

Missouri Transportation Improvement Plan unveiled

(KLZA)-- The draft FY 2024-2028 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) was presented to the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission Wednesday.

The draft five-year program includes funding from General Revenue to widen and improve I-70, fix low-volume minor roads, upgrade railroad safety crossings and more. A 30-day public review and comment period is underway.

The STIP makes available \$14 billion of federal and state revenues for all modes of transportation over the next five years. Of the \$14 billion, the draft STIP details \$10.5 billion in road and bridge construction contractor awards, averaging approximately \$2.1 billion per year. It also includes a record \$3.4 billion in state General Revenue funded projects from the General Assembly subject to governor approval of the final budget.

The draft FY 2024-2028 STIP lists transportation projects planned by state and regional planning agencies for fiscal years 2024-2028 and reflects the transportation needs of communities across Missouri.

The proposed program is available for public review. Those interested in seeing the program or offering comments can contact MoDOT by email to STIPcomments@modot.mo.gov, by calling customer service at 1-888-ASK-MoDOT (275-6636), or by mail to Transportation Planning, Program Comments, P.O. Box 270, Jefferson City, MO 65102. The program is also available on MoDOT's website: <https://www.modot.org/DRAFTSTIP>. The formal comment period ends July 6, 2023.

Following the public review period, the comments will be presented to the Commission. The Commission will review the comments and the final transportation program before considering it for approval at its July 12 meeting.

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