



**MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION**

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED
HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING
HELD IN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI,
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2023**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission was held on Wednesday, December 6, 2023, at the Kauffman Foundation Conference Center, 4801 Rockhill Road, Kansas City, Missouri and was available via live stream. Terry L. Ecker, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The following Commissioners were present: W. Dustin Boatwright, P.E., Gregg C. Smith, Robert G. Brinkmann, P.E., and Warren K. Erdman. There remains one vacant seat.

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 6, 2023.

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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/DIRECTOR ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Brinkmann, the Commission unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 1, 2023, and the special meeting on October 31, 2023. 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 6, 2023, Consent Agenda

No items were removed from the consent agenda. Upon motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Brinkmann, the consent agenda items were unanimously approved by a quorum of Commission members present.

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COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENT BY ROBERT G. BRINKMANN, PE

Commissioner Robert G. Brinkmann, PE announced that this will be his last meeting and he will submit his resignation to Governor Parson later this month. He thanked the Governor and the citizens of Missouri for the opportunity to have led such a talented group of people. He said the commission has tackled some difficult issues during his time on the commission, and he enjoyed working with the Governor, his administration, and members of the General Assembly to find solutions to some of the issues.

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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. A Commissioner also serves on the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety Executive Committee. The following committee and board reports were made during the December 6, 2023, meeting.

Audit Committee – Commissioner Brinkmann stated there was no report this month and the next Audit Committee meeting is scheduled for April 2024.

Legislative Committee – Commissioner Boatwright reported the first day for pre-filing legislation for the 2024 session of the Missouri General Assembly was December 1. The Department has not identified any

specific proposals that may negatively impact transportation. MoDOT staff will continue to educate elected officials on the Commission’s 2024 legislative agenda and policy positions. Governmental Relations expects to see progress on the Safer Access for Everyone on the Roadways (SAFER) proposals and statutorily defining MoDOT’s safety-sensitive employees as first responders to receive certain mental health benefits during the next session. The second regular session of the 102nd General Assembly begins at noon on January 3. Commissioner Boatwright thanked Chairman Ecker for his idea of implementing “Coffee with the Commission”. He reported during the interim, the Commission reached out to every House and Senate member in their area of the state to invite them to stop by and visit with the commission members prior to every MHTC meeting. These visits allowed the Commission to begin new working relationships with elected officials and to strengthen its existing relationships outside of regular MHTC meetings in Jefferson City when the legislature is in session.

Missouri Transportation Finance Corporation (MTFC) – Commissioner Smith stated there was no report this month and the next MTFC meeting is scheduled for February 2024.

MoDOT and Patrol Employees’ Retirement System (MPERS) – Commissioner Boatwright reported the board met on November 16, 2023. At this meeting the 2024 meeting schedule was approved, and various board policies were revised. The board also received the 2023 audit report. The board authorized the purchase of a building for housing MPERS offices. The next board meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2024.

Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety Executive Committee – Commissioner Brinkmann reported as of Wednesday, November 29, there have been 907 traffic fatalities in Missouri this year. After one of the deadliest months on record this past September, October, and November fatalities have decreased in comparison.

The Coalition is currently promoting a campaign during the holiday season reminding all Missourians about increased traffic volumes and the dangers posed by risky driving behaviors such as speeding, distraction, and impairment. As you partake in your holiday plans, whatever they may be, always remember to buckle up, put the phone down, slow down, and drive sober.

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DIRECTOR’S REPORT

AASHTO Annual Meeting – Director McKenna reported the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) annual meeting was held in mid-November. The Director is chair of the AASHTO Committee on Safety and has been working with his counterparts to develop the Safety Action Plan and a Safety Resolution. There is a crisis in this country when it comes to the number of fatalities on the nation’s transportation system. These efforts with AASHTO are critical to collaboration, consistency, and prioritization of the efforts in public policy as well as engineering to address safety. The Draft Safety Action plan addresses several categories including: reviewing safety audits and evaluating safety considerations in program delivery; elevating safety in the DOT’s culture and safety practices; developing partnership at the national and state levels to elevate safety efforts including shared best practices and new safety research; and policy positions to address safety at the national and local levels. The Director highlighted a few sections of a new safety resolution that was adopted at the

meeting. He noted this resolution is a major accomplishment at the national level to bring attention to the safety crisis.

Moonshot – I-70 – Director McKenna reported Missouri’s Improve I-70 Program has been selected as a pilot project for an AASHTO initiative entitled “Moonshot”. This is a transformative project delivery method for State DOTs to focus on connecting communities, moving people and goods, and meeting customer needs while enhancing safety, security, and stability on our transportation corridors.

The community-centered transportation integrates modes and services to enable seamless end-to-end trips at all scales. Within communities, connecting people to jobs, services, and recreation through local street networks, sidewalks, trails, micro mobility, and other human-scaled transportation. Between communities within a region, connecting people to jobs, education, health care, and other services in both urban and rural areas through options including regional roads and transit, water, and air. Between regions within a megaregion and between megaregions within the United States, connecting workers, goods, and information at the scale of the economy through high-speed ground, water, and air transportation. Between U.S. and global trading partners, connecting trade, visitors, and information through world-class seaports, airports, spaceports, border crossings, and other gateways integrated with the surface transportation system.

Ultimately, community-centered transportation means viewing transportation through the lens of how it can enhance and sustain what makes a community special: a sense of security and stability, a sense of connectivity, and a sense of belonging. Transportation is not the end – it is a means to creating the communities of our dreams and places where people can thrive. The Improve I-70 Program has been named as a “moonshot”, which can deliver transformational improvements to transportation safety and efficient movement across Missouri.

Year in Review – Director McKenna shared that as we come to the end of year, it is important to look back on the accomplishments of the department under the direction of the Commission. The department has produced a summary of the year as part of our annual report. Assistant Chief Engineer Eric Schroeter will cover the full report in more detail later in the agenda. The Director first highlighted the Commission’s approval of the Fiscal Year 2024 to 2028 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program in July. The plan lists transportation projects totaling a \$14 billion investment. This is the largest program to date with more than 1,500 projects. It includes \$3 billion in General Revenue funds for several projects, including improving I-70, fixing low-volume minor roads, and upgrading railroad safety crossings.

