



**MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**Official Minutes**

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED HIGHWAYS AND  
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING HELD IN  
LEE’S SUMMIT, MISSOURI, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2019**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission was held on Wednesday, December 4, 2019, at Missouri Department of Transportation, 600 Northeast Colbern Road, Lee’s Summit, Missouri. Michael B. Pace, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The following Commissioners were present: Gregg C. Smith, Michael T. Waters, Jr., John W. Briscoe, Terry L. Ecker, and Robert G. Brinkmann, P.E.

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, December 4, 2019.

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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(3), (13) – Personnel administration regarding particular employees.
3. Section 610.021(11), (12) – Competitive bidding specs, 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 Pace, Aye  
Commissioner Smith, Aye  
Commissioner Waters, Aye  
Commissioner Briscoe, Aye  
Commissioner Ecker, Aye  
Commissioner Brinkmann, Aye

The Commission met in closed session on Tuesday, November 5, 2019, at 1:00 p.m. and adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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**-- OPEN MEETING --**

**COMMISSION/DIRECTOR ITEMS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Waters, the Commission unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting held November 6, 2019, and the special meeting held October 28, 2019. 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 December 4, 2019, Consent Agenda

No items were removed from the consent agenda. Upon motion by Commissioner Waters, 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. The following committee and board reports were made during the December 4, 2019, meeting.

**Audit Committee** – Commissioner Waters stated there was no report.

**Legislative Committee** – Commissioner Smith reported the legislature began pre-filing bills for the 2020 legislative session on December 1. The 2020 Missouri legislative session begins at noon on January 8. On January 15, Governor Parson will outline his legislative priorities for the next session during his State of the State Address. In the meantime, MoDOT staff will continue to pursue legislative sponsors for the Commission's legislative agenda items which include prohibiting the use of hand-held electronic wireless communication devices while driving; and seeking a legislative change to establish a registration fee based on a motor vehicle's mile per gallon (MPG) rating which will modernize Missouri's motor vehicle registration fee structure.

**Missouri Transportation Finance Corporation (MTFC)** – Commissioner Smith stated there was no report this month.

**MoDOT and Patrol Employees' Retirement System (MPERS)** – Commissioner Briscoe reported The MPERS Board met on November 21 where they received the Fiscal Year 2019 audit report. It was a clean audit with no findings or recommendations. As of September 30, 2019, the MPERS fund value was \$2.44 billion. The annual board workshop was also held. The 2020 board meeting dates were selected. The Executive Director, Scott Simon, reported the Senate Interim Committee for the Study of MPERS was dissolved and it is expected that a Senate Select Committee will convene for the same purpose during the next legislative session.

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## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

During the December 4, 2019, Commission meeting, Director Patrick McKenna provided the following report:

**Rescission Repeal** - The Director was pleased to report good news; the President recently signed a continuing resolution to keep the government funded through December 20. Although, the most important language in the bill was a provision added to the measure that repeals a section of the 2015 FAST Act to avoid the rescission of \$7.6 billion in highway funding from states in fiscal year 2020. For Missouri, that means \$349 million of funding authorization at the federal level for transportation. This is not new money, but it removes a budget maneuver that did not fund the fifth year of the FAST Act fully and enables programs to continue on pace and, protects nearly \$40 million for the Off-System Bridge (BRO) Program that is vital for funding local bridges with federal funds.

**Meritorious Safety Award** – Director McKenna called upon Chris Redline, Northwest District Engineer, to present the meritorious safety awards to two employees from the Northwest District. Matt Johnson, maintenance crew leader, and Rachel Strauch, maintenance worker, recently earned the department's Meritorious Safety Award. This award recognizes an employee for actions during an emergency or life-threatening event. They are the 137<sup>th</sup> and 138<sup>th</sup> MoDOT employees to earn the Meritorious Safety Award since its inception in 1991. While working on repairing a bridge deck on Route BB in Nodaway County a co-worker was running a jackhammer and got to feeling light headed. Rachel and Matt took him to the air-conditioned truck. They realized that his condition wasn't improving and through their first aid training recognized the symptoms of a stroke were occurring. They called 911 and kept him calm until emergency medical services arrived. Their actions saved their co-worker from permanent damage due to the stroke and possibly saved his life.

