



**MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION**

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED
HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING
HELD IN JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI,
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission was held on Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at the Missouri Department of Transportation, 105 W. Capitol Avenue, Jefferson City, Missouri and was available via live stream. Robert G. Brinkmann, P.E., Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The following Commissioners were present: Gregg C. Smith, Terry L. Ecker, W. Dustin Boatwright, P.E., Warren K. Erdman, and Brian Treece.

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, March 8, 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

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

In keeping with Section 226.030.2 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, two members of the Commission from opposing political parties and who have the most seniority in Commission service, shall serve as Commission leadership with one member as chair and the other member as vice chair, respectively. As the most senior members of the Commission, Commissioners Smith and Brinkmann requested to be excused from duty as chair or vice chair. Commissioner Smith nominated Commissioner Ecker to serve as Chair until March 1, 2024. Commissioner Boatwright seconded the nomination, and it was approved unanimously. Commissioner Brinkmann nominated Commissioner Boatwright to serve as Vice Chair until March 1, 2024. Commissioner Erdman seconded the nomination, and it was approved unanimously.

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COMMISSION REORGANIZATION

Currently, the Commission has two committees: the Audit Committee; and the Legislative Committee. There are also two boards with Commission membership: the MoDOT and Patrol Employees Retirement System Board of Directors (MPERS); and the Missouri Transportation Finance Corporation Board of Directors (MTFC). Periodically, the Commission will need to reorganize the members who serve on committees and boards. This agenda item was tabled for future consideration.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Commissioner Treece, seconded by Commissioner Ecker, the Commission unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meetings held on January 4, 2023, and February 8, 2023, and the special meeting on February 7, 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 March 8, 2023, Consent Agenda

No items were removed from the consent agenda. Upon motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Ecker, the remainder of 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 Chairman also serves on the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety Executive Committee. The following committee and board reports were made during the March 8, 2023, meeting.

Audit Committee – Commissioner Ecker stated there was no report and the next Audit Committee meeting will be held in April 2023.

Legislative Committee – Commissioner Smith reported that while some insiders in the Capitol believe the legislature is working way too slow this session, there are others who believe that House Speaker Dean Plocher and Senate Pro Tem Caleb Rowden appear quite content with the current movement of the legislative process.

Specific to transportation, most of the focus this session has been in the House Transportation Accountability Committee. In this committee, a couple of problematic legislative proposals that are aimed at the current constitutional authority and responsibility of the Commission, have been approved by the committee members. The one specific proposal that could impact the Commission's current distribution of state road funds and could significantly impact the statewide planning process is House Joint Resolution 37. This constitutional change, if passed by the legislature and approved by Missouri voters, would require that the State Road Fund be subject to appropriation by the General Assembly, rather than appropriated by the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission. While the proposal keeps the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program process in place, available funding could be modified and even shifted from one expenditure type to another. The Commission has and will continue to raise concerns with key leaders in the Capitol as to the intent of this legislative measure.

Commissioner Smith stated the Commission's legislative priority for this session, the hands-free legislative initiative, has been voted out of the Senate Transportation, Infrastructure, and Public Safety Committee, and now waits to be debated and voted on by the full Senate. With a strong committee vote of six to zero, this is only the second time this proposal has made it out of a Senate committee and onto the calendar for debate. The Commission and MoDOT staff remain cautiously optimistic for the passage

of this proposal this session. States that have enacted a hands-free law have experienced an average decrease in the fatality rate of fifteen percent within two years of enactment. Missouri is only one of two states that has no ban on texting while operating a motor vehicle.

Finally, the annual week-long legislative Spring Break for the General Assembly begins next Monday. Session will resume on March 20.

Missouri Transportation Finance Corporation (MTFC) – Commissioner Smith stated there was no report and the next MTFC Committee meeting is scheduled for May 2023.

MoDOT and Patrol Employees’ Retirement System (MPERS) – Commissioner Boatwright reported the board met on February 17, 2023, and new leadership was elected. Sue Cox will serve as Chair and Trooper Matt Morice will serve as Vice Chair. Staff are developing options on whether to renovate the current MPERS facility or to lease/purchase another building. Staff will return with more lease/purchase information at a later date.

Commissioner Boatwright noted the board recognized this meeting as Lois Wankum’s last meeting. Ms. Wankum is retiring after 25 years of service for MPERS and over 36 years of state service in total. Barbara Graessle will take over as board secretary. The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2023.

Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety Executive Committee – Commissioner Brinkmann shared the Senate Transportation Committee combined Senate Bill (SB) 56 and SB 61 and passed the new bill out of committee. The bill now heads to the Senate floor for possible debate. The Commission is hopeful the hands-free issue will be discussed on the floor and that the House will eventually take up the matter.

As of March 1, traffic fatalities in Missouri are down twenty-nine percent. While this is welcome news, last year demonstrated just how quickly things can go in the other direction. The Commission and department must continue emphasizing the message of Show-Me Zero and remain diligent throughout the year. This will be especially true as spring approaches and travel increases.

Commissioner Brinkmann reported the Buckle Up Phone Down (BUPD) Business Showdown with AAA and Missouri Employers Mutual is in full swing and will run through the end of this month. To date, dozens of businesses are participating, representing nearly 10,000 employees who will be provided information and training about the importance of wearing a seat belt and not driving distracted. It is not too late to join, so please visit savemolives.com and sign up today! Once the showdown concludes, the winners will be recognized during a Distracted Driving Awareness event on April 24 at the state Capitol. The Executive Committee will plan to meet again next month.