The General Revenue funds for I-70 provide a generational opportunity to improve 200 miles of this important cross-state corridor. The project will add a third lane in each direction, address critical infrastructure needs, improve safety, and enhance transportation efficiency. The first construction project from Columbia to Kingdom City will be brought to the Commission at your February 2024 meeting.

The \$50 million in General Revenue for rail safety improvements provides a historic level of funding to address the critical safety needs to address passive public railroad crossings in Missouri. There are more than 1,400 passive crossings in Missouri. This plan will focus the funding on the 47 passive crossings along Missouri’s three passenger rail lines.

The year 2023 will also be noted for the passing of Missouri’s hands-free law. With the law in effect in August, drivers are now prohibited from physically holding or supporting a cell phone with any

part of their body; manually typing, writing, sending, or reading text-based messages; recording, posting, sending, or broadcasting video; and watching a video or movie.

In addition to the new secondary law, MoDOT’s Buckle Up Phone Down (BUPD) program was recognized as a “First Mover” in the U.S.DOT’s National Roadway Safety Strategy, released in February 2023. The strategy is a new, comprehensive approach to reversing the rise in traffic fatalities nationwide. MoDOT’s Call to Action challenges Missourians to do their part in making Missouri’s roads safer by using their seat belt and putting down, or turning off, their phone while driving. MoDOT initiated the BUPD program in 2017, and it has spread steadily across Missouri and two dozen other states.

The department has a lot to celebrate too. Major progress was made this year on the I-70 Missouri River Bridge at Rocheport and the Buck O’Neil Bridge in downtown Kansas City. Both are on track for completion next year. Last month, the department broke ground on the next major river bridge – the Mississippi River crossing between Perryville, Missouri, and Chester, Illinois. MoDOT also celebrated the completion of the Fixing Access to Rural Missouri (FARM) bridge program earlier this fall. The project, which included the rehabilitation or replacement of 31 critical bridges in 17 counties across northern Missouri, was accomplished through a \$20.7 million federal grant paired with \$5.2 million in state road funds. Next week, MoDOT will celebrate the completion of the \$278 million I-270 North Project in St. Louis, which addressed aging infrastructure including bridges and pavement built in the 1960s. It also added a lane to address high traffic volumes, improved the outer road system and improved pedestrian facilities and multi-use paths along this 10-mile corridor. This month, MoDOT will be touring the state celebrating the completion of the last of the 250 Governor’s Focus on Bridges projects. The tour included a bridge on Route A in Cape Girardeau County, a bridge on Range Line Road in Joplin, and a bridge on Route U near St. James in Phelps County. The final celebration to open the last bridge will be in Kansas City at the Blue Ridge Boulevard Bridge on December 19. In all, over \$353 million was invested into 250 bridge repairs and/or replacements across the state since the program was initiated in 2019.

Those are just some of the highlights you will find in the Year in Review document.

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PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION BY THE GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Ava Delsemme, Greater Kansas City Chamber Public Policy Director, Kevin Wallace and Agnes Otto, Kansas City Chamber Transportation Co-Chairs, welcomed the Commission to the city.

Ms. Delsemme shared the community’s appreciation for the districts efforts to clean up the roadways in time for the NFL draft that was held in Kansas City earlier this spring. She noted there are a lot of exciting events on the horizon in Kansas City that are going to make the most of the city’s

transportation systems including the World Cup Soccer matches in 2026 which will put the city on a global stage.

The Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce is a membership organization that serves 13 counties, representing 2,000 businesses in Missouri and Kansas. The greater Kansas City community recognizes the importance of having state of the art multimodal transportation infrastructure to support the regional workforce and advance the talent pipeline of the future.

Mr. Wallace and Ms. Otto reviewed the Kansas City Chamber's Regional Transportation Priorities document with the Commission. This document lays the groundwork for multimodal transportation investment in the Kansas City region. It was a collaborative approach that led to the development of this document including transportation agencies across the region, Mid-America Regional Council (MARC), municipalities, local chambers, and the business community. This document includes a project list of transportation needs that have already been identified and meeting the business community's criteria: job access and creation, economic development, freight logistics and reliability, safety, long term strategy, equity throughout the community, and federal funding opportunities. This document is used when speaking with local elected officials, state legislators, and federal congressmen to encourage additional funding and investment in the region.

The regional transportation priorities include 17 potential projects that include road and bridge work, along with streetcar and transit service improvements. Ms. Otto noted that Interstate 70 improvements are included to improve mobility, safety, and freight movement, similar to what the Director shared in his report. She also noted there is one project that is not included on the list and that is the I-670- South Loop link. While this is an important project, it is not a transportation project but is a place making opportunity for the region and that meets the business community's criteria.

The regional transportation priorities document ensures the business community voice is heard with a common voice across the region. This common voice shows alignment and the value of investing state and federal funds in transportation systems in the region.

Commissioner Erdman thanked the chamber for their presentation and noted that the consensus in Kansas City is unique and something the business community should be commended for.

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MID-AMERICA REGIONAL COUNCIL (MARC)

Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment, welcomed the Commission to the Kansas City region, and thanked them for working together with Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) to successfully accomplish projects. MARC serves two states and nine counties, which now officially includes Ray County. This area includes 119 cities and 2.2 million people. MARC provides a forum for the region to work together to advance social, economic, and environmental progress. MARC's role in transportation is to bring together state and local transportation stakeholders and decision makers to develop regional planning products including the long-range transportation plans for the region and to develop the region's Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Achelpohl noted the long-range transportation plan is currently being updated and will look out to 2025. The Transportation Improvement Program will roll up into the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program that MoDOT prepares annually.

Mr. Achelpohl highlighted long-standing partnerships with MARC and MoDOT in the areas of safety, operations, asset management, funding, and planning partnership. Under the safety category there is the Destination Safe Coalition, which is the regional safety coalition that works with stakeholders on education, engineering, and enforcement to improve safety on the region's transportation system. For Operations, the Operation Green Light effort is a traffic signal coordination system that saves people time and fuel and improves safety. For asset management, this partnership is a unique project that will award

\$8 million of construction contracts for preventive maintenance on a number of local roadways using federal funds. The partnership continues between the organizations when it comes to fund and working together to manage fund balances. MARC is making progress on drawing down unobligated federal fund balances. This work ensures Missouri can take advantage of drawing even more federal funds during the August redistribution process. A key planning partnership has evolved with the unfunded needs identification. This process is exemplary and develops shared priorities, creates a pipeline of projects for anticipated revenues, and demonstrates where additional funding could be used. Mr. Achelpohl then reviewed the 3-tiered list of unfunded needs for the Kansas City region as well as needs for transit, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, freight, and aviation.

