

EXECUTIVE ORDER

21-13

WHEREAS, a supply chain is the end-to-end process of creating and delivering goods and services to a consumer, often involving intercontinental and interstate transportation of goods; and

WHEREAS, global pandemic recovery, increased consumer demand, and worker shortages are among a few recent conditions that have contributed to historic supply chain shortages across the state, country, and world, resulting in significantly inflated costs and delays; and

WHEREAS, a supply chain consists of a multitude of various modes of transportation, businesses, and industries, all simultaneously working together to meet the demands of a community; and

WHEREAS, every citizen, business, and organization relies on the efficient transportation and delivery of goods and services; and

WHEREAS, Missouri is uniquely positioned to serve as a major logistics hub for the country given its central geographic location, major interstate highways, and prominent waterway systems; and

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri has been working to strengthen the state's transportation infrastructure, including the Missouri Department of Transportation's recent efforts to develop the 2021 Missouri State Freight and Rail Plan and the passage of Senate Bill 262; and

WHEREAS, mitigating supply chain delays in Missouri necessitates collaboration across industries, stakeholders, state agencies, and surrounding states.

NOW, THEREFORE I, MICHAEL PARSON, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Missouri, do hereby create and establish the Missouri Supply Chain Task Force.

The purpose of the Task Force is to identify specific supply chain issues facing Missouri businesses and citizens, and develop recommended solutions for implementation by public and private sectors within Missouri to address those challenges.

The Task Force shall consist of the following members, as appointed by the Governor:

1. The Director of the Missouri Department of Transportation or their designee;
2. The Director of the Office of Workforce Development within the Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development or their designee;
3. A logistics provider;
4. A modal operator;
5. A large freight generating/receiving business;
6. A representative from a workforce development board; and
7. A member of one of Missouri's regional councils for supply chain management.

The Task Force shall be co-chaired by the Director of the Missouri Department of Transportation and the Director of the Office of Workforce Development or their designees.

The Task Force is charged with convening stakeholders to identify potential improvements and solutions to supply chain issues occurring in Missouri. Stakeholders shall include, but not be limited to, airports, ports, an association representing the trucking industry, agricultural organizations, chambers of commerce, local workforce development boards, advanced manufacturers, commercial developers involved in distribution centers and warehousing, logistics providers, modal operators, large freight generating/receiving businesses, labor organizations, metropolitan planning organizations, and state and local officials, including relevant state agencies.

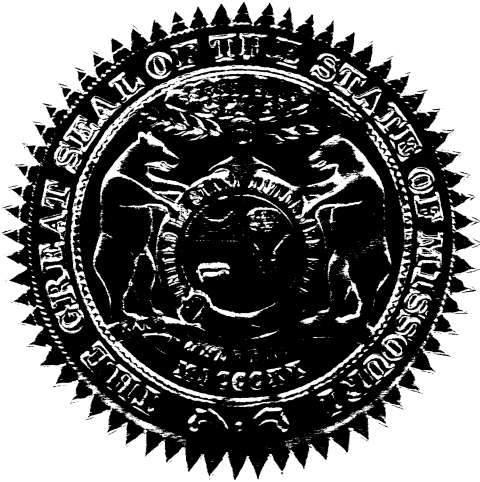
Rail, freight, air, and marine modes of transportation shall be considered. The Task Force is also charged with engaging surrounding states in this work to maximize interstate coordination.

Any recommendations requiring legislative changes should be expedited by the group ahead of the conclusion of the Task Force's work.

The Missouri Department of Transportation and the Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development shall provide staff support for the Task Force.

Members of the Task Force shall not receive compensation for their duties as members of the Task Force, but may be reimbursed for necessary expenses associated with performing their duties, subject to the availability of funds.

The Task Force shall dissolve and this order will terminate as of June 30, 2022 unless reauthorized by subsequent Executive Order.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, on this 22nd day of November, 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael L. Parson", written over a horizontal line.

MICHAEL L. PARSON
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John R. Ashcroft", written over a horizontal line.

JOHN R. ASHCROFT
SECRETARY OF STATE