**Motorist Assist** - In early November, Emergency Response in Kansas City was instrumental in quickly clearing a five-vehicle crash on I-70. The efforts of operator Torrey Canady were saluted in a story on KMBC-TV that evening. The Director shared a video capturing the news story and commended Mr. Canady and all our emergency response crews for the work they do in dangerous conditions and the benefit they provide to the traveling public every day.

**Winter Ops Drill Recap** – The director reported the state has already had a few winter weather events, but the department continued with its practice run of winter operations that is held every year during the first week of November. This drill is very important with our rate of turnover as we train new members of the workforce.

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## **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

### **GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTATION**

Adam Timmerman, Project Manager for Public Policy, introduced Scott Smith and Michael DeBacker, co-chairs of the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce Big Five Transportation Initiative, who shared some highlights of this initiative with the Commission. Mr. Smith explained in 2011, the chamber launched this

initiative that includes community-based projects that build on the region's strengths to make Kansas City the best place to live, work, start a business, and grow a business. This initiative focuses on four areas and has subcommittees working to find innovative solutions to some of the region's transportation shortcomings; these areas include: work force access, safety, regional transportation investment strategies, and public policy and advocacy. The work force subcommittee is working with the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority, KCATA, to develop a framework for micro-transit regional mobility pilot projects to bring together business, employees, and transportation providers to move people from targeted communities of residences to targeted job locations throughout the metropolitan area. The safety subcommittee is working to engage businesses to make travel safer for all modes of transportation to reduce crashes and fatalities. Many of the causes of these crashes are due to distracted, impaired, and aggressive driving. Legislation has been proposed to address some of these safety issues and the chamber wants to be part of that conversation. For the regional investment subcommittee, a group of engineers, contractors, and various businesses are joining together to seek the resources needed to build and maintain transportation infrastructure. The public policy and advocacy subcommittee are looking at ways to increase advocacy and have been reaching out to hundreds of businesses and groups to share why it is so important to invest in transportation infrastructure.

Mr. Smith also shared how the Buck O'Neil bridge is the region's top transportation priority. He expressed appreciation for the efforts that have taken place to date including a committed funding plan. The funding sources include \$60 million from the City of Kansas City, \$40 million from Mid-America Regional Council (MARC), \$25 million from a United States Department of Transportation BUILD grant, and MoDOT's commitment of \$50-100 million. He understands the department has formed its project team and is now working on the planning and design; he also encouraged the department to keep the project a priority to ensure it reaches a timely completion.

Commissioner Waters thanked Mr. Smith for his presentation and the Chamber's investment in transportation and stated he is looking forward to continuing to work together.



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## **MID-AMERICA REGIONAL COUNCIL PRESENTATION**

Mayor Carson Ross, City of Blue Springs, welcomed the Commission and expressed appreciation for the steps that have been taken to bring the Buck O’Neil bridge project closer to reality. He explained that the presentation today will share the work that is underway to chart a new course for future transportation investments through the connected KC 2050 regional transportation plan. Ron Achelpohl, MARC Director of Transportation and Environment, shared some highlights of the plan. He explained the future for transportation is less certain than ever and MARC has reviewed a number of driving forces that will impact transportation. These driving forces include demographic, economic, technological, and climate. When determining what the region wants for its transportation system, MARC wants its planning decisions to lead to a system that furthers: access to opportunity, transportation choices, economic vitality, healthy environment, and public health and safety. While it is difficult to predict what changes will occur over the next 30 years, it is possible to project where there will be population growth or decline and where the jobs will likely be located over the life of the plan. This modeling has led to the development of five strategies that will help the region get the most from its limited resources. These strategies include: focus on centers and corridors, promote climate resilience, find new sources for funding, prioritize investment, and use data and technology. As a result of this effort, MARC received 419 project applications whose project costs total \$15 billion. Since all of these projects cannot be funded, MARC is carefully evaluating the projects to make sure they align with the vision and goals of the long-range plan. In addition, MARC is seeking new revenue sources while also working with the community and stakeholders to get their input on the projects they want to see and are willing to invest in.

Commissioner Brinkmann thanked Mayor Ross and Mr. Achelpohl for their presentation and noted how MARC has done a wonderful job with the road systems in the region.