He then concluded by sharing with the commission some future partnership opportunities including the Bistate Sustainable Reinvestment Corridor application for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant, carbon reduction program and planning, electric vehicles, and freight planning. Additionally, he expressed support of corridor studies that MoDOT is involved in.

Commissioner Boatwright thanked Mr. Achelpohl for his presentation and for working with MoDOT on the unobligated federal funds so the department can continue to seek and receive additional federal funds through the August redistribution process. Commissioner Erdman thanked Mr. Achelpohl for his tenured leadership at MARC and for MARC's support of the planning process that has benefitted every region of the state.

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MISSOURI RAIL PASSENGER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MORPAC)

David Pearce thanked the Commission for riding the Missouri River Runner from Warrensburg to Kanas City yesterday. The communities with stations along the Missouri River Runner route include St. Louis, Kirkwood, Washington, Hermann, Jefferson City, Sedalia, Warrensburg, Lee's Summit,

Independence, and Kansas City. He explained volunteers on the Missouri Rail Passenger Advisory Committee (MORPAC) come from communities with an Amtrak stop in their town.

He expressed his appreciation for the department, legislative, and Governor's support of the Missouri River Runner. He explained that last year the state budget included \$14.5 million and this year an increase of \$1.5 million is being sought for a total of \$16 million to support two daily round trips of this state funded train service. He noted in Missouri there are two federal Amtrak lines. One line is the Southwest Chief which runs from Chicago to Los Angeles through Kansas City. The other is the Texas Eagle that runs from Chicago to St. Louis, through Texas, to Los Angeles.

Mr. Pearce reported the department will also seek funding for the corridor identification program. This will seek additional federal and state funds for Amtrak lines that will extend to Hannibal, St. Joseph, and Springfield. In addition, a third daily round trip on the Missouri River Runner could be funded. He shared that program selections should be announced soon.

Ms. Gibbons reported on the economic impact of Amtrak. Last year Missouri's \$14.5 million investment led to increased spending for construction, landscaping, railroad, engineering, technology, and other businesses totaling \$28.9 million. The number of Amtrak employees increased from 78 to 84 with wages totaling \$7.7 million. Amtrak in Missouri served 531,000 riders in 2023. She noted the increase in ridership at the Amtrak station with 52,000 passengers in 2022 and now 71,000 passengers in 2023. She also described the city of Kirkwood's investment in their station renovations totaling \$5.7 million.

Ms. Bruckerhoff shared about the MORPAC marketing committee's efforts. Efforts include two station take overs in Springfield and Bloomington Normal Illinois. While visiting these communities TV, radio, and newspaper interviews occurred. Additionally, the committee held a promotion on Facebook with four getaway trips donated. This promotion allowed for the capture of email addresses that the committee continues to use in its marketing promotions. The committee also manned a booth at the MoDOT building during the Missouri State Fair and plans to take the booth to other locations. One

exciting effort that is just getting started includes the hiring of Advanced Media, a marketing agency, to promote the Missouri River Runner. Commissioners Brinkmann and Boatwright noted what a pleasant experience the train ride was and that with the new passenger cars and engines, more riders will be drawn to Amtrak.

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COMMUNITY CONCERNS REGARDING THE WIDENING OF I-49 FROM 155TH STREET TO NORTH CASS PARKWAY IN CASS COUNTY

A group of local leaders from Cass and Jackson Counties shared their concerns regarding a project on the I-49 corridor. This project was on the list of unfunded needs to widen the corridor from 155th Street to North Cass Parkway. However, after the project was moved from the unfunded list into the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), the necessary additional engineering work took place which indicated that widening the road from Route 58 to North Cass Parkway would not provide additional safety and congestion benefit. As a result of this work, the scope of the project was reduced to only widening the I-49 corridor from 155th Street to Route 58.

The leaders who spoke at the meeting included:

- Kristopher P. Turnbow, City of Raymore Mayor
- Norman K. Larkey, Sr., City of Belton Mayor
- Leonard Jones, City of Grandview Mayor
- Bob Huston, Cass County Presiding Commissioner
- Todd Krass, Belton Regional Medical Center Chief Executive Officer
- Grant Harrison, Van Trust Executive Vice President of Development

The group expressed their disappointment in the scope of the project being reduced to only widening I-49 to Route 58. This decision will impact traffic safety, economic development, and the convenience of the residents of Jackson and Cass counties. The communities and residents of the region were elated when the announcement was made to move the full scope project from the unfunded needs list into the STIP. The region is upset with the lack of communication by the department when the decision

was made to reduce the scope of the project and delay the timing of the project, and not involve key stakeholders in that decision making process.

Narrowing the scope of the project has a profound impact on Jackson and Cass counties. It is important to move traffic throughout the corridor. Cutting this project will have lasting negative impacts to the region including hindered economic growth, traffic issues, and hampered long term planning.

Todd Krass from Belton Regional Medical Center shared that public safety is important so patients can get to the hospital to receive the care they need. The hospital has a planned \$50 million expansion project that may be delayed due to the delay of this roadway project. Grant Harrison, Van Trust Real Estate company described his company's investment in a development project located at I-49 and Route 58 and a planned investment on additional acreage at this location. This additional investment will likely be delayed due to the reduction in scope of this project.

The group requested the Commission reinstate the full scope of the project to widen I-49 from 155th Street to North Cass Parkway.

