



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Excellent way to oversee this department.



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I don't think the Commission should have no oversight, especially as a former employee terminated while out on Total Disability. Then they investigate themselves and find my termination wasn't for retaliation.



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I am opposed to this State Constitutional Amendment. I favor a HJR that Requires the Election of Nine (9) Transportation Commissioners, in all Eight (8) of Missouri Congressional Districts a Ninth (9) Commissioner Elected At-Large. I am tired of "Pay-For-Play Politics" in which the highest Contributor of the Governor, gets a Political Appointment of Power in return for their Contribution. Hence, why I have not been Appointment by the Governor to the State Transportation Commission, even after asking! By Electing OUR State Transportation Commissioners, there will be much NEEDED Accountability and Trust to our State Highway and Transportation Department.



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We are writing on behalf of the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission (the Commission) to express the Commission’s opposition to House Joint Resolution (HJR) 109. The current non-partisan, independent Commission structure, in place since the 1921 Centennial Road Law, helps ensure that the State Highway System (SHS) is built, improved and maintained in a fair and equitable manner that is in the best interest of all system users. The Commission’s current structure, with each member serving as an at-large member and charged with representing the interests of all areas of the state, helps ensure that no area of the state is favored or receives an unjust proportion of highway and bridge improvement or maintenance funding. Additionally, the current text of the Missouri constitution seeks to insulate the Commission from partisan politics by requiring that “not more than one half of [Commission] members ... be of the same political party.” Insulating the Commission’s operation from politics helps prevent the often-shifting political winds from influencing the Commission’s distribution of funds for the planning, maintenance and construction of the SHS. Finally, while the Commission understands that the majority of executive branch state agencies are in the charge of a director appointed by the Governor, that structure is not appropriate for the Department of Transportation or in the best interest of Missouri road users and taxpayers. Highway construction projects are expensive and funds are expended from the State Road Fund to pay for these projects. Missouri has been well served by this long standing and important constitutional structure. HJR 109 would eliminate the constitutional protections that Missouri citizens and road users established, revert highway improvement planning and funding to political exercises, and return Missouri to the 1920s. For all of these reasons and more the Commission strenuously opposes HJR 109 and hopes you will consider the Commission’s position as you decide whether to advance, support or withdraw the bill. Terry L. Ecker, Chairman W. Dustin Boatwright, P.E., Vice Chairman



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Missourians for Transportation Investment (MFTI) is opposed to the language included in House Joint Resolution 109 (HJR 109). This resolution, if approved by voters, would remove language from state statute and the Missouri Constitution placing the department of transportation under the charge of the six-member highways and transportation commission. It would instead place the department under the charge of a director appointed by the governor by and with the advice and consent of the senate. Under current law, commissioners are appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. The first bipartisan State Highway and Commission was created by the "Centennial Road Law" in 1921. For more than 100 years, Missouri citizens have been appointed to provide oversight to the department of transportation. The language in this resolution would remove that oversight body from Missouri law.



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While we understand legislators' desire to exercise control over spending decisions made by MoDOT leaders, and certainly do not agree with some recent spending choices made by MoDOT, we do not believe this bill dissolving the Highway Commission and allowing the MoDOT director to be appointed by the Governor is the best solution. Governors and elected officials should not determine the priority and timing of highway projects. The highways exist for the benefit of all Missourians, not just those occupying the governor's office and a majority of legislative seats at any particular time.



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