichael abstained from voting on Call G05, Commissioner Miller abstained from voting on Calls G03 and G06.

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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF LOCATION AND/OR DESIGN OF HIGHWAYS

Route M, Carter County
Job No. J9S3082
Public Hearing Held August 7, 2014
On-line Public Hearing Held July 16, 2014 – August 8, 2014

The proposed improvement will replace the bridge over Pike Creek on Route M. The project also includes a seal coat on the existing lane and paved two foot shoulders. The project will have normal access right of way. Route M will remain open to traffic on the existing bridge as half of the new bridge is being built. One lane closures will be handled by temporary traffic control signals. Traffic will then switch to the new bridge while the old bridge is removed and the second half of the new bridge is being built. Adequate signing will be provided to control traffic flow in the area and will be augmented through community relation efforts to advise motorists of the traffic impacts. The seal coat and paved shoulders will be handled by flagger control and pilot car. The project is 8.4 miles in length.

On behalf of the Director, Mark Shelton, Southeast District Engineer, recommended approval of the design as presented at the public hearing.

After full consideration of the favorable and adverse economic, social and environmental effects of the recommended designs, the Commission via approval of the consent agenda unanimously found

and determined the recommended design would best serve the interest of the public and approved the recommendation.

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CONSIDERATION OF EXCESS PROPERTY DISPOSAL, ROUTE I-64 IN ST. LOUIS COUNTY, EXCESS PARCEL NUMBER E6-1130

In keeping with the Commission’s policy regarding disposition of Commission-owned property or property rights, the sale of all properties owned by the Commission with appraised or sale values of \$200,000 or more must be approved by specific Commission action.

On behalf of the Director, Gregory Horn, St. Louis District Engineer, recommended conveyance of 2.02 acres of property located in the southeast quadrant of Interstate 64 and Hanley Road in Richmond Heights to Summit Development Corporation, LLC for a consideration of \$1,220,000.

Via approval of the consent agenda, the Commission unanimously approved the property conveyance described above.

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-- REPORTS --

The Commission received the following written reports.

**FINANCIAL – BUDGET – REPORTS
YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL REPORT, PERIOD ENDING JULY 31, 2014**

Brenda Morris, Financial Services Director, submitted a written financial report for fiscal year-to-date ended July 31, 2014, with budget and prior year comparisons.

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CONSULTANT SERVICES CONTRACT REPORT

Eric Schroeter, State Design Engineer, submitted a written report of consultant contracts executed in the month of July 2014, 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. Four engineering consultant services contracts were executed in July 2014, for a total cost of \$2,014,325. There were four non-engineering consultant contracts executed in July 2014, for a total cost of \$4,104,840.

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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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