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DIRECTOR’S REPORT

During the March 8, 2023, Commission meeting, Director Patrick McKenna provided the following report:

Buckle Up Phone Down Program – The US DOT is supporting this program with a national effort that will promote safer roads. This national partnership is an important step, but the effort requires a commitment from every person on the road every trip. MoDOT initiated the BUPD program in 2017, and it has spread steadily across Missouri and more than a dozen other states. The current program focuses on

outreach to drivers through educational materials and a BUPD pledge, which is available to individuals and businesses at www.modot.org/bupd. Together the streets can be made safer for all.

National Work Zone Awareness – Missouri will host the kickoff location for National Work zone Safety Awareness week. This event will be held on April 18 at the Lance Corporal Leon DeRap Rocheport Bridge on Interstate 70. The department has received confirmation that the Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, Shailen Bhatt will be attending this event.

New Southwest District Engineer – Chief Engineer Ed Hassinger introduced Stacey Reese as the new Southwest District Engineer. Ms. Reese has spent her 25-year career with MoDOT in the Southwest District. A graduate of the University of Missouri-Rolla she earned a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering and has most recently served as the assistant district engineer overseeing all program delivery for road and bridge projects in the district. She is a registered professional engineer in Missouri.

Missouri Center for Transportation Innovation – This coalition was formed a few years ago and has really done tremendously well with receiving grants for transportation research. UMKC most recently earned a university transportation center grant.

Leadership in Action – The Director reported last night was the fifth legacy of leadership dinner recognizing nine employees, eight of which earned the bronze award, and one earned the first silver award. In 2017, we set out to create a program where employees could recognize great leadership in one-another. The purpose is to recognize coworkers within MoDOT who go above and beyond their daily job requirements and demonstrate the qualities of a leader. A person who possesses a Leadership in Action coin awards the coin to a fellow employee whom they feel meets these requirements.

In those first five years, we have 429 coins in circulation. A leadership coin has been given to 728 individual employees. 112 employees have received a coin twice. 24 employees three times and 10 employees four or more times. The coins are retired after they pass through ten employees and are displayed on a commemorative plaque. To date we have retired nine coins.

Focus on Bridges Program Update – The Director was pleased to provide an update on Governor Parson's Focus on Bridges (FOB) program. The overall program repairs or replaces 250 bridges across the state for a total of \$351 million. The initial proposal was for \$50 million for 45 bridges and then a July 2019 Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Grant activated another \$301 million for 205 bridges. The bonds for the program will be repaid over seven years from General Revenue. Once the program was announced, the department had the first four bridges under contract within six months! Just a little over one year later in December 2020, the 100th bridge was completed. The state of Missouri is blessed with lots of water, but that creates a need for a lot of bridges. In fact, the state of Missouri has nearly 10,400 bridges. The Commission and department appreciate Governor Parson's support of the Focus on Bridges program and the need to address these concerns. Director McKenna displayed photographs to illustrate the many visits with the Governor showing him the bridge needs in the state. He also displayed some photographs showing the completed bridges repaired through this great program. Director McKenna noted that the project lettings the Commission will act upon today includes the last three bridge contracts for the program, for a total of 250 bridges. To date, 223 bridges have been opened to traffic. There are currently 12 bridges under construction. In total, the work delivered so far is about ten percent over the original budget. Lastly, Director McKenna played a video to share a major milestone achieved two weeks ago on the I-70 Missouri River Bridge at Rocheport. The video was a quick time

lapse of the last section of steel being placed for the new westbound I-70 bridge. The department is hoping to have this first of the two bridges open to traffic in early summer. Director McKenna thanked the Governor for providing this dedicated funding for the Focus on Bridges program, so these critical bridge projects could be quickly delivered for Missourians.

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PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

JOBS FOR AMERICA’S GRADUATES (JAG)

Governor Michael Parson and First Lady Teresa Parson, Co-Chairs for Jobs for America’s Graduates, explained that Jobs for America’s Graduates (JAG) helps students recognize and unleash their potential by ensuring they graduate from high school and are ready to move into college, military service, or a career. JAG serves students who have academic potential, but who also face significant barriers, such as poverty, challenging family situations, and a history of personal trauma. Since its founding in 1979, JAG has served more than 1.4 million students. Nationally, in 2020-2021, JAG served more than 76,000 students in more than 1,450 locations in 39 states.

The First Lady introduced Chris Patrick, Executive Director of JAG-Missouri, and explained that JAG-Missouri has grown from six programs in six schools serving 225 students in 2014 and 2015 to 87 programs in 60 schools serving 3,250 students in 2020 and 2021. The Board of Directors is committed to growing the program to serve more Missouri youth and the Board intends to continue providing the schools with approximately half the annual funding for the program.

Governor Parson stated the first lady has taken this program under her wing to really help the children. He believes in this program because he was like the kids in this program, and that is why this program is important to him. This program has great results. If a kid can get in this program, they have a 98 percent chance of graduating from high school and getting a job in the workforce.

First Lady Parson explained that she and her husband joined JAG prior to his being sworn into the Lt. Governor’s office. Together, they chair the board and try to make a difference and are pleased with

the results reflected in the graduation rate and the success of the program. She explained the program has grown from 6 schools to 104 programs in 74 schools today. She described that with the success of 30 high school programs those school districts have also developed a middle school program. This program sells itself when other schools hear about the success rate of these students.

The first lady has been visiting the schools this year because when you see these young people and they see that you care about them and that they want to better themselves, this program helps them to accomplish that goal, and provide someone who believes in them. There are 24 JAG Missouri board members across the state, and 8 statewide staff members that help deliver the program. Today there are a couple of staff members with us, Chris Patrick, Executive Director of JAG Missouri and Jeff Berry, Regional Program Manager.