Chairman Ecker noted the Commission's appreciation for being there today and expressing their concerns. He stated the Commission would take their concerns under advisement. Director McKenna stated the department is refining the process to move projects from the unfunded needs list to being funded in the STIP. When a project is on the unfunded needs list, the department does not have full detailed engineering estimates. The department acknowledges that with the transition from unfunded to funded, the department could have done a much better job of communication, and the department apologized for that and will work on it. The department understands the disappointment and looks forward to continuing to collaborate with the local community on this transportation project. Commissioner Erdman reinforced the project is not being stopped, it is just a matter of how far the department can go with the project. Acknowledging the communication deficiencies, a core group has been established for this project.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMENT REGARDING THE SOUTH LOOP PROJECT

Brian Platt, City Manager of Kansas City Missouri, discussed the South Loop project. This project is a 5.5-acre area over 4 blocks in the center of downtown Kansas City. There is a highway that is limiting development in the city, I-670. This project will unlock hundreds of millions of economic development. Funding is being secured and are close to breaking ground next spring or summer. The process that will be used to improve the roadway include support walls/structures. The things that the city is working with MoDOT on is the tunnel, lighting, safety, and signage. Support of the Governor and at the federal level, and many local leaders. It is an important destination project for the city.

Commissioner Erdman noted the economic impact is projected as \$116 million of new state taxes because of this project. He confirmed his understanding that this is a city project, MoDOT's responsibility is simply the roadway under the structure that is being built.

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MODOT PRESENTATIONS

UNSHELTERED PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

On behalf of the Director, Chris Redline, Kansas City District Engineer, and Sean O'Bryne, Vice President Downtown Council Kansas City, provided a progress update on the partnership between MoDOT and the Downtown Council Community Improvement Districts to reduce the number of unsheltered people living on state highway right of way in downtown Kansas City.

Unsheltered individuals residing on state right of way is not a MoDOT issue, but a community issue to solve. It is dangerous to live outside on MoDOT right of way and encampments, which include flammable material, are a risk to the unsheltered themselves as well as the infrastructure. Mr. Redline

reminded everyone of the sad incident where an encampment under a bridge caught fire and caused an explosion, causing a fatality and closing the bridge due to the damage.

Mr. Redline shared how calls regarding unsheltered have gradually increased since 2016. To take action to address this concern, the MoDOT Kansas City District solicited a contract through the Request for Proposal process in the spring of 2023 to focus on unsheltered individuals who reside on MoDOT right of way and is intended to leverage MoDOT resources along with the Downtown Council Community Improvement Districts business interests and charitable resources to collectively improve the situation. A six-month pilot contract was initiated in April 2023. Due to the contract's success, it was recently renewed for an additional 12 months at a cost of approximately \$50,000 monthly. The contract is used to cover salaries for the Outreach Coordinator along with the crew that cleans up encampments, picks up litter, and removes graffiti.

Mr. Redline shared how the contract has worked. The district identifies the camps and contacts the contractor. The contractor provides advance notice to the unsheltered to allow them to obtain the services they need to find suitable shelter and other things. The contractor then returns later to clean up the location and MoDOT provides traffic control when necessary. The key to the success of this contract has been the human centered approach. The contractor creates a personal connection with the unsheltered to better assist them with the services they need.

Mr. O'Bryne reported that homelessness is up across the nation. In Kansas City homelessness has increased around the arterials, downtown, and the river market. MoDOT has estimated over 80 encampments on MoDOT right of way within one mile of the central business district. For the contract with MoDOT, the Downtown Council divided the one-mile radius into 4 sectors and allows the council to create metrics and determine hotspots. The Downtown Council has a center called The Beehive that provides care needed for the unsheltered. This includes health services that include medical, dental, and

psychiatric services. The Beehive provides meals, as well as assists with locating housing. Another important service the Beehive can provide is document services.

The camps look like anything from an abandoned RV, to camps, to a treehouse. The camps are dangerous, multiple fires, unsanitary conditions, and unsafe shelters. During warmer weather the unsheltered will just use sleeping bags next to the highway. The MoDOT crews set up a work zone to make the area safer when working at encampments. The Downtown Council also works at removing graffiti as quickly as possible. Working together additional solutions are identified to assist with preventing future encampments. The Downtown Council also collects data that can be shared online regarding services provided, trash removed, camp removals, and graffiti removals for each sector. The data also identifies hotspots that need to be addressed.

Commissioner Erdman expressed his pride in this project, and the success of the project is due to the public and private partnership. He commended Wallace James for his work on this project.

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UPDATE FROM MODOT'S KANSAS CITY DISTRICT

On behalf of the Director, Chris Redline, Kansas City District Engineer, described the district with some statistics including the district has 9 counties with a population of 1.33 million. While the district has just over 3,000 state highway miles, the district maintains almost 8,000 lane miles to maintain.

The Kansas City District has 510 employees, with a total of 110 vacancies currently. Those vacancies are primarily in the operations and program delivery areas. The district has held four quick hiring events. These events resulted in 101 offers being made and resulted in 40 hires. The district did some things to speed up the hiring process that came with some risks. The district is now working on getting those new employees trained.

Mr. Redline reviewed the current bridge and pavement conditions in the district:

- 3,262 lane miles major routes – 87 percent good
- 3,154 lane miles minor routes – 75 percent good
- 1,285 lane miles low volume roads – 86 percent good
- 1,433 bridges – 67 are in poor condition.

He also provided a safety update. He reported the district had 37 injuries in the district. The truck mounted attenuators (TMAs) were struck 16 times in the district. There were 13 incidents when backing up. There were 19 employees with strains or sprains. The district has 165 fatalities on its roadways to date, unfortunately an increase from the previous year.

For the district operations update, due to the staffing challenges the district is doing a lot more contracting. The district has expended \$1.1 million for mowing by contract. The district has expended \$950,000 on contracted litter pick up. Litter calls increased from 2016, but since implementation of the contracts the calls are beginning to decrease, but there is more work to be done in this area. There have been two unsheltered contracts totaling \$850,000. Calls regarding unsheltered have increased significantly since 2016, but since the implementation of these contracts, those calls are starting to decline. A contract is in place for knocked down signs and repair totaling \$650,000. And the city of Kansas City has provided assistance with sweeping.

