



**MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION**

Official Minutes

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED
HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING
HELD IN JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI,
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2025**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission was held on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, at the Missouri Department of Transportation, 105 W. Capitol Avenue, Jefferson City, Missouri, and was available via live stream. W. Dustin Boatwright, P.E., Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The following Commissioners were present: Gregg C. Smith, Warren K. Erdman, Francis G. Slay, Daniel J. Hegeman, and Ann Marie Baker.

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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Ed Hassinger, Director of the Missouri Department of Transportation; Terri Parker, Chief Counsel to the Commission; and Jennifer Jorgensen, Secretary to the Commission, were present on Wednesday, February 5, 2025.

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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

SELECTION OF SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSION

Chairman Boatwright announced that the Commission had unanimously selected Jennifer Jorgensen, Senior Executive Assistant, to assume the role of Secretary to the Commission. Ms. Pamela Harlan, the previous Secretary to the Commission, was recently promoted to the Governmental Relations Director.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Commission tabled for future consideration the approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 8, 2025, and the special meetings held on January 7, 2025 and January 15, 2025.

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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 February 5, 2025, Consent Agenda

Consent agenda item Number 3, Consideration of Disposal of Excess Property, was pulled for later consideration. Upon motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Erdman, the remaining 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. A Commissioner also serves on the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety Executive Committee. The following committee and board reports were made during the February 5, 2025, meeting.

Audit Committee – Commissioner Slay stated there was no report this month and the next Audit Committee meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2025.

Legislative Committee – Commissioner Erdman shared that the first regular session of the 103rd General Assembly is underway. Since the last report the leadership positions have been filled and committee assignments completed.

On January 28, the Governor presented his State of the State address. In his speech he focused on public safety, economic development, agriculture, and education. Included in his budget recommendations were \$60 million to keep commitments to improve rural roads. This will reappropriate the general revenue funding needed to complete the \$100 million of rural road projects from last year’s budget.

Committee hearings have just gotten underway and to date only a few transportation related proposals have been heard. The Senate Transportation, Infrastructure, and Public Safety committee has focused on public safety proposals that support the Governor’s priorities.

The members of the Commission, Director, and MoDOT staff have been busy at the Capitol making visits with legislators and building relationships with the members of the General Assembly. These relationships are critical to advancing good transportation policy for the state of Missouri.

As outlined in state statute, MoDOT Director Hassinger will have the opportunity to appear before the Joint Committee on Transportation Oversight to present the Annual Report to its members on February 13 at 8:00 a.m.

The newly formed MoDOT Director's Advisory Council will meet later today. This council consists of approximately 25 people representing five core partner areas including federal, state, and local elected officials and planning partners; the construction industry including contractors, engineering consultants and suppliers; workforce development including engineering and trades; state and local economic development and business leaders; and partners representing system users including all modes. This new advisory council will look for ways for MoDOT to achieve continuous improvement focused on the following areas:

1. Safety in all operations and project management;
2. Outreach to and coordination with state leadership and elected officials to make the STIP process as locally driven as possible with sensitivity to timely local needs as they arise;
3. Build even closer partnership with the department's critical private sector contractor community and regional planning partners;
4. Recruit and retain the essential and valued MoDOT workforce;
5. Increase focus on operational needs to keep MoDOT's system maintained, useable, clean and responsive to citizens reported upkeep; and
6. Innovative and use technology for the future to maximize efficiency and cost-effective delivery of programs and services.

Focusing on improvements in these areas and having accountability to the Commission and to the public for each of them is critical to the success of transportation in Missouri.

Missouri Transportation Finance Corporation (MTFC) – Commissioner Smith reported the board met yesterday and approved two loans to the City of St. Charles for road and pedestrian improvements. One loan totaled \$2,304,000 on First Capitol Drive and the second loan totaled \$3,200,000 on North Second Street. The next MTFC meeting will be held in May.

MoDOT and Patrol Employees' Retirement System (MPERS) – Commissioner Erdman stated there was no report this month and the next board meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2025.

Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety Executive Committee – Commissioner Boatwright reported traffic fatalities in Missouri have decreased in 2024, for the second year in a row. As of Friday, January 31, preliminary data indicates 954 people were killed in Missouri traffic crashes in 2024. This is a 4 percent decrease from 2023 and 10 percent reduction from 2022.

The state experienced notable improvements in motorcyclist fatalities, which were down 22 percent. Unbelted fatalities were also down for the fourth year in a row, indicating more people in Missouri are buckling up. This is further supported by the annual seat belt survey in which a seat belt use of 88.3 percent was reported compared to 87 percent in 2023.

Unfortunately, pedestrian fatalities climbed significantly in 2024, with a record of 149 pedestrians being killed in Missouri traffic crashes. To help combat this, the Coalition has ramped up messaging and public awareness for pedestrian safety.

In addition, the department is currently conducting a Vulnerable Road User assessment to identify trends, high-risk locations, and strategies for improving the safety of pedestrians. The Commission looks forward to the results of the assessment and working with partners throughout the state to make a positive difference.

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

During the February 5, 2025, Commission meeting, Director Ed Hassinger provided the following report:

State Employee of the Month – Director Hassinger stated Intermediate System Management Specialist Lillian Hinkson from the Highway Safety and Traffic Division was named the State of Missouri Team Member of the Month for the month of January. Ms. Hinkson was nominated by her coworker System Management Specialist Robyn Schroeder.

Ms. Hinkson was nominated for her work as MoDOT's child passenger and bicycle/pedestrian safety coordinator. Some of the programs she has developed include the new Heads Up! Missouri media campaign for pedestrian roadway safety. Another effort is the new Smart Town program, which involves teaching children how to safely navigate roadways via a pop-up "traffic garden" that simulates a small-town roadway. Ms. Hinkson's Smart Town program won a grant from the Governor's Highway Safety Association, which allows her to supply chalk, paint, bikes, scooters, helmets, and other materials needed to host these simulations across the state. Ms. Hinkson also leads the Occupant Protection subcommittee identifying counties that need intervention to help reduce fatal unbelted car crashes.

Ms. Schroeder said in the nomination "Lillian is a fantastic team member who has always gone above and beyond to create positive change for the safety of all Missourians. There is an incredible amount of dedication and passion for this field that can be seen in the impact that Lillian's work is making throughout Missouri." Director Hassinger thanked Ms. Schroeder for nominating her coworker and congratulated Ms. Hinkson on being named the January State Employee of the Month. He also thanked Ms. Hinkson for her hard work and dedication to educate Missourians about safety on roadways.

Director's Advisory Council – Director Hassinger reported the Director's Advisory Council will hold its first meeting today. A diverse group of leaders representing various modes of transportation, economic development, and educators of the future workforce have agreed to participate. Director Hassinger stated he looks forward to their contributions and insight to further the department's efforts to build partnerships to improve Missouri's transportation system.

I-70 Public Hearings – Director Hassinger reported the I-70 Design-Build contract for the Warrenton to Wentzville section is holding public hearings this week. The first meeting was held Monday night in Warrenton. The second meeting will be Thursday night in Wentzville. At these meetings, the contractor and its design team are sharing details on the design of the roadway and related interchange improvements as well as the general schedule for the construction work and traffic impacts. These are important conversations to share with the citizens and communities along the I-70 corridor. Construction is expected

to begin on this stretch sometime next month. More information on the Improve I-70 projects is online at modot.org/ImproveI70.

Planning Partners – Director Hassinger reported at the financial forecast was shared at last month’s meeting and the updating of the annual Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) has begun. The district offices have begun work with their regional planning partners. An important part of that work is the annual Planning Partners meeting. This year’s meeting will be February 27 in Jefferson City, and all planning partners are invited. This annual meeting provides the opportunity to bring partners together to share ideas and discuss important updates regarding the STIP development process. Most importantly, it is a great opportunity for building relationships in person. Missouri’s STIP development process is recognized as a national leader due in large part to the regional collaboration with these partners.