First Lady Parson noted how happy that she and the Governor are for the partnership between MoDOT and JAG Missouri to offer in class programs and workforce availability for the children to continue their path to success after graduation.

JAG is both a school-dropout prevention program and a school-to-work program, thus helping JAG-Missouri address the workforce development needs of the state, while providing services to students in both urban and rural settings. In Fall 2022, MoDOT staff across the state began participating in the JAG-Missouri program. Currently, MoDOT is involved in 74 high school JAG-Missouri programs. It provides a great opportunity to share all the career possibilities MoDOT has to offer for students interested in trades, technician skills or college degree job opportunities.

Mr. Patrick explained that their goal is to get these young people to graduate from high school and after that to be successful. Either when getting a job, going on to college, or joining the military. Their success will not only benefit themselves but the community around them. Mr. Patrick described that if the workforce is going to continue to develop and strengthen, then young people need to see the opportunities that are available to them and know that people around them will help them reach their goal,

which then leads to the young people saying that they can see themselves in a position now and they have a vision for their future.

The students that are part of the JAG program come for a variety of reasons that are barriers to their success. This includes academic barriers, environmental barriers, physical and psychological barriers, work related barriers, and other barriers. The goal is to help students meet their basic needs so that they can then look into the future and what they can accomplish.

Jeff Berry thanked the Commission for seeing value in our students and by connecting MoDOT with our students. He shared an example of a classroom exercise where students built bridges. He also shared how he is encouraging students to go to work at MoDOT. He said the efforts today will be fruitful changing the lives of the students and providing good future employees for MoDOT.

Commissioner Brinkmann recognized two board members, Mrs. Jenny Erdman, and Mrs. Kim Brinkmann for serving on JAG Missouri. Commissioner Smith thanked the Governor and First Lady for their hard work on this program. We know the importance of connecting people to jobs. You have the support of this commission and MoDOT and we look forward to continuing work with JAG Missouri.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

COMMENTS REGARDING OZARK SCENIC BYWAYS DESIGNATION

John Hock, President of Scenic Missouri, shared a thought the spirit of the byway. He commended the Commission for approving the scenic byway designation and embracing a roadway as a place to preserve and protect and keep it for posterity. He encouraged the Commission to think about the spirit of the byway as we are at the threshold of a major improvement to Missouri's Main Street, Interstate 70. He asked the Commission, with whatever you can do to embrace the spirit of the byway for the improvements along I-70 and future improvements in Missouri's roadways.

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COMMENTS REGARDING SCENIC BYWAYS DESIGNATIONS IN MISSOURI

Eric Hermanson, Scenic Missouri Board Member, stated he loves maps, roads, traveling, and exploring. He explained shortly after he got his driver's license his family moved to Missouri, and he immediately started to discover his new state. He discovered that he loved driving the roads in the Ozarks and especially appreciated spending time in Iron and Washington Counties. Three years ago, he had an idea that the roads he loves ought to be designated as a scenic byway so that more people can discover the beauty of the Ozarks. And so, the Ozark Scenic Byway was born. As a board member of Scenic Missouri, he shared that he is excited to be able to say thank you for approving the new byway. Many states have made good use of scenic byways as a tool for tourism and economic development. Missouri has benefited from this idea as well; many people have come from all over the country and the world to drive historic Route 66 which just recently achieved All American Grand status. However, he would like to see Missouri embrace the idea of scenic byways beyond the current 11 byway designations. Most scenic by way designations in Missouri are small and not very well publicized and there are other regions within the state that are looking for ways to increase tourism and economic development and a scenic byway could be just the right tool for that. He explained that is why he would like to see the scenic byways program improved expanded and celebrated and he hopes to return with another proposal in the near future.

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MODOT PRESENTATIONS

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS FOR CHESTER BRIDGE DESIGN-BUILD PROJECT IN PERRY COUNTY, MISSOURI AND RANDOLPH COUNTY, ILLINOIS

On behalf of the Director, Ed Hassinger, Deputy Director/Chief Engineer and Brian Okenfuss, Project Director, described the project that will replace the Chester Bridge that carries Missouri Route 51 and Illinois Route 151 over the Mississippi River and the Horse Island Chute Bridge. The project will

construct a new 100-year low maintenance structures that will provide a safe and reliable transportation solution for all modes of transportation.

Project Goals

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

1. Replace both structures within the program budget of \$265 million using durable 100-year, low maintenance structures.
2. Provide a safe and reliable transportation solution for all modes of transportation.
3. Complete the project no later than December 1, 2026, with the least impacts to all modes of transportation.
4. Deliver the project safely while utilizing a diverse workforce.

MoDOT's External Civil Rights Division established a six percent disadvantaged business enterprise goal for construction work and a twelve 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 11.4 percent minority and 6.9 percent female. In addition, there are 3 positions for 1,000 hours for on-the-job construction training.

Procurement Process

By Commission action on September 9, 2021, the Commission approved the use of design-build for the Chester Bridge Design-Build Project. Since then, MoDOT's design-build team has been working through the procurement process. MoDOT is the lead agency for this bi-state project with the State of Illinois funding fifty percent of the bridge costs. Four teams were prequalified on August 1, 2022, to compete for the contract. The Request for Proposals was issued September 2, 2022. The MoDOT Design-Build team held ten confidential discussions with each team over a period of eighteen weeks to discuss their proposal ideas. Final proposals were submitted by the teams on January 24, 2023. The MoDOT design-build team reviewed and evaluated the proposals. The four teams that submitted proposals include:

- The American Bridge/Burns and McDonnell Team – major participants include American Bridge, Burns and McDonnell, Modjeski & Masters, Inc., and Dan Brown & Associates.
- The Ames Team – major participants include Ames Construction, Parsons Transportation Group, Inc., Terracon, and Shannon & Wilson.
- Lunda Team – major participants include Lunda Construction C., TYLin International, Horner & Shifrin, and Pfefferkorn Engineering.
- Massman Traylor Chester Joint Venture – major participants include Massman Construction Co., Traylor Bros., Inc., HNTB Corporation, McNary, Bergeron, & Johannesen, and Penzel Construction Co.