Mr. Redline then described major projects underway or completed that will help maintain the district's assets and improve traffic congestion when the project is complete. The first project he described was the project to replace the Prospect Avenue Bridge over I-70 to increase vertical clearance and improve the ramps as well. Another bridge project he highlighted is part of the Governor's Focus on Bridges program that will replace the Blue Ridge Boulevard bridge over I-70. Another major project under way is at the I-49 and Route 7 interchange in Cass County that is replacing the bridge and rebuilding the ramps. A ribbon cutting was held in November to celebrate the completion of the new I-35 interchange at 19th Street in Kearney, a major cost share project. The Buck O'Neil design build project will replace the bridge

on Highway 169 over the Missouri River and is scheduled to be completed by December 2024. There is an Improve I-70 Kansas City project to modernize the I-70 corridor in Jackson County from the Paseo Boulevard to US 40. While not a transportation project it will impact I-670, and that is the South Link Loop project in the City of Kansas City, a collaborative effort to build a park over I-670 linking the communities from Bartle Hall to Grand Avenue in downtown Kansas City.

Employees are the key to the district's success. There are people on the front line every day in every way. He then recognized Chris Zurn, a MoDOT employee who passed away recently. His mechanical skills were critical to the success of innovations in the district. He also had a very key safety message that he had shared early in his career.

Commissioner Smith thanked Mr. Redline for his presentation and commended him for his leadership in working through all the challenges. He also expressed his appreciation for Redline's recognition of the employees and especially, Chris Zurn.

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CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS FOR THE NORTHWEST BRIDGE DESIGN-BUILD PROJECT

On behalf of the Director, Deputy Director/Chief Engineer Ed Hassinger and Project Director Michael Marriott described the project that will replace or rehabilitate up to 34 poor condition bridges in the Northwest District. Mr. Hassinger noted that with this design build project, every MoDOT district will have had a design build project.

Project Goals

MoDOT established the following goals for the project which were used in evaluating and determining the Best Value Proposal:

1. Safely deliver the project within the program budget of \$30 million on or before December 31, 2026.
2. Use innovation and practical design to maximize the number of locations to be addressed.
3. Provide quality, low maintenance structures and roadway approaches.

4. Minimize the traveling public's inconvenience through diligent construction efforts, flexibility in scheduling, and proactive communication.

MoDOT's External Civil Rights Division established a six percent disadvantaged business enterprise goal for construction work and a nine percent disadvantaged business enterprise goal for professional services for the project. The best value proposer will be required to meet federal workforce goals per trade of 4.0 percent minority per craft and 6.9 percent female per craft along with one on the job training allotment of 1,000 construction labor hours.

Procurement Process

By Commission action on March 1, 2022, the Commission approved the use of design-build for the Northwest Bridge Bundle Design-Build Project. Since then, MoDOT's design-build team has been working through preliminary engineering and the procurement process. Two teams were prequalified on June 26, 2023, to compete for the contract. The Request for Proposals was issued on July 10, 2023. The MoDOT Design-Build team held six confidential discussions with each team over a period of 12 weeks to discuss their proposal ideas. Final proposals were submitted by the teams on October 25, 2023. The MoDOT design-build team reviewed and evaluated the proposals. The two teams that submitted proposals include:

- Capital – Horner & Shifrin Team – major participants include Capital Paving and Construction, LLC and Horner & Shifrin, Inc.
- ESS -Bartlett & West Team – major participants include Emery Sapp and Sons, Inc. and Bartlett and West, Inc.

Evaluation

The items that were evaluated by the MoDOT design-build team included: Bridge Bundle Definition (65 points available), Bridge Quality and Longevity (20 points available), and Maintenance of Traffic (15 points available) for a total of 100 points. Project Director Marriott provided a summary of the proposals submitted by each team and the total points awarded to each team as outlined below.

- The Capital – Horner & Shifrin Team – 88 points
- The ESS Team – 84.5 points

Commission Consideration and Action

Project Director Marriott recommended Capital – Horner & Shifrin Team as the best value proposer. Their proposal included:

- 31 structures in all 7 counties
- 25 low maintenance steel structures that allow for future re-deck and rehabilitation
- 4 low maintenance single-span P/S concrete structures and 2 box culverts
- Steel coatings that will not require future repainting
- Additional 10,092 square feet of existing bridge deck replaced over the other proposal

Chairman Ecker thanked Project Director Marriott for his presentation and the MoDOT design-build team for their work on this project to date.

After consideration, Commissioner Boatwright moved that the Commission adopt staff recommendations to award the Capital – Horner & Shifrin design-build team for submitting the best value proposal for the Northwest Bridge Bundle Design-Build Project; authorize the director, deputy director/chief engineer, or their designee to negotiate and execute a contract with the Capital – Horner & Shifrin design-build team subject to approval as to form by the Chief Counsel’s Office; and authorize payment of the agreed stipend to the one unsuccessful proposing team. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Brinkmann. The Commission unanimously approved the motion.

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STATE APPROPRIATIONS MEGA PROJECTS STATE ROAD BONDS, SERIES A 2023 PRICING SUMMARY

On behalf of the Director, Brenda Morris, Chief Financial Officer, reminded the Commission at the November 1, 2023, Commission meeting they authorized the sale of bonds to fund the costs to plan, design, construct, reconstruct, rehabilitate, and repair a portion of the Improve I-70 Program. Ms. Morris was pleased to report the competitive sale of the State Appropriations Mega Projects State Road Bonds,

Series A 2023 took place on November 14, 2023. The Commission issued \$381.6 million of bonds to receive proceeds of \$390.8 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 14, 2023. The interest rate on the bonds was 3.1976 percent which is a good rate given the current market environment.

The financing attracted significant attention with seven bids received. While some banks placed individual bids, some formed syndicates and bid as a group. Altogether, 19 banks placed bids, this included six members of the Commission's pre-qualified investment banking pool. Of the banks participating, three disadvantaged business enterprise firms and one veteran owned firm participated. Competition was tight with the winning bid coming from J.P. Morgan Securities LLC. The newly issued debt is in compliance with the parameters established in the Commission's Debt Management Policy.

Commissioner Erdman commended the department for this creative approach to financing and for their work on this bond sale.

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MODOT ANNUAL REPORT 2023

On behalf of the Director, Eric Schroeter, Assistant Chief Engineer, shared the department's annual report with the Commission. Mr. Schroeter explained the Missouri Department of Transportation's Annual Report is a collection of five comprehensive documents which include the Year in Review, the Citizen's Guide to Transportation Funding, the MoDOT Results Document, the Financial Snapshot, and the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. MoDOT's Year in Review looks back on the highlights of the year, from the completion of major projects to national awards won by the department. The department delivers this report in December and the Director will formally present the annual report to the Joint Committee on Transportation Oversight in February 2024.

