



**MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION**

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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION MEETING HELD IN JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI,
TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2016**

A special meeting of the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission was held on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at the Missouri Department of Transportation Building, 105 West Capitol Avenue, Jefferson City, Missouri. Gregg C. Smith, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. The following Commissioners were present: Michael B. Pace, Michael T. Waters, Jr., and John W. Briscoe. Stephen R. Miller and Mary E. Nelson were absent.

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 Tuesday, May 10, 2016.

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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 WORKSHOP – COMMUNICATIONS

On behalf of the Director, Fay Fleming, Communications Director, presented a workshop on media training and the art of influence. The purpose of the workshop was to provide training on how to handle tough questions and answers, advocate the Commission and department’s mission, pitch ideas, participate in panels and seek buy-in from partners and citizens. The workshop provided techniques to handle these situations and change course on-the-fly if necessary. A combination of discussion of theory and individual exercises provided an opportunity to learn from each other and improve communication skills.

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

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The Mission of the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission is to:

- 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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