Evaluation

The items that were evaluated by the MoDOT design-build team included: Project Definition (60 points available), Maintenance of Traffic and Schedule (25 points available), Safety (5 points available), and Price Allocation (10 points available) for a total of 100 points. Mr. Okenfuss provided a summary of the proposals submitted by each team and the total points awarded to each team as outlined below.

- American Bridge/Burns & McDonnell – 59.1 points
- The Ames Team – 90.8 points
- Lunda Team – 66.9 points
- Massman-Traylor Chester Joint Venture – 26.9 points

Commission Consideration and Action

Project Director Okenfuss recommended The Ames Team as the best value proposer. Their proposal included:

- Replacement of the Chester Bridge with a new 7 Span, 3 Tower Cable Stay Structure
- Replacement of the Horse Island Chute Bridge. River structure designed for 100-year life including a durable bridge deck and paint coating system that will protect girders from corrosion.
- Raising the roadway approach in Missouri out of the floodplain
- All modes of transportation:
 - Cars and Trucks – Roadway grade proposed to be flattened
 - Agricultural – Two 12-foot lanes and two 10-foot shoulders
 - Barges – Reduced number of piers in the river
 - Trains – Bridge spans the entire width of the railroad’s right-of-way
 - Airport – Tower heights will not adversely affect navigable airspace
- Project Completion by December 1, 2026
- Completed without any long-term lane closures on Missouri Route 51 and Illinois Route 150

- Robust safety plan in place to ensure everyone goes home safely
- Design-Build Contract - \$284,395,295.00

Chairman Brinkmann thanked Mr. Okenfuss for his presentation and the MoDOT design-build team for their work on this project to date.

After consideration, Commissioner Ecker moved that the Commission adopt staff recommendations to select the Ames design-build team for submitting the best value proposal for the Chester Bridge Design-Build Project; authorize the director, deputy director/chief engineer, or their designee to negotiate and execute a contract with the Ames team subject to approval as to form by the Chief Counsel's Office; and authorize payment of the agreed stipend to the three unsuccessful proposing teams. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Treece. The Commission unanimously approved the motion.

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DESIGNATION OF THE OZARK RUN SCENIC BYWAY ON HIGHWAY 21 AND 8 IN WASHINGTON AND IRON COUNTIES

On behalf of the Director, Brenda Harris, Assistant to the State Design Engineer-Right of Way, provided a presentation on the scenic byways program and the request to designate a new stretch of highway as a scenic byway. The Ozark Run Scenic Byway Group and Missouri Tourism is the sponsor of the nomination of Highway 21 and Highway 8 as a scenic byway.

Highway 21 and Highway 8 in Washington and Iron counties meet the requirements of the intrinsic qualities of a scenic byway designation as required in Missouri State Statute. These routes include all six scenic qualities, however for this designation the applicant chose recreational, historical, and scenic qualities to highlight. The Scenic Byway designation will ensure the continued preservation of the historic and scenic qualities while highlighting the beautiful territory in the heart of our nation.

Ms. Harris reported the Scenic Byway Advisory Committee is an oversight committee composed of representatives from the Missouri Outdoor Advertising Association, Scenic Missouri, Missouri Historic

Preservation, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, American Automobile Association, Missouri Division of Tourism, Missouri Chamber of Commerce, Missouri Department of Conservation, and the Missouri Department of Transportation. The Scenic Byway Advisory Committee recommends approval of the proposal to designate a 57-mile section of Highway 21 in Washington and Iron counties and a 17-mile section of Highway 8 in Washington county for a total of 74 miles as a state scenic byway.

Upon motion by Commissioner Treece, seconded by Commissioner Smith, the Commission unanimously approved the designation of a 57-mile section of Highway 21 in Washington and Iron counties and a 17-mile section of Highway 8 in Washington county for a total of 74 miles as a State Scenic Byway, and authorized the Director, Chief Engineer, Chief Financial Officer, or their designee to execute the agreements with the affected governing bodies along the scenic route.

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TRANSPORTATION LEADERS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

On behalf of the Director, Terri Parker, Assistant Chief Counsel–Project Development, and Heather Luebbert, Commercial Motor Vehicle Program Manager, presented an update on the department’s efforts in its fight against human trafficking. Ms. Parker reminded the Commission the Department joined with other transportation stakeholders as a signatory to the Transportation Leaders Against Human Trafficking (TLAHT) pledge on January 27, 2020. By signing this pledge, MoDOT voluntarily committed to educating employees and raising public awareness of human trafficking issues impacting Missouri and the nation.

Human trafficking is a form of modern slavery and is one of the greatest atrocities of the 21st century. As many as 20 million men, women and children are being held against their will and trafficked into forced labor and prostitution around the globe. According to World Population Review, so far in 2023, Missouri has had the eighth highest number of human trafficking cases reported to the National Human Trafficking Hotline of all 50 states and Washington, D.C.

Those committing this terrible crime are using roadways, railways, waterways, and skies to traffic victims. Kansas City, St. Louis, Branson, and locations along the I-44 corridor including Rolla, Springfield, and Joplin are the most common locations in Missouri for human trafficking cases to be reported. Ms. Parker shared a few shocking examples of human trafficking in Missouri.

