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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION MEETING HELD IN JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI,
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020

A special meeting of the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission was held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at the Missouri Department of Transportation, 105 W. Capitol Avenue, Jefferson City, Missouri. Michael B. Pace, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. The following Commissioners were present: Gregg C. Smith, John W. Briscoe, Michael T. Waters, Jr., Terry L. Ecker, and Robert G. Brinkmann.

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, March 3, 2020.
“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, March 3, 2020, at 3:30 p.m. and adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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-- OPEN MEETING --

COMMISSION/DIRECTOR ITEMS

COMMISSION WORKSHOP – ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN OVERVIEW: LOW VOLUME MINOR ROAD INVESTMENT; ROAD AND BRIDGE CONDITION; FLOOD RECOVERY

The department shared information concerning investments in the state road and bridge system. The information provided an overview of the department’s efforts to maintain and operate the state road and bridge system. Subjects that were discussed included current road and bridge condition trends, transportation funding distribution, maintenance activities, unfunded needs, and potential investment in low volume minor roads.

For the road condition, the department shared data regarding the interstate, major, minor, and low volume roads. This data also showed the percentage considered in good condition for each category by year from 2010 through 2019. The department reported there are currently 922 bridges in poor condition and shared data regarding the number of poor bridges from 2001 through 2019. It was discussed how pavement conditions are measured and what good and poor condition roads may look like.

The department shared how transportation funds are distributed for the 2021-2025 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. This information highlighted how five of the districts contribute $200,000 each per year to help the Northwest and Northeast districts address work needed on their low volume routes, allowing the remaining two districts to spend $500,000 each on materials and equipment needed to address low volume roads.

The department then described various maintenance activities that are planned, and the budget amount distributed for each area of work for either routine maintenance or planned preventive maintenance. The planned preventive maintenance activities include: asphalt pavement repair, bridge deck
seals, concrete pavement repair, chip seals, and pipe replacements. The routine maintenance activities include: winter operations, roadsides, bridge maintenance, roadways, fleet and utilities, and other. The other activities include things like training and flood response and restoration. A discussion took place regarding the recent flooding that hit Northwest Missouri the hardest and the department’s efforts to restore the system in that region.

The department also reviewed the high priority unfunded transportation needs of the state that total $825 million annually. The department has prepared a document that lists the high priority unfunded road and bridge needs, and should additional transportation funding become available, those needs could be addressed. There are many statewide unfunded needs that include interstate reliability, interstate reconstruction, flood resiliency, low volume routes, and multimodal. At the request of the Commission, the department shared possible scenarios for $2, $5, and $10 million investments in low volume routes.

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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.