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On behalf of OATS Transit, I want to ask you to restore \$5 million back to House Bill 4, which includes MoDOT's budget appropriations. This would bring the total back the current level of \$11.7 million. Last year, OATS Transit provided a million trips to get people to dialysis, to work, to their doctors, the grocery store, the pharmacy, senior center, sheltered workshops, and anywhere else they need to go. OATS Transit was founded right here in central Missouri 54 years ago by a group of volunteers who saw the need for transportation in rural communities. At the same time, a similar initiative was happening in the bootheel which resulted in Southeast Missouri Transportation Service. This makes Missouri unique in that we have not just one but two of the largest and oldest rural providers in the nation – OATS and SMTS – who, along with dozens of other providers means we have public transit in every county – regardless of how rural that county is. Not every state can boast this and it is something we as Missourians can be proud of. Unfortunately, due to lack of funding, some of these counties are not served very frequently with some of our more rural service areas getting only one or two trips a month. If you are dependent on transit to get to the doctors or to get your groceries that is not enough. And it certainly doesn't help someone who needs affordable public transit to get to work. During his State of the State address, Governor Kehoe outlined his budget requests including a cut of \$5 million to state transit operating assistance, almost 50 percent. The SFY 2026 Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission request was \$11.7 million for Missouri transit. This request included \$10 million from General Revenue and \$1.7 million from the State Transportation Fund. This has been the funding level since 2023. On behalf of the thousands of rural Missourians who rely on transit, I'm here today to ask you to prioritize transit and restore the \$5 million from General Revenue to House Bill 4 for a total of \$11.7 million. I cannot stress enough how important the state assistance funding has been for us transit providers. MoDOT allows for flexibility in how we can use the funds; although we at OATS have been using it to match federal operating grants, we can also use it to match federal capital grants for new vehicles. As we come out of the supply chain issues and vehicles are now available, this flexibility will be a game-changer for us. Next year, we anticipate needing to replace 99 vehicles with an average age of 10 years and more than 150,000 miles on the odometer. Just 5 years ago, the average cost to replace a vehicle was \$55,000 requiring \$11,000 in local match. This cost has jumped to over \$100,000 requiring an average of \$20,000 - \$22,000 in match per vehicle. The need for public transit in rural areas was identified back in 1971 and Missouri led the way in developing the solution. I ask you to continue leading the way by showing support for this service that is vitally important to many of your constituents.



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Missourians for Transportation Investment supports \$100 million in new general revenue investments in Missouri's low-volume rural routes. We support the continued investments for Interstates 70 and 44. We support \$20 million in revenue for capital improvement projects at Missouri ports. We support an increase from \$5 million to \$10 million for Missouri Transit providers. This line item in the budget has been \$10 million for the last two fiscal years before being reduced to \$5 million this year. This line item supports transit providers in every geographic region of the state and provides match dollars for these providers to draw down additional federal dollars. Finally, we support additional investments of general revenue for Tier 1 projects on Missouri's High Priority Unfunded Transportation Needs List.



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We accidently submitted prior testimony in opposition. We are in support of HB4 with restoration of \$5 million to