Kansas City District Engineer – Director Hassinger recognized Kansas City District Engineer Chris Redline, who announced his retirement at the end of this month. Director Hassinger noted this was Mr. Redline’s last commission meeting. Mr. Redline has been with MoDOT for 33 years. He was the Northwest District Engineer from March 2018 to May 2021 and the Kansas City District Engineer ever since. He has been a champion for employee safety and has encouraged his teams to develop innovative ways to do that including the JAWS device on the front of Motorist Assist vehicles to remove roadway debris, the automated flagger TMA, and the automated pothole patcher. In recent years, Mr. Redline has been focused on efforts to reduce litter and assist with the unhoused issues in Kansas City. Director Hassinger noted his appreciation for Mr. Redline’s passion and years of service to the state and noted he will be missed.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

CONCERNS BUCKLIN JUNCTION

Reverend Richard Casady, concerned citizen, stated he had previously presented to the Commission at the September 5, 2024 commission meeting about this grassroots effort. He reported he followed the proper steps and spoke with the Transportation Advisory Committee at the Green Hills Regional Planning Commission (RPC). The RPC reported that the Bucklin junction at US 36 project had been moved from a Tier Two unfunded project to a Tier One funded project, which Reverend Casady was excited about. He stated the concern is when drivers try to merge on the east bound lane of US 36 from Bucklin. Drivers have little time to decide whether to pull out due to the heavy commercial motor vehicle trucks on US 36. He is worried about crashes at this location, and the safety of students on school buses that go through this intersection.

He stated that buses changed their routes, which added about three miles to their route, which increases costs for the school district. He also contacted the Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP) to monitor and patrol the junction, which they did for a certain amount of time. He wants to bring awareness to this intersection again.

Commissioner Hegeman noted that flashing lights were installed at the junction to raise awareness along with additional signage to slow down traffic. He noted the Commission is listening, and those are the immediate actions that could be taken until a project could be included in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). It was noted that a j-turn project is included in the draft STIP for fiscal year 2028. The draft STIP will be presented in May, with the final being accepted in July.

Commissioner Boatwright thanked Mr. Casady for sharing his concern and let him know the Commission has heard his concern and will stay on top of the matter.

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CONCERNS ABOUT COMMISSION TRANSPARENCY

Arnie Dienoff stated the party is over at the federal government, and there will be no more COVID funding, but the best thing from that money was the I-70 project worth billions of dollars. He also noted his verbal request made to the Commission at their January 8, 2025 meeting for meeting material had not been fulfilled. He is unhappy with the Commission and the department because meeting materials are not posted online. He noted his disagreement with the department's response to his sunshine requests. He also requested the meeting minutes for the January 7, 2025 and January 15, 2025 special meetings. He also requested the meeting material for the February 5, 2025 commission meeting. He said the Commission should be transparent, accountable, and responsible to taxpayers. He stated he was pleased with the department's deployment of road crews in anticipation of the ice storm. He expressed frustration with the bottleneck before the Missouri River Bridge into Jefferson City, lack of response regarding calls made to the department's customer service center and training of those staff, that repairs and maintenance are not

a top priority, deficient road conditions which should be better due to the new fuel tax funding, and meeting material not being available online.

Commissioner Boatwright thanked Mr. Dienoff for his attention to government functions statewide. He also noted Mr. Dienoff's comments the previous day about the last ice storm, and Commissioner Boatwright stated that the department learned a few things from the last storm. Commissioner Hegeman reported that the Commission is working towards some of the things Mr. Dienoff has requested and are looking to be more transparent.

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MODOT PRESENTATIONS

ENTERPRISE RISK MANAGEMENT (ERM)

On behalf of the Director, Kelly Niekamp, Audit Manager, presented the annual Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) report. Ms. Niekamp explained ERM 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 risks, 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 thirteenth time the department has been through the process. Ms. Niekamp 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, fraud and theft, information technology, legal and regulatory changes, transportation system failures, natural disasters, political risk, public opinion/support, safety and security, and workforce. 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.

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, 14.24 percent for fiscal year 2024. There is a cost associated with this turnover and for calendar year 2024 it is estimated to be over \$47.13 million. MoDOT continues to present pay strategies to address market concerns, improve retention and recruitment, and improve employee engagement.