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## **KANSAS CITY SMARTPORT, INC. PRESENTATION**

Chris Gutierrez, President of Kansas City SmartPort, Inc., explained that KCSmartPort is a regional economic development group whose goal is to attract freight-based projects to the region. He expressed his appreciation for the department's partnership over the years and work to make Kansas City competitive for freight-based projects. His organization covers eighteen counties and fifty communities in the Kansas City bi-state region. He explained that companies are attracted to the region because they can move their freight efficiently and competitively through the region. This is in large part due to access to interstate systems connecting across the nation, intermodal parks, five of the Class 1 railroads, and millions of square feet of industrial space. He shared his excitement and appreciation for two transportation projects, one is the work under way to reconstruct Kansas City International Airport, the other is for the construction of a new Buck O'Neil bridge. He highlighted two industries in the Kansas City region that are experiencing growth, one is food manufacturing, the other is auto manufacturing. He shared good news of companies that have located or expanded in the region recently that include CVS, Hostess, Amazon, Kubota, and Faurecia.

Mr. Gutierrez also expressed his interest and support of a possible hyperloop project. He explained the Kansas City region is preparing a response to the Virgin Hyperloop Request for Proposal (RFP). He noted that Black & Veatch and Olsen conducted a feasibility study for a hyperloop project in Missouri. He noted Kansas City has an ideal location of the former Rock Island rail corridor for a potential hyperloop certification center.

Commissioner Ecker thanked Mr. Gutierrez for his enthusiastic and positive presentation promoting the Kansas City area as a regional freight hub.

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## **PORT KC-MISSOURI RIVER TERMINAL PRESENTATION**

Mark Coulter, Vice President and General Counsel, shared with the Commission the broad statutory authority that has been granted to ports in Missouri and the port's ability to use that authority to develop freight commerce. One of Port KC's first project was the commerce park at Richards Gebauer, a good industrial start

up location. There are additional development projects underway along the waterfront, as well as financing development projects, and others that have drawn private industry to the region.

Richard Grenville, Vice President of Multimodal Operations, noted the vast system of waterways in the United States and how they are underutilized. He explained how one barge holds the equivalent of 60 tractor trailers and there is tremendous capacity to move freight on the river. Freight movement on the waters is energy efficient, safe, and environmentally advantageous. He described how Port KC's port had been closed when they took over management of the facility in 2012. It opened back up to barges and a rail line to Union Pacific was built. Since 2012, the tonnage being shipped has grown from 12,000 tons to 30,000 tons in 2015 and in 2019 it will be almost 100,000 tons. Mr. Grenville shared how the increased activity at the port also has a positive impact on local job growth as well as state and local tax revenues.

Mr. Coulter described the Missouri River Terminal. Port KC acquired 415 acres along the river that is bordered by I-435 and rail. This property is strategically located and is a tremendous asset. This site would be a public/private partnership (P3) and the port has selected its counsel and financial advisor to assist with preparation of an RFQ/RFP that they plan to issue in 2021, with planned construction on the terminal in 2022 and having it operational in 2023.

Commissioner Brinkmann thanked both Mr. Coulter and Mr. Grenville for their good work and their passion for moving freight on the river.

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## **MODOT PRESENTATIONS**

### **PRESENTATION OF THE OPERATIONS NEEDS OF KANSAS CITY**

On behalf of the Director, Susan Barry, Assistant District Engineer, gave a presentation on the unique challenges faced by urban maintenance crews, focusing particularly on employee turnover, the proliferation of homeless camps on state right of way, litter, and copper theft. She stated that the Kansas City district's turnover rate is thirty percent, double the statewide average. Even more alarming is the rate for first-year maintenance

workers, which is fifty-two percent. The district has used a job fair in the heart of Kansas City to recruit new employees and help address this turnover.

Ms. Barry explained in the downtown urban area alone, it is estimated there are at least 70-80 homeless camps on state right of way that lead to the accumulation of litter and debris, and can result in damage to MoDOT's infrastructure. Director McKenna stated this problem cannot be solved simply by cleaning up the camps, it is a much larger, growing societal problem. One that MoDOT employees are not trained to deal with, and quite frankly, not what they signed up for.