MoDOT is committed to increasing public awareness of human trafficking and training all MoDOT employees on how to recognize the basic indicators of human trafficking and how to report potential cases. In December of 2018, MoDOT, with the help of law enforcement and other organizations, produced a video to educate employees on how to spot the signs of human trafficking and how to report it. Another training video was added in late 2022. Training is available to MoDOT employees through MoDOTU. Other specialized training has been provided to select employees and rest stop staff. The Missouri Attorney General's Office created the Human Trafficking Task Force in 2018. Terri Parker and Heather Luebbert are members of the Office of the Missouri Attorney General's Human Trafficking Task Force.

The board of the Mid-America Association of State Transportation Officials (MAASTO) signed the TLAHT pledge in 2018. MAASTO includes Missouri, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, and Kansas. According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, as of 2022, TLAHT has engaged with hundreds of organizations from across the transportation industry. The transportation industry has taken a united stand to stop the flow of human trafficking through America's transportation system.

In July of 2019, the Department of Transportation Advisory Committee on Human Trafficking published a report on "Combating Human Trafficking in the Transportation Sector." In addition to MAASTO's pledge representing 10 states, at least 37 other states have joined the fight against Human Trafficking.

Ms. Luebbert reminded everyone if they see something, say something, and either call 1-888-373-7888 or text BEFREE (233733) to report human trafficking. She also encouraged everyone to look at the makemofree.com website for additional information and resources. Commissioner Treece expressed appreciation for the reminder that the transportation system is a conduit for human trafficking and is encouraged by the see something say something partnership with the trucking industry.

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ENTERPRISE RISK MANAGEMENT (ERM)

On behalf of the Director, Misty Volkart, Audits and Investigations Director, presented the annual Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) report. Ms. Volkart explained Enterprise Risk Management is an organization strategy for identifying, assessing, and managing overall risk to an organization. ERM provides a broad framework for managing risks, identifying an organization's most significant risk, and managing those risks within an acceptable level to ensure the organization's objectives are met. For ERM to be successful, an organization needs to know their risks and develop a clear strategy and define goals.

MoDOT began to conduct the ERM process in 2011 as a good governance activity. This process has helped the department strategically review the risks that could impact its ability to deliver the department's mission and assess strategies to mitigate those risks. ERM involves the Commission, department leadership, and employees in assessing the risks. Commission policy requires the department have an ERM process and provide an annual report to the Commission regarding that process. The initial ERM assessment took place in 2012; this is the ninth time the department has been through the process. Ms. Volkart provided the Commission with a detailed report and reviewed in her presentation with the Commission what changed since the last ERM review.

There are ten risk areas that have been identified: financial, workforce, public opinion/support, political risk, transportation system failures, natural disasters, safety and security, legal and regulatory changes, information technology, and fraud and theft. Each risk category was considered equally and

separately from other risks and not ranked in order. Each risk category was scored from one to five in preparedness, likelihood, and impact. Preparedness was ranked from unprepared to plans in place and tested. Likelihood was ranked from little chance of occurring to fairly certain it will occur. Impact was ranked from very little impact to devastating impact.

The information was then placed on a heat map. The heat map identifies areas that may require additional monitoring or controls for improvement by evaluating risks in terms of risk exposure which considers impact and likelihood, compared to preparedness. The heat map visually displays where Senior Management Team (SMT) members assess organizational risks.

The heat map shows that workforce is the risk category that SMT members assessed with the highest risk exposure along with the risk of being the least prepared to handle. MoDOT continues to have high turnover, 18.94 percent for calendar year 2022. There is a cost associated with this turnover and for Fiscal Year 2023 it is estimated to be over \$50 million. MoDOT continues to present pay strategies to address market concerns, improve retention and recruitment, and improve employee engagement.

Ms. Volkart concluded her presentation and noted the existence of an enterprise risk management process within an organization is recognized as an example of good governance and is important to strategic management of organizational risk. This process continues each year as SMT and employees identify, assess, and monitor organizational risks. Commissioner Erdman noted this is a very thorough and important exercise. He also noted how important it is to not only identify and quantify the risk but that someone has accountability and ownership of those risks and are monitoring and seeking ways to mitigate those risks.

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RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO BETH RING FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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

WHEREAS, Elizabeth R. “Beth” Ring, will be retiring on April 1, 2023, with 18 years of service to the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Beth Ring began her distinguished career with the Missouri Department of Transportation serving as the Risk Management Director from 2005 to 2007, followed by four years as the General Services Director, culminating her career with MoDOT as Information Systems Director; and

WHEREAS, her inspiring leadership and tremendous management skills brought her much success with keeping MoDOT’s information technology infrastructure current, secure, and evolving; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career, Beth Ring served admirably, diligently, tirelessly, and collaboratively on behalf of the Department of Transportation and the State of Missouri, as evidenced by her professional approach to communication that resulted in excellent customer service through her thoughtful consideration of issues, actively listening to her customers, and delivering consistent and ethical business practices; and

WHEREAS, Beth Ring believed that it is important to be accountable through the wise use of resources to deliver transportation solutions of great value. Under Beth’s leadership the department accomplished several key projects for the betterment of Missouri’s transportation system and Missouri’s future. Some of these key projects included the department’s transition of servers to the Office of Administration data center, conversion from Lotus Notes to Outlook to Office 365, modernization of the transportation management system (TMS), converting from SiteManager to AASHTOWare, and implementation of MoDOT’s Maintenance Management System (MMS) and Motor Carrier Services new Credentialing System. She was also instrumental in the rewriting of critical applications that include the STIP Information Management System (SIMS), the Federal Aid Computer System (FACS), and Motor Carrier Services Superload System. She had a key role in the creation of a one-stop shop for document management of all road and bridge projects through eProjects and the automation of MoDOT’s contracting processes in eAgreements; and