Ms. Niekamp 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 inquired about the Political risk category. Ms. Niekamp noted that the political risk category includes risks such as Congressional inaction, inability to pass needed legislation due to polarization of viewpoints, loss of the Commission form of government, loss of political support, and lack of a compelling vision for transportation. Commissioner Baker noted that while ERM may not be as exciting as awarding bids, anything with ten major categories is worthy of time and effort. The avoidance of excitement is the objective, it is the goal; there can be excitement, but at the same time if there is a plan,

if there is preparedness and awareness, it can mitigate the risks. Commissioner Baker thanked Ms. Niekamp for her report and presentation.

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STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP)

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS FOR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS

On behalf of the Director, Danica Stovall-Taylor, 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. She noted Call A02, G03, and H01 have local funding, as noted in Table I below, and the department has received all the necessary concurrences.

Ms. Stovall-Taylor recommended: (1) award of contracts to the lowest responsive bidders for bids received at the January 17, 2025, letting, as recommended, and noted in Table I below.

**Table I
Award of Contracts
January 17, 2025, Bid Opening**

Call No.	Route	County	Job No.	Bid Amount	Non-Contractual Costs	Contractor	Description
A01	D	Caldwell	J1S3414	\$1,987,079.79	\$0.00	Cale Seymour Construction, LLC	Bridge Replacement
A02*	116	Buchanan, Clinton	JNW0035	\$7,910,272.59	\$0.00	Herzog Contracting Corp.	Resurface
	6	Daviess, Dekalb	JNW0038				Coldmill and Resurface
A03	36	Caldwell, Linn, Livingston	JNW0146	\$2,278,423.99	\$0.00	Realm Construction Inc.	Pavement Repair
B01	E	Adair	JNE0141	\$2,713,883.44	\$0.00	Bleigh Construction Company	Bridge Replacement
	V		JNE0049				
B02	J	Shelby	JNE0050	\$860,516.99	\$0.00	Bleigh Construction Company	Bridge Replacement
B03	RA	Montgomery	JNE0123	\$291,672.26	\$0.00	Concrete Strategies, LLC	Bridge Rehabilitation

Call No.	Route	County	Job No.	Bid Amount	Non-Contractual Costs	Contractor	Description
C01	9	Clay	J4S3496	\$6,970,038.23	\$0.00	Clarkson Construction Company	2 Bridge Deck Replacement
		Platte	J4S3497				2 Bridge Deck Replacement
		Platte	J4S3498				2 Bridge Deck Replacement
C02	150	Jackson	JKU0043	\$3,628,292.61	\$0.00	Ideker, Inc.	Coldmill and Resurface
D01	I-44	Phelps	J5I3561	\$847,000.00	\$0.00	N.B. West Contracting Company	Bridge Rehabilitation
D02	54	Cole	J5P3560	\$2,849,278.23	\$0.00	Don Schnieders Excavating Company, Inc.	Bridge Replacement
			JCD0157				Bridge Deck Replacement
D03	KK, F, EE	Crawford, Phelps	JST0127	\$2,226,000.00	\$0.00	Pace Construction Company, LLC	Resurface
F02	Z	St Charles	JSL0012	\$1,794,000.00	\$0.00	N.B. West Contracting Company	Resurface and ADA Improvements
F03	141	St Louis	JSL0078	\$4,314,702.92	\$0.00	Gershenson Construction Co., Inc.	Coldmill and Resurface
			JSL0121				Interchange Improvement
F05	I-44, 364	Franklin, St Charles, St Louis, St Louis City	JSL0173	\$861,764.30	\$0.00	America's Parking Remarketing, LLC	Pavement Marking
F06	Various	Franklin, St Charles, St Louis, St Louis City	JSL0210	\$654,210.50	\$0.00	Parking Lot Maintenance, LLC	Fixed Price Variable Scope for Crackfill
F07	I-170	St Louis	J6I3624B	\$2,882,042.10	\$0.00	Millstone Weber, LLC	Bridge Replacement
F08	I-270	St Louis	JSLM0045	\$432,128.50	\$0.00	K.J.U., Inc. DBA K.J. Unnerstall Construction Co.	Drainage Improvements and Culvert Cleanouts
F1A and F1B	KK	Franklin	J6S3619	\$3,092,000.00	\$0.00	N.B. West Contracting Company	Resurface and Pavement Repair
			J6S3619B				