Litter pick up costs in Kansas City for the past seven years total \$7.5 million, an amount equivalent to a small interchange project, and work that takes away from the core maintenance tasks of taking care of the condition of roads and bridges. Repair of copper and aluminum wire stolen from MoDOT lighting along I-70 and Bruce R. Watkins Drive approach nearly \$1 million per year.

Commissioner Waters thanked Ms. Barry for her presentation and noted the items she mentioned today are not things you think about MoDOT having to address. He also expressed his concern about the employee turnover rates and noted the need to find a way to pay employees more so MoDOT can be competitive and keep the employees it hires.

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**THIRD LIEN STATE ROAD BONDS, SERIES B 2019 PRICING SUMMARY**

On behalf of the Director, Brenda Morris, Chief Financial Officer, reminded the Commission at the November 6, 2019 Commission meeting they authorized the sale of bonds to fund a portion of the Focus on Bridges Program. Ms. Morris was pleased to report the competitive sale of the Third Lien State Road Bonds, Series B 2019 took place on November 13, 2019. The Commission issued \$178.4 million of bonds to receive proceeds of \$201.5 million.

The bonds were sold at a premium because investors were willing to pay more for the bonds to ensure they received the coupon rate that was on the bonds. The bond proceeds will be deposited on December 11, 2019. The interest rate on the bonds was 1.247 percent which is a fantastic rate.

The financing attracted significant attention with 7 bids received. While some banks placed individual bids, some formed syndicates and bid as a group. Altogether, 25 banks placed bids, including all but one of the members of the Commission's pre-qualified investment banking pool. Competition was tight with the winning bid coming from Bank of America Merrill Lynch. Ms. Morris recognized the winning team members that were present and thanked them for their efforts.

The newly-issued debt is in compliance with the parameters established in the Commission's Debt Management Policy. A second bond issue for the Program is currently planned for fiscal year 2022, the "Series 2021 Bonds". The Series 2021 Bonds will provide the remaining \$100 million in proceeds to complete the Program.

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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.

Mr. Koestner recommended (1) Award of contracts to the lowest responsive bidders for bids received at the November 15, 2019, letting, as recommended and noted in Table I below; (2) Rejection of Call D05 due to excessive bids per Section 102.15 of the Missouri Standard Specifications for Highway Construction, as recommended and noted in Table II below.

**Table I  
Award of Contracts  
November 15, 2019, Bid Opening**

<b>Call No.</b>	<b>Route</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Job No.</b>	<b>Bid Amount</b>	<b>Non-Contractual Costs</b>	<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Description</b>
A01	I-35	Daviess, Harrison	J1I0914	\$7,243,272.43	\$0.00	Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc.	Coldmill and Resurface
A02	I-35	Clinton	J1I3018	\$6,699,853.72	\$0.00	Ideker, Inc.	Coldmill and Resurface
A03	I-35	Clinton	J1I3016	\$4,294,480.15	\$0.00	Herzog Contracting Corp.	Coldmill and Resurface
A04^	I-29	Andrew	J1I3109	\$5,667,174.94	\$0.00	Capital Paving & Construction, LLC	Bridge Replacement
			J1I3241				Bridge Rehabilitation
A05	I-29	Buchanan	J1I3183	\$3,094,039.18	\$0.00	Herzog Contracting Corp.	Resurface
A06	6	Buchanan, Dekalb	J1P3072	\$2,233,015.33	\$0.00	Herzog Contracting Corp.	Resurface and Shoulder Repairs
B01	11	Adair, Sullivan	J2S3299	\$4,970,996.71	\$0.00	W. L. Miller Company	Seal Coat
	H	Adair	J2S3298				
	P		J2S3343				
	3	Adair, Macon	J2S3288				
	6	Adair	J2P3292				
	6	Adair, Knox	J2P3246				Resurface
B02	C	Lewis	J2S3291	\$790,384.99	\$0.00	W. L. Miller Company	Seal Coat
	16		J2S3188				
	K		J2S3290				
C01	10, 210	Ray	J3P3085D	\$1,637,869.68	\$21,550.68	Ideker, Inc.	Intersection Improvements
	210		J3P3085C				
			J3P3143				
C02	I-29	Jackson	J4I3127	\$7,933,350.59	\$0.00	Ideker, Inc.	Resurface
	I-70		J4I3125				Coldmill, Resurface, and ADA Improvements
C03^	140th	Jackson	J4I3217	\$2,965,364.23	\$0.00	Radmacher Brothers Excavating Co., Inc.	Bridge Replacement

