



## Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission Policies

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### LEGISLATION

It is the prerogative of the Commission to determine the position to be taken regarding proposed legislative measures. In communicating its positions to the staff, the following process will be followed:

- Prior to the beginning of each legislative session, the staff will present the Commission with a position paper listing legislative issues that may arise during the session.
- Following action taken by the Commission to support, oppose, or remain neutral on each of the legislative issues described in the position paper, the Director or his designee is authorized to relay those positions as appropriate during the legislative deliberations process.
- During the legislative session, the staff will communicate regularly with the Commission's Legislative Committee regarding the progress of any legislative proposals described on the position paper, as well as any other unanticipated legislative proposals.
- Should Commission action be needed on legislative proposals that were not anticipated in the position paper, it will be taken at the next following Commission meeting. In the interim, however, such decisions will rest with the Legislative Committee and be reported to the Commission at its next regular meeting.
- In those cases where the Director determines that action is urgent regarding a legislative issue on which the Commission has not previously made its position known and contact with the Legislative Committee is not possible, the Director is authorized to use his best judgment when offering a position on such a proposal. Any such actions must be reported to the Commission as soon as practical, but no later than the next Commission meeting.
- Notwithstanding any of the provisions cited above, the Chairman may call a special meeting of the Commission for consideration of legislative proposals where action by the full body is deemed necessary.

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