Mr. Schroeter noted the director reviewed the highlights of 2023. Including the Commission's approval of the fiscal year 2024 to 2028 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) totaling a \$14 billion investment. The largest program to date with more than 1,500 projects. It includes \$3 billion in General Revenue funds for several projects, including improving I-70, fixing low-volume minor roads, and upgrading railroad safety crossings.

The Citizen's Guide serves as the core document of the Accountability Report. The document is updated each year through a collaborative effort by Financial Services, Transportation Planning, Communications, and others. The Citizen's Guide reports transportation funding totals \$3.9 billion from many sources including state, federal, and bond proceeds. These funds are then distributed to not only MoDOT but also cities, counties, other state agencies, and to make debt payments.

The Citizen's Guide helps educate legislators, partners, and the general public on the challenges faced by the department. One of the challenges the department faces is excessive employee turnover that significantly impacts MoDOT's productivity. In fiscal year 2023, there were 630 employees who left employment with the department. While this is much improved compared to 900 departures in fiscal year 2022, turnover costs exceeded \$46 million for the year. This document now also documents the loss of labor hours as a result of these departures. Improvement in the reduced departures can be attributed to recent actions regarding employee salaries including the market adjustment and COLA increases. The department continues to struggle in the areas of maintenance positions and equipment technicians.

The Citizen's Guide gives comparisons of Missouri to surrounding states and details where the state stands nationally in terms of system size and revenue. Missouri has the seventh largest system in the United States but ranks 47th in revenue per mile. This helps illustrate where Missouri is with transportation funding compared to the rest of the country. An example of how the document helps people understand the situation and challenges when it comes to the value of the department's operations budget is how it describes the vast majority of the state's system is maintained by MoDOT's own workforce. Last year,

MoDOT invested nearly \$630 million in the operations budget. Operations includes services such as repair and seal pavement, winter operations, bridge maintenance, striping, traffic signals and signs, and mowing and litter pick up.

Finally, one of the most important messages shared by the Citizen's Guide addresses unfunded needs. There are no shortage of transportation needs across the state. In fact, Missouri has \$1.1 billion per year in unfunded high priority needs. Last year, working with regional partners, the department moved 14 needs worth \$3 billion from the unfunded list to the STIP. For this year's unfunded priorities, the department generated project-specific lists of \$4.7 billion in road and bridge project needs in three tiers. Tier one includes \$552 million and includes project needs that could be accomplished in the time frame of the current five-year STIP as federal and state funding levels increase. These projects have more refined estimates. Tier two is worth \$2.1 billion and includes project needs beyond the current STIP timeframe with broader estimates. Tier three includes \$2 billion of project needs also beyond the current STIP timeframe with broader estimates. In addition, staff worked with the planning partners to identify \$1 billion in multimodal needs.

Mr. Schroeter then explained the Financial Snapshot document provides answers to frequently asked questions regarding MoDOT's finances. The first section is entitled transportation funding. It provides historical five-year revenue and expenditure tables, overviews of federal aid and bonding programs, and revenues shared with local governments. He noted the Snapshot includes key statistics. There are 4.3 million licensed drivers in Missouri and 4.1 billion gallons of fuel purchased last year. There are 3.7 million passenger cars, 1.5 million trucks, and 16,729 recreational vehicles licensed in Missouri. Additionally, Missouri has 23,632 buses and 140,788 motorcycles licensed in Missouri. Interesting information to know about the users of Missouri's transportation system.

Mr. Schroeter then described how the MoDOT Results document helps citizens and partners understand how MoDOT delivers results through accountability, innovations, and efficiency. The

publication shows the department delivers these measurable results while being good stewards of the state's transportation dollars. It shares this information under the three pillars of the organization: Safety, Service, and Stability. In the last 16 years, reinvestment in safety enhancements resulted in an estimated 1,049 lives saved. In the last 10 years MoDOT completed 4,206 projects totaling \$11.1 billion worth of work completed on time and on budget. Since 2007, MoDOT has documented more than \$5.7 billion in one-time or on-going savings.

Commissioner Boatwright stated the annual report is so helpful and so easy for the citizens to review the summary of all the work and funds that are spent to improve the state's transportation system.

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RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO NATALIE ROARK FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Via approval of the consent agenda, the Commission unanimously approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Natalie Roark began her distinguished career with the Missouri Department of Transportation on December 16, 2003, and will be retiring on December 31, 2023, after 20 years of service to the Missouri Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, Natalie Roark served in a variety of capacities in the Central District, Design, Traffic, and Maintenance Divisions, moving through increasingly responsible assignments to eventually serve as Assistant District Engineer for the Central District, culminating in her promotion as State Maintenance Director; and

WHEREAS, her inspiring leadership and engineering knowledge brought her much success with department including the Maintenance Management System which has evolved into the MoDOT Management System, a statewide herbicide program, and numerous innovations; and

WHEREAS, her work ethic, integrity, expertise, and caring for others have earned her the respect, admiration, and friendship of department employees and the public she served; and

WHEREAS, Natalie Roark marked history at MoDOT by being the first and only set of female identical twin civil engineers with her sister, Nicole Hood, and was incredibly gracious during the countless times the Commission and coworkers struggled to decipher which twin they were speaking with; and

WHEREAS, Natalie Roark recognized the importance of balancing family and career and is a loving wife and devoted mother while performing her job duties with compassion, dedication, and pride.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission does hereby publicly express its appreciation and gratitude to Natalie Roark for her service to the citizens of Missouri.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Natalie Roark so she will know of the high esteem and affection in which she is held by the members of the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission and the Missouri Department of Transportation staff.