Call No.	Route	County	Job No.	Bid Amount	Non-Contractual Costs	Contractor	Description
C04	H	Platte	J4S3368	\$2,608,779.89	\$0.00	Ideker, Inc.	Resurface
			J4S3370				
	Y		J4S3363				
	JJ		J4S3358				
	K		J4P3355				
	P		J4S3371				
	U		J4S3354				
D01	135	Cooper, Pettis	J5P3237	\$4,955,267.14	\$0.00	Magruder Paving, LLC	Resurface
	98	Cooper	J5S3389				
D02	54	Cole	J5P3121	\$9,284,594.50	\$0.00	Magruder Paving, LLC	Coldmill and Resurface
			J5P3128				
		Cole, Miller	J5P3371				Guard Cable Installation
D03 and D08*	Various	Dallas, Laclede	J5P3291	1,031,100.00	\$0.00	Blevins Asphalt Construction Company, Inc.	Seal Coat and Box Culvert Replacement
			J5L20BEN				Seal Coat
D04	E, M	Cole	J5S3230	\$2,686,499.12	\$0.00	Magruder Paving, LLC	Resurface, Add Shoulder and ADA Improvements
D06	J	Morgan	J5S3327	\$4,045,518.40	\$51.15	Capital Paving & Construction, LLC	Resurface
	W		J5S3266			Capital Paving & Construction, LLC	Resurface and Add Shoulders
F01	I-44, BL44	Franklin	J6I3295	\$16,388,000.00	\$0.00	N.B. West Contracting Company	Coldmill and Resurface
F03	P	St Charles	J6S3306	\$1,272,059.38	\$0.00	Magruder Paving, LLC	Resurface
F04	Various	St Charles	J6S3431	\$497,876.00	\$0.00	Kozeny-Wagner, Inc.	Bridge Rehabilitation
G01	65	Benton	J7P3211	\$2,838,309.52	\$0.00	Capital Paving & Construction, LLC	Coldmill and Resurface
G03	123	Polk	J7S3220	\$2,115,931.98	\$0.00	Capital Paving & Construction, LLC	Resurface
	215	Dade	J7S3267				
	H		J7S3222				

Call No.	Route	County	Job No.	Bid Amount	Non-Contractual Costs	Contractor	Description
G04	B	Johnson, Henry	J7S3227	\$3,684,694.71	\$0.00	Capital Paving & Construction, LLC	Resurface
	H	Henry, Bates	J7S3409				
	AA	Henry	J7S3229				
	K		J7S3228				
G05	Various	Various	J7S3404	\$1,560,518.94	\$0.00	Hutchens Construction Company, LLC	Seal Coat
G06	Various	Greene	J8P3067C	\$1,679,200.72	\$0.00	Branco Enterprises, Inc.	Bridge Rehabilitation
H01^	D	New Madrid	J9S3330	\$1,711,311.90	\$0.00	Keith Simpson Contracting, LLC	Bridge Replacement
			J9S3226				
H02^	ZZ	New Madrid	J9S3328	\$1,259,279.96	\$0.00	Penzel Construction Company, Inc.	Bridge Replacement
	61		J9S3327				
H04	H	Dunklin, Stoddard	J9S3437	\$3,982,995.40	\$0.00	Apex Paving Co.	Resurface
	F	Stoddard	J9S3346				
	WW		J9S3398				
	JJ	Butler	J9S3362				
	CC		J9S3360				
	E	Ripley	J9S3421				
	A		J9S3420				
			<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$109,131,739.51</b>	<b>\$21,601.83</b>		

^ Focus On Bridges Program

\* Call D03 and D08 – Funding by Department of Natural Resources – \$189,000.00

**Table II  
Rejection of Bids  
November 15, 2019, Bid Opening**

Call No.	Route	County	Job No.	Description
D05	M, B, 124	Boone	J5S3232	Coldmill, Resurface and ADA Improvements

### Commission Consideration and Action

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



1. Awarded contracts to the lowest responsive bidders for bids received at the November 15, 2019, bid opening, as recommended and noted in Table I above. Non-contractual costs for these projects are shown on the above tabulation.
2. Rejected bids for Call D05 due to excessive bids per Section 102.15 of the Missouri Standard Specifications for Highway Construction, as recommended and noted in Table II above.
3. Authorized the Director, Deputy Director/Chief Engineer, Chief Financial Officer, or Assistant Chief Engineer to execute the contracts awarded above.