Call No.	Route	County	Job No.	Bid Amount	Non-Contractual Costs	Contractor	Description
F4A and F4B	Various	Franklin, Jefferson	JSL0145	\$1,064,000.00	\$0.00	Blevins Asphalt Construction Company, Inc.	Fixed Price Variable Scope for Seal Coat
		Franklin, Jefferson, St Francois	JSLM0053				
G01	7	Benton	JSR0062	\$572,894.49	\$0.00	Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc.	Bridge Rehabilitation
G03**	60	Webster	J7P3425C	\$39,875,000.00	\$1,162.28	Capital Paving & Construction, LLC	Interchange
G04	13, 39	Barry, Stone	J7P3457	\$247,219.50	\$0.00	AAD Contracting, Inc.	2 Bridge Washings
H01***	74	Cape Girardeau	J9P3308	\$16,454,287.85	\$0.00	Concrete Strategies, LLC	Bridge Rehabilitation
H02	17	Texas	J9P3690	\$1,847,000.00	\$0.00	West Plains Bridge & Grading, LLC	Bridge Deck Replacement
H03	72	Bollinger	J9P3842	\$2,720,535.77	\$0.00	Fronabarger Concreters, Inc.	Roundabout
H04	N	Bollinger, Cape Girardeau	J9S3716	\$3,147,555.64	\$0.00	Apex Paving Co.	Scrub Seal and Shoulder Improvements
H05	M	Scott	J9S3813	\$1,809,930.96	\$0.00	Apex Paving Co.	Coldmill, Resurface and Bridge Rehabilitation
H06	137	Texas	JSE0027	\$3,964,000.00	\$0.00	West Plains Bridge & Grading, LLC	Bridge Replacement
			JSE0029				
			JSE0028				
H9A and H9B	E	Scott	JSE0082	\$2,426,126.38	\$0.00	Apex Paving Co.	Scrub Seal
	H	Scott	JSE0081				
	D	Dunklin, New Madrid	JSE0079				
	N	Dunklin	JSE0054				
	U	New Madrid	JSE0080				
	WW	Dunklin	JSE0053				
	Y	Scott, Stoddard	JSE0052				
F	Dunklin	JSE0055					

Call No.	Route	County	Job No.	Bid Amount	Non-Contractual Costs	Contractor	Description
H10	60	Wright	JSEM0069	\$187,148.08	\$0.00	Courtney Construction, LLC DBA Courtney Excavating & Construction	Drainage Improvements
TOTAL:				\$120,909,005.12	\$1,162.28		

* Call A02 – Funding from City of Maysville – \$75,491.75 (JNW0038)
 ** Call G03 – Funding by Burlington North Santa Fe Railway – \$1,500,000.00, Webster County - \$1,137,830.80, and Federal Railroad Administration Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement grant \$10,357,239.20 (J7P3425C)
 *** Call H01 – Funding by Illinois Department of Transportation – \$8,227,143.93 (J9P3308)

Commission Consideration and Action

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

1. Awarded contracts to the lowest responsive bidders for bids received at the January 17, 2025, bid opening, as recommended, and noted in Table I above. Non-contractual costs for these projects are shown in the above tabulation.

Commissioner Boatwright abstained from Calls H04, H05, and H9A. Commissioner Erdman abstained from Call A03. Commissioner Hegeman abstained from Calls C02 and A02. Commissioner Slay abstained from Call F05.

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2025-2029 STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT

Eric Schroeter, Deputy Director/Chief Engineer, requested approval to revise the 2025-2029 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) that was approved in July 2024, for the implementation of one new highway and bridge projects as noted in Table I below.