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RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO TRAVIS KOESTNER FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Via approval of the consent agenda, the Commission unanimously approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Travis Koestner, retired on December 6, 2023, with 30 years of service to the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Travis Koestner began his distinguished career with the Missouri Department of Transportation serving as a summer intern in 1992, 1993, and 1994. He was then hired full time as a Construction Inspector in District 5, which led to his service in increasingly responsible assignments in the Central District, Design Division, and Construction and Materials Division. This experience led to his service as District Engineer for the Southwest District and culminating his career as the State Design Engineer; and

WHEREAS, his inspiring leadership and engineering knowledge brought him much success with numerous transportation projects including the Central District Design Build project on Interstate 70 bridges in Columbia, the Southwest Bridge bundle projects, the replacement of the Interstate 70 Rocheport Bridge over the Missouri River, and the Interstate 270 Bridge with the Illinois Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Travis Koestner served admirably, diligently, tirelessly, and collaboratively on behalf of the Department of Transportation and the State of Missouri, as evidenced by his ability to establish and maintain excellent relations with organizations for the betterment of Missouri's Transportation system. In 2001 Travis was awarded the American Association of State Highways and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Engineer's Estimate Outstanding Achievement Award. He also served for several years on the AASHTO Committee on Design; and

WHEREAS, his work ethic, integrity, expertise, and caring for others have earned him the respect, admiration, and friendship of department employees and the public he served. Travis Koestner's down to earth approach to problem solving mixed with his keen sense of humor led to many successful transportation solutions for unique situations; and

WHEREAS, in his service to the Missouri Department of Transportation, Travis Koestner was a passionate safety advocate whose compassion for highway workers is evidenced by his unyielding leadership in promotion of the 10-33 Benevolent Fund; a fund for families of public service personnel, including highway workers, who have died in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, Travis Koestner recognized the importance of balancing family and career and is a loving husband and devoted father while performing his job duties with compassion, dedication, and pride.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission does hereby publicly express its appreciation and gratitude to Travis Koestner for his service to the citizens of Missouri and extends to her best wishes for her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Travis Koestner so he will have a permanent record of the high esteem in which he is held by the members of the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission and the Missouri Department of Transportation staff.

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BUSINESS ISSUES

MEDICAL AND LIFE INSURANCE PLAN: APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBER

The Commission established and approved guidelines for a self-insured Medical and Life Insurance Plan for employees of the Department and the State Highway Patrol on November 9, 1977. The guidelines established a board of trustees to manage the operations of the Plan. Potential board members, and the board chairman, are recommended by either the Department Director or the State Highway Patrol Superintendent and are subject to Commission approval.

On behalf of the Director, Brandon Denkler, Assistant to Chief Administrative Officer – Employee Health and Wellness, Medical and Life Insurance Plan Board Chairman, recommended approval of the appointment of Greg Smith as a Missouri State Highway Patrol retired employee representative, for a term ending December 2026 or until a successor is named. Richard Coffey previously filled this position and served as a member of the board since November 2018. Mr. Smith’s appointment has been recommended by Colonel Eric Olsson, Missouri State Highway Patrol Superintendent.

Via approval of the consent agenda, the Commission unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. Smith as a Missouri State Highway Patrol retired employee representative, for a term ending December 2026 or until a successor is named.

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STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP)

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS FOR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS

On behalf of the Director, Kenny Voss, Assistant 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 D06 has local funding as noted in the tables below, and the department received all the necessary concurrences.

Mr. Voss recommended: (1) Award of contracts to the lowest responsive bidders for bids received at the November 17, 2023, letting, as recommended, and noted in Table I below; and (2) Declared Lamke Trenching & Excavating, Inc. for Call D2A as non-responsive per section 102.8 of the Missouri Standard Specifications for Highway Construction due to not completing their bid in accordance with the bidding requirements; (3) Award of contract to the lowest responsive bidder for bids received at the December 1, 2023, letting, as recommended, and noted in Table II below; and (4) Ratify the award of the Cost Share Project let by the Wentzville School District on August 10, 2023 as noted in Table III below.

**Table I
Award of Contracts
November 17, 2023, Bid Opening**

| Call No. | Route | County | Job No. | Bid Amount | Non-Contractual Costs | Contractor | Description |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| A01 | 136 | Mercer | J1P3225 | \$5,225,370.90 | \$0.00 | Norris Asphalt Paving Co., LC | Resurface and Add Shoulders |
| | | | J1P3226 | | | | Resurface |
| A03 | 5 | Putnam | J1P3246 | \$3,050,736.05 | \$0.00 | Norris Asphalt Paving Co., LC | Base Widening and Resurface |
| C01 | I-35 | Jackson | J4P3468B | \$444,602.91 | \$0.00 | Clarkson Construction Company | Bridge Rehabilitation |
| C04 | 169 | Clay | JKU0372 | \$2,108,162.42 | \$0.00 | Clarkson Construction Company | Concrete Barrier Replacement |
| D04 | T, A, BB, F, J, I-44 OR, YY | Camden, Laclede | J5S3535 | \$6,146,912.62 | \$0.00 | Willard Asphalt Paving, Inc. | Resurface |
| D06* | 28 | Maries | JCD0061 | \$6,501,051.64 | \$0.00 | | Resurface |

| Call No. | Route | County | Job No. | Bid Amount | Non-Contractual Costs | Contractor | Description |
|-------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--|---|
| | EE | Crawford, Gasconade | JCD0027 | | | Capital Paving & Construction, LLC | |
| D07 | 63 | Boone | JCD0171 | \$5,933,801.92 | \$0.00 | Capital Paving & Construction, LLC | Resurface |
| D08 | 163 | Boone | JCD0173 | \$5,506,594.12 | \$0.00 | Capital Paving & Construction, LLC | Coldmill and Resurface |
| D09 | 763, BL I-70, I-70 OR | Boone | JCD0172 | \$3,656,864.75 | \$0.00 | Capital Paving & Construction, LLC | Coldmill and Resurface |
| D2A and D2B | 54, 94 | Callaway, Cole | J5P3497 | \$24,463,380.36 | \$55.36 | Magruder Paving, LLC | Add Lanes |
| | 54 | Callaway, Cole | JCD0100 | | \$0.00 | | Coldmill and Resurface |
| | 94, 63, W, H | Callaway | J5S3458 | | | | 4 Bridge Rehabilitates |
| | 54 | Callaway | JCD0114 | | | | Intersection Improvement |
| F01 | 67 | St Louis | J6S3280 | \$18,458,387.36 | \$0.00 | Gershenson Construction Co., Inc. | Bridge Replacement, Resurface, and ADA Improvements |
| F02 | 109, CC | St Louis | J6S3351 | \$4,673,944.32 | \$0.00 | Millstone Weber, LLC | Add Roundabout |
| F05 | Various | St Louis | J6Q3174E | \$1,595,781.00 | \$0.00 | Gerstner Electric, Inc. | ITS Maintenance |
| G01 | 43 | Barton, Jasper | J7S3495 | \$4,392,000.00 | \$0.00 | Blevins Asphalt Construction Company, Inc. | Resurface |
| | NN | Barton | J7S3441 | | | | |
| G02 | 59, 90, W, 43 | McDonald | J7S3519 | \$458,466.00 | \$0.00 | Branco Enterprises, Inc. | ADA Improvements and Bridge Rehabilitation |
| G04 | BL 44 | Greene | JSU0088 | \$388,889.95 | \$0.00 | Midwest Traffic Signal Services, LLC | ITS Improvement |
| G05 | 54 | Vernon | J7P3521 | \$2,280,000.00 | \$0.00 | Capital Paving & Construction, LLC | Bridge Rehabilitation |
| H01 | I-55 | New Madrid | J9I3844 | \$22,436,716.37 | \$0.00 | Magruder Paving, LLC | Resurface |
| H03 | 177 | Cape Girardeau | J9S3590 | \$2,315,000.00 | \$0.00 | Pace Construction Company, LLC | Resurface and Shoulder Improvements |
| | | | TOTAL | \$120,036,662.69 | \$55.36 | | |