Commissioner Waters abstained from voting on Call C01. Commissioner Briscoe abstained from voting on Call B02.

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**EMERGENCY PROJECT DESIGNATION AND AWARD OF AVIATION TRUST FUNDS FOR REPAIRS AT ST. CHARLES COUNTY SMARTT FIELD**

St. Charles County has requested \$43,380 in emergency funding to cover the cost to repair airfield lighting and navigational aids damaged during flooding in the spring and summer of 2019; said flooding resulted in the closure of St. Charles County Smartt Field. Pursuant to section 305.230.5 RSMo, prior to awarding a grant for emergency repairs and reimbursing the county, the Commission must designate the project an emergency and approve the use of State Aviation Trust Funds for the project.

On behalf of the Director, Michelle Kratzer, Multimodal Operations Director, recommended the Commission, designate the repairs to airfield lighting and replacement of navigational aids project as an emergency due to the Missouri River flooding that occurred in the spring and summer of 2019 that resulted in the closure of St. Charles County Smartt Field. She also requested the Commission approve the use of State Aviation Trust Funds to be made immediately available to pay for these necessary repairs pursuant to section 305.230.5 RSMo. A recommendation was also made to amend the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program to include this project. Ms. Kratzer also recommended the Commission delegate authority so that any

contract for such repairs shall be authorized to be executed by the Director, Deputy Director/Chief Engineer, or Assistant Chief Engineer, subject to approval as to form by the Chief Counsel's Office.

Via approval of the consent agenda, the Commission unanimously approved the recommendations as noted above.

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## **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF LOCATION AND/OR DESIGN OF HIGHWAYS**

### **Route M, Boone County Job No. J5S3378 Public Hearing Held September 26, 2019**

The proposed improvements will provide intersection improvements on Route M at Henry Clay Boulevard. The project will have normal access right of way. One lane of Route M will be closed while alternating one-way traffic is maintained in the other lane for portions of construction. Henry Clay will be closed to traffic during parts of the construction and detour routes will be utilized. The construction will be staged in a manner to minimize closures and periodic night work may be necessary to avoid peak traffic volumes. Some private and commercial entrances will require partial or full closures to tie into the roadway. The project is 0.1257 mile in length.

On behalf of the Director, Mabelle Watkins, Central District Engineer, recommended approval of the location and design as presented at the public hearing.

After full consideration of the favorable and adverse economic, social and environmental effects of the recommended location and design, the Commission via approval of the consent agenda unanimously found and determined the recommended location and design would best serve the interest of the public and approved the recommendation.

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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 Deputy Director/Chief Engineer, for filing as necessary for the condemnation of right of way.

<u>County</u>	<u>Route</u>	<u>Job Number</u>
Cooper	DD	J5S3260
Jasper	571	J7P3187I
Jasper	571	J7S3284
Texas	17	J9P3212

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 they be filed as necessary for the condemnation of right of way.

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-- **REPORTS** --

**REPORTS**

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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**FINANCIAL – ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT – QUARTERLY REPORT**

Todd Grosvenor, Financial Services Director, provided the Commission the written Quarterly Financial Accountability Report for the period ending September 30, 2019.

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**FINANCIAL – BUDGET – REPORTS  
YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL REPORT, PERIOD ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2019**

Todd Grosvenor, Financial Services Director, submitted a written financial report for fiscal year to date October 31, 2019, 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 October 2019, 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 397 active contracts held by individual engineering consultant firms prior to October 1, 2019. Twenty-five engineering consultant services

contracts were executed in October 2019, for a total of \$7,922,813. There were no new non-engineering consultant contracts executed in October 2019.

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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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