**Table I
2025 – 2029 STIP
Highway and Bridge Construction Schedule
February 5, 2025, Amendment
Project Changes**

District County Job No.	Route	Description of Improvement/Location	Tentative Award State Fiscal Year	Change in Construction and Right of Way Funds <i>(Dollars in Thousands)</i>	Change in Engineering Funds <i>(Dollars in Thousands)</i>
ST Cooper JST0017C	RT B	Construct roundabout at Americana in Boonville. \$1,177,836 Cost Share and \$1,181,437, Boonville funds.	2026 CN 2025 RW	\$2,214	\$234
			TOTAL:	\$2,214	\$ 234

Via approval of the consent agenda, the Commission unanimously approved the amendment to the 2025 – 2029 STIP as noted in the tabulation above.

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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF LOCATION AND/OR DESIGN ON HIGHWAYS

**Route 66 (7th Street), Jasper County
Pavement, Operational, and ADA Improvements
from Route P (Schifferdecker Avenue) to Loop 49 (Range Line Road) in Joplin
Job No. J7S2185B, J7S2185C, J7S2185D, J7S2185E, J7S2185F, J7S2185G
Public Hearing Held November 7, 2024
Online Hearing Held Thursday, October 31, 2024 to Thursday, November 14, 2024**

These projects provide for pavement, operational, and ADA improvement on Route 66 in Joplin, Missouri. These six (6) projects will be awarded in combination. The proposed pavement improvements involve rebuilding the existing concrete pavement and improving the stormwater handling capacity along the corridor. Operational improvements include replacing several traffic signals, updating the remaining signals with modern equipment, interconnecting the traffic signals for improved traffic flow, and improving the turning radii at several intersections. The ADA Transition Plan improvements will involve constructing sidewalks, curb ramps, paved approaches,

and pedestrian signals that are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The project will have normal access right of way. The project length is 3.920 miles.

On behalf of the Director, Stacy Reese, Southwest District Engineer, recommended approval of the location and design as presented at the public hearing.

After full consideration of the favorable and adverse economic, social, and environmental effects of the recommended location and designs, the Commission via approval of the consent agenda unanimously found and determined the recommended location and designs would best serve the interest of the public and approved the recommendation.

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PROPERTY ACQUISITION AND CONVEYANCES

CONSIDERATION OF DISPOSAL OF EXCESS PROPERTY, ROUTE 50 IN JACKSON COUNTY, EXCESS PARCEL NUMBERS KC-274331, KC-274333, AND KC-274334

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, Chris Redline, Kansas City District Engineer, recommended conveyance of 5.05 acres of land located at the southwest side of Route 50 and Route 291 interchange in the City of Lee’s Summit to Oldham Investors, LLC for a consideration of \$579,100.00.

This item was pulled from the consent agenda for additional discussion and consideration. Director Hassinger noted this item is non-controversial and routine, but wanted to highlight how the department handles excess right of way, like Ms. Brenda Harris presented at the January commission meeting. Director Hassinger stated this property conveyance is a good and complicated example of the department working with a developer to make sure it is safe and meets the standards, is conveyed at fair market value, and will be a benefit to the region. Following discussion, and upon motion by Commissioner Smith,

seconded by Commissioner Erdman, the Commission unanimously approved the property conveyance described above.

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REPORTS

The Commission received the following written reports.

AUDITS AND INVESTIGATIONS ANNUAL REPORT

Misty Volkart, Audits and Investigations Director, provided to the Commission the Audits and Investigations Annual Report for calendar year 2024.

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FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT – QUARTERLY REPORT

Todd Grosvenor, Financial Services Director, provided the Commission the written Quarterly Financial Accountability Report for the period ending December 31, 2024.

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MODOT BRIEFING REPORT

Ed Hassinger, 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 no briefing reports to the Governor for the past month.

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MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FINANCIAL REPORT – FISCAL YEAR 2025

Todd Grosvenor, Financial Services Director, submitted a written financial report for fiscal year to date December 31, 2024, with budget and prior year comparisons.

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CONSULTANT SERVICES CONTRACT REPORT

Danica Stovall-Taylor, Assistant State Design Engineer, submitted a written report of consultant contracts executed in the month of December 2024, 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 744 active contracts held by individual engineering consultant firms prior to January 1, 2025. Eleven engineering consultant services contracts were executed in December 2024, for a total of \$8,014,437. There were no non-engineering consultant contracts executed in December 2024.

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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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