WHEREAS, Beth Ring provided critical direction that prepared MoDOT to become the most effective mobile workforce in Missouri state government so staff could work remotely during the unprecedented time of the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic. This included the previous implementation

of the voice over internet protocol (VOIP) system and TEAMS, and then quickly mobilizing her team to provide the equipment and resources that employees needed to work effectively from home during the pandemic; 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. Beth Ring served as a mentor and contributed to the development of many leaders for the department. Beth led by example setting high expectations for herself and encouraging the same from her team by delivering on commitments, providing timely solutions, producing work of high quality and accuracy, and exercising discipline to manage the fast-paced information technology environment; and

WHEREAS, Beth Ring recognized the importance of balancing family and career and is a loving wife to Bruce; and devoted to her four-legged family members 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 Beth Ring for her 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 Beth Ring so she will have a permanent record of the high esteem in which she is held by the members of the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission and the Missouri Department of Transportation.

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BUSINESS ISSUES

FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET AMENDMENT

On behalf of the Director, Todd Grosvenor, Financial Services Director, recommended increasing the fiscal year 2023 budget \$16.5 million for an 8.7 percent cost of living adjustment included in the Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed House Bill 14. This increase includes \$10.4 million for personal services and \$6.1 million for related retirement and life insurance fringe benefits.

Via approval of the consent agenda, the Commission unanimously approved the fiscal year 2023 budget amendment described above.

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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 February 17, 2023, letting, as recommended, and noted in Table I below; and (2) Rejection of Calls C01, D02, D04, G02 due to excessive bids per Section 102.15(a) of the Missouri Standard Specifications for Highway Construction as noted in Table II below.

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

Call No.	Route	County	Job No.	Bid Amount	Non-Contractual Costs	Contractor	Description
A06	36	Dekalb	JNW0098	\$185,551.50	\$0.00	PCiRoads, LLC	Bridge Rehabilitation
B01	16	Lewis	J2S3328	\$1,360,618.33	\$0.00	Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc.	Bridge Rehabilitation
	P		J2S3327				Bridge Rehabilitation
B03	61	Lincoln	JNE0161	\$816,999.30	\$0.00	Widel, Inc.	2 Bridge Rehabilitations
C02	23	Johnson	J3P3085E	\$315,402.35	\$1,800.00	Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc.	Add Lighting and Sign Installation
			J3S3076		\$0.00		Grading and Pavement
C04 ^	I-70	Jackson	J4I3024	\$11,025,874.03	\$0.00	Pyramid Contractors, Inc.	Bridge Replacement
			J4I3024B				Interchange Reconfiguration
C06	Various	Cass, Jackson	J4S3383B	\$3,019,940.20	\$0.00	Comanche Construction, Inc.	7 Bridge Rehabilitations
C07	I-49 OR	Cass	J4S3444	\$996,789.37	\$0.00	Cale Seymour Construction, LLC	Bridge Replacement
D01	54	Camden	J5P3270 ^	\$1,998,998.00	\$0.00	The Truesdell Corporation of Wisconsin, Inc.dba Truesdell Corporation Midwest	Bridge Rehabilitation
			J5P3460				2 Bridge Rehabilitations
	Various	Camden, Miller	JCD0082				9 Bridge Rehabilitations

Call No.	Route	County	Job No.	Bid Amount	Non-Contractual Costs	Contractor	Description
D03	J	Callaway	J5S3443	\$779,613.00	\$0.00	Gene Haile Excavating, Inc.	Bridge Deck Replacement
D07	I-70, I-44	Various	JCD0038	\$293,700.27	\$0.00	James H. Drew Corporation	Sign Replacements
F01	I-170, I-270	St Louis	J6I3535 J6I3624	\$2,650,000.00	\$0.00	Kozeny-Wagner, Inc.	2 Bridge Rehabilitations
F02	I-44	St Louis	J6I3568	\$13,077,700.00	\$0.00	Pace Construction Company	Coldmill, Resurface, Signal, and ADA Improvements
F03	I-70	St Louis City	J6M3415	\$196,000.00	\$0.00	Kozeny-Wagner, Inc.	Retaining Wall Repair
F04	100	Franklin	J6P3561	\$2,688,500.00	\$6,000.00	Pace Construction Company	Coldmill, Resurface, and ADA Improvements
F05	370, 364, 21	Jefferson, St Charles, St Louis	J6P3584	\$742,598.73	\$0.00	CSD Environmental Services, Inc.	Wrong Way Signing
F06	Various	Franklin, Jefferson, St Charles, St Louis, St Louis City	J6Q3470 J6Q3475	\$1,494,321.65	\$0.00	Gerstner Electric, Inc.	DMS Sign Replacements CCTV Camera Replacements
F07	61	St Louis	J6S3281	\$17,432,927.15	\$0.00	N.B. West Contracting Company	Resurface and ADA Improvements
F11	Various	St. Charles, St Louis	JSL0051	\$1,153,928.25	\$0.00	Parking Lot Maintenance, LLC	Fixed Price Variable Scope for Pavement Repair
G04	97	Lawrence	J7S3381	\$2,355,805.22	\$0.00	Hartman and Company, Inc.	Bridge and Box Culvert Replacement
G05	76, 376	Stone, Taney	J7S3395	\$1,850,549.40	\$0.00	Hunter Chase & Associates, Inc.	ADA Improvements
G06	215 D K	Dade	J7S3480 J7S3508 J7S3479	\$3,435,000.00	\$0.00	Hartman and Company, Inc.	Bridge Rehabilitation Bridge Replacement
H01	17 E	Howell Oregon	J9S3731 J9S3191	\$6,397,790.13	\$0.00	H.R. Quadri Contractors, LLC	Resurface and Add Shoulders Resurface
H04	142 60	Butler Carter	J9S3557 ^ J9P3758	\$2,102,894.86	\$0.00	Robertson Contractors, Inc.	Bridge Replacement Bridge Rehabilitation