* Call D06 – Funding by City of Owensville – \$113,137.52 (JCD0061)

**Table II
Award of Contract
December 1, 2023, Bid Opening**

| Call No. | Route | County | Job No. | Bid Amount | Contractor | Description |
|-----------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| G01 | 60 | Greene | JSUM0050 | \$508,615.43 | Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc. | Bridge Repair |

**Table III
Ratification of Award of Contract
August 10, 2023, Bid Opening**

| Route | County | Job No. | Bid Amount | Contractor | Description |
|--------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| DD | St. Charles | JSL0185 | \$250,044.00 | Gerstner Electric, Inc. | Traffic Signals |

Commission Consideration and Action

After consideration, and upon motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Brinkmann, the Commission took the following action with abstentions listed below.

1. Awarded contracts to the lowest responsive bidders for bids received at the November 17, 2023, bid opening, as recommended, and noted in Table I above. Non-contractual costs for these projects are shown in the above tabulation.
2. Declared Lamke Trenching & Excavating, Inc. for Call D2A as non-responsive per section 102.8 of the Missouri Standard Specifications for Highway Construction due to not completing their bid in accordance with the bidding requirements.
3. Awarded contract to the lowest responsive bidder for bids received at the December 1, 2023, letting, as recommended, and noted in Table II above. Non-contractual costs for this project are shown in the above tabulation.
4. Ratified the award of the Cost Share Project let by the Wentzville School District on August 10, 2023, as noted in Table III above.
5. Authorized the Director, Chief Engineer, Chief Financial Officer, or Assistant Chief Engineer to execute the contracts awarded above.

Commissioner Boatwright abstained from Call H01. Commissioner Brinkmann abstained from Calls F01, D2A, and D2B. Commissioner Erdman abstained from Calls C01, D2B, G01, and G02.

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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF LOCATION AND DESIGN OF HIGHWAYS

Route 47, Lincoln County,

Job No. JNE0003

Public Meeting Held Wednesday, October 4, 2023

Online Meeting Held October 4, 2023 – October 14, 2023

The proposed improvement will realign curves at select locations, add paved shoulders, provide intersection improvements and pavement resurfacing. The proposed typical section includes twelve-foot lanes in each direction with eight-foot paved shoulders. A fourteen-foot Two Way Left Turn Lane will be constructed from just west of Routes H and J in Troy to Bennington Drive. In Hawk Point curb and gutter will be constructed with four-foot paved shoulders. Two substandard s-curves will be realigned, and Route AA will be extended to the relocated Route 47. Route AA has been designed for twelve-foot lanes in each direction with a westbound to northbound right turn lane. A westbound to northbound right turn lane is included at Westborough Drive. The project will have normal access right of way. Most of the project construction will be completed without impacts to traffic on Route 47. Some short-term closures will be necessary to replace crossroad culverts in the project limits. The project is 6.691 miles in length.

On behalf of the Director, Paula Gough, Northeast District Engineer, recommended approval of the location and design as presented at the public meeting.

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, Kenny Voss, Assistant State Design Engineer, recommended the Commission approve the following detailed project plans, approved by the Chief Engineer, for filing as necessary for the condemnation of right of way.

| <u>County</u> | <u>Route</u> | <u>Job Number</u> |
|---------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Cass | 291 | J4P3488 |
| St. Louis | 115 | J6S3417 |
| Christian | CC | J8S0736F |

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 them to be filed as necessary for the condemnation of right of way.

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PROPERTY ACQUISITION AND CONVEYANCES

CONSIDERATION OF DISPOSAL OF EXCESS PROPERTY, OLD ROUTE 65 IN GREENE COUNTY, EXCESS PARCEL NUMBER SW-0372

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, Stacy Reese, Southwest District Engineer, recommended conveyance of 1.93 acres of land located at Old Route 65 and crossing Lake Springfield in Greene County, to Springfield - Greene County Park Board for a consideration of \$1.00.

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 ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT – QUARTERLY REPORT

Todd Grosvenor, Financial Services Director, provided the Commission the written Quarterly Financial Accountability Report for the period ending September 30, 2023.

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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 two briefing reports for the past month.

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MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FINANCIAL REPORT – FISCAL YEAR 2024

Todd Grosvenor, Financial Services Director, submitted a written financial report for fiscal year to date October 31, 2023, with budget and prior year comparisons.

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CONSULTANT SERVICES CONTRACT REPORT

Kenny Voss, Assistant State Design Engineer, submitted a written report of consultant contracts executed in the month of October 2023, 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 590 active contracts held by individual engineering consultant firms prior to November 1, 2023. Sixteen engineering consultant services contracts were executed in October 2023, for a total of \$6,664,068. There were zero non-engineering consultant contracts executed in October 2023.

Mr. Voss noted the budget for design and bridge consultants is \$110 million. As of the date of this report the total expenditures are \$35 million.

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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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