Call No.	Route	County	Job No.	Bid Amount	Non-Contractual Costs	Contractor	Description
H05	62	Mississippi	J9S3325	\$8,251,923.76	\$0.00	Samron Midwest Contracting, Inc.	Bridge Deck Replacement, Rehabilitate and Reconfigure to Continuous Plate Girder
			J9S3740				Grading and Pavement Widening
			TOTAL:	\$84,623,425.50	\$7,800.00		

^Focus on Bridges

**Table II
Rejection of Bids
February 17, 2023, Bid Opening**

Call No.	Route	County	Job No.	Description
C01	C	Saline	J3MAMD02	Resurface
D02	54	Cole	J5P3459	Bridge Rehabilitation
D04	U	Cooper	J5S3465	Bridge Rehabilitation
G02	ZZ, 60, 14, K, PP	Christian, Lawrence	J7P3470	ADA Improvements

Commission Consideration and Action

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

1. Awarded contracts to the lowest responsive bidders for bids received at the February 17, 2023, bid opening, as recommended, and noted in Table I above. Non-contractual costs for these projects are shown on the above tabulation.
2. Rejected Calls C01, D02, D04, and G02 due to excessive bids per Section 102.15(a) of the Missouri Standard Specifications for Highway Construction as 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 Smith abstained from Call D01. Commissioner Brinkmann abstained from Calls F07, and F11. Commissioner Erdman abstained from Calls C06, D01. Commissioner Treece abstained from Calls C06, D02, D07, and F05.

Mr. Koestner noted during the project budget update that with the award of these projects all bridges in the Focus on Bridges program have been awarded.

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2023-2027 STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT

On behalf of the Director, Ed Hassinger, Deputy Director/Chief Engineer, requested approval to revise the 2023-2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) that was approved in July 2022, for the implementation of twenty-four highway and bridge projects, as noted in the table below.

**2023 – 2027 STIP
Highway and Bridge Construction Schedule
March 8, 2023 Amendment
Project Changes**

District County Job No.	Route	Description of Improvement/Location	Tentative Award State Fiscal Year and Change by Type	Change in Construction and Right of Way Funds	Change in Engineering Funds
				(Dollars in Thousands)	(Dollars in Thousands)
NW Buchanan J1P3406	MO 752	Pavement resurfacing from Sherman Avenue to 22nd Street on Loop 29 from 22nd Street to Route 169 (Belt Highway) in St. Joseph and on Route 59 from Country Club Road to I-29 in Country Club Village.	2024 CN 2023 RW	\$1,074	\$0
NW Buchanan JNW0102	RT AC	Add intersection turn lanes at Messannie Street in St. Joseph. \$800,000 Governor's Cost Share Program and \$800,000 private entity funds.	2024 CN	\$1,648	\$112
NW DeKalb J1S3324	US 169 S	Pavement resurfacing on Route 169 (DeKalb, Andrew and Buchanan County), Route 48 (Andrew and Gentry County), Route 59 (Buchanan County), Route 45 (Buchanan County), Route E (Andrew County) and Route CC (Gentry County).	2024 CN	\$3,705	\$233

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				(Dollars in Thousands)	(Dollars in Thousands)
NW Linn JNW0027	RT Y	Pavement resurfacing on Route Y, Route FF, Route DD, Route 130 and Route Y (Linn County), Route YY, Route Y, Route FF and Route MM (Chariton County), Route V (Livingston County) and Route V (Grundy County).	2024 CN	\$2,281	\$140
NW Livingston J1P3318	US 36	Pavement resurfacing on US 36 at Canadian Pacific railroad and Route 65 in Chillicothe and in the westbound lanes from Coon Creek to the Caldwell County line.	2024 CN	\$1,714	\$106
NW Livingston J1P3367	US 65	Pavement resurfacing from Route 36 in Chillicothe to Route 24 in Carrollton. Impacts Canadian Pacific railroad at Route 65.	2025 CN	\$4,729	\$318
NW Livingston JNW0022	US 65	Pavement resurfacing from 1.3 miles north of Route 190 to Route 36 in Chillicothe.	2024 CN	\$1,806	\$116
NW Mercer J1P3225	US 136	Pavement resurfacing and add rumblestrips from Route 65 in Princeton to Route C. \$505,000 Open Container funds.	2024 CN	\$1,086	\$69
NW Worth J1P3304	US 169	Pavement resurfacing from the Iowa State line to Route 46 at Grant City.	2024 CN	\$1,422	\$0
KC Jackson J4I1486D	IS 70	Bridge replacement, removal and rebuild pavement from Paseo to I-435. Design-Build project includes various bridges in Jackson County. \$576,000 Open Container funds.	2024 CN 2023 RW	\$77,729	\$7,908
KC Jackson J4S3408	MO 7	Pavement resurfacing from 0.2 mile south of Colbern Road to Bird Street in Harrisonville.	2024 CN	\$4,813	\$341
KC Platte JKU0302	CST MEXICO CITY AVE	Payment to private entity to add turn lanes and signalize intersection at Mexico City Avenue. \$2,574,149 Governor's Cost Share Program funds.	2023 CN	\$2,574	\$1
KC Platte JKU0303	MO 92	Payment to Platte City for roadway realignment and add bicycle and pedestrian facilities. \$6,667,950 Governor's Cost Share Program funds.	2023 CN	\$6,668	\$1

District County Job No.	Route	Description of Improvement/Location	Tentative Award State Fiscal Year and Change by Type	Change in Construction and Right of Way Funds	Change in Engineering Funds
				(Dollars in Thousands)	(Dollars in Thousands)
SL St. Charles JSL0118	CST LAKE ST LOUIS BLVD	Payment to Lake Saint Louis for pavement resurfacing, drainage improvements and to add lanes and sidewalks from north of Hawk Ridge Crossing to south of Hawk Ridge Circle. \$600,000 Cost Share funds.	2026 CN	\$600	\$35
SL St. Charles JSL0152	I-64 and I-70	Payback to St. Charles County for 6I3527 to study interchange improvements at I-64 and I-70.	2023 CN	\$985	\$0
SL St. Charles JSL0119	N OR 70 E	Construct new north outer road and relocate ramps from Route 94 to Zumbahl Road. \$2,569,000 Cost Share and \$7,931,000 St. Charles County funds.	2024 CN	\$10,815	\$1,060
SL St. Charles JSL0161	N OR 70 E	Payback to St. Charles County to construct new north outer road and relocate ramps from Route 94 to Zumbahl Road. \$2,976,000 Cost Share funds.	2026 CN	\$2,976	\$0
SL St. Louis City J6I3427	IS 55	Pavement resurfacing, upgrade guardrail, upgrade pedestrian facilities to comply with the ADA Transition Plan and bridge rehabilitation from Lindbergh Blvd to I-44 and ADA on various locations on MoDOT owned right-of-way. Project involves bridge A7369, A7745 and A7746.	2024 CN 2023 RW	\$6,303	\$1,291
SW Christian J8S0736D	RT CC	Capital improvements from Fremont Road to 22nd Street in Ozark. Design, right of way acquisition and utility relocation by Ozark. \$2,021,449 Cost Share, \$2,128,397 STBG-Urban and \$532,099 Ozark funds.	2025 CN	\$4,967	\$314
SW Christian J8S0736H	RT CC	Payment to Ozark for design, right-of-way and utility relocations for capital improvements from Fremont Road to 22nd Street. \$825,768 Cost Share funds.	2025 CN	\$825	\$20
SW Greene JSU0146	IS 44	Rebuild pavement on the westbound lanes from 2.1 miles east of Route 125 to 0.7 mile east of Route 125 near Strafford.	2023 CN	\$2,759	\$0

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				(Dollars in Thousands)	(Dollars in Thousands)
SW Webster J7I3010	IS 44	Pavement resurfacing from 2.8 miles east of Route 125 in Strafford to 2 miles west of Rtes. J and Y in Conway, realign curve 3.5 miles east of Route 125 in Strafford and extend exit ramps at Route B, Route 38, Sampson Road and Conway Rest Area.	2023 CN	\$7,045	\$1,383
SE Pemiscot JSE0167	MO 84	Payment to Pemiscot County for bridge replacement over Drainage Ditch No. 6. Project involves bridge J0291. \$822,834 Governor's Cost Share Program funds.	2023 CN	\$823	\$2
SE St. Francois JSE0168	CRD BERRY RD S	Payment to St. Francois County to construct new bridge over Big River. \$1,825,000 Governor's Cost Share Program funds.	2023 CN	\$1,825	\$2
			Total	\$151,172	\$13,452

Via approval of the consent agenda, the Commission unanimously approved the amendments to the 2023-2027 STIP as noted in the tabulation above with abstentions listed below. Commissioner Brinkmann abstained from SL0118. Commissioner Erdmann abstained from J1P3318, J1P3367, J4I1486D, NW0022, and NW0027. Commissioner Treece abstained from J4I1486D.

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

<u>County</u>	<u>Route</u>	<u>Job Number</u>
Dekalb	69	J1P3373
Cape Girardeau	61	J9P3735
Madison	C	SE0160

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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PROPERTY ACQUISITION AND CONVEYANCES

CONSIDERATION OF EXCESS PROPERTY DISPOSAL, ROUTE J IN CAMDEN COUNTY, EXCESS PARCEL NUMBER CD272780

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, Machelle Watkins, Central District Engineer, recommended conveyance of a historic bridge and 1.99 acres of land located along Route J and crossing the Niangua River in Camden County, to Green’s Mill Historic Bridge, Inc. 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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CONSIDERATION OF EXCESS PROPERTY DISPOSAL, ROUTE BUSINESS 60 IN NEWTON COUNTY, EXCESS PARCEL NUMBER SW10896

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 5.26 acres of land located a quarter mile from the Business Route 60 and Business Route 49 intersection in the City of Neosho, to Signatures Commercial Property, LLC for a consideration of \$565,000.

Via approval of the consent agenda, the Commission unanimously approved the property conveyance described above.

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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 was one briefing report for the past month.

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FINANCIAL - BUDGET - REPORTS – YEAR-TO-DATE, FINANCIAL REPORT PERIOD ENDING JANUARY 31, 2022

Todd Grosvenor, Financial Services Director, submitted a written financial report for fiscal year to date January 31, 2023, 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 January 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 518 active contracts held by individual engineering consultant firms prior to January 1, 2023. Sixteen engineering consultant services contracts were executed in January 2023, for a total of \$8,477,595. There were zero non-engineering consultant contracts executed in January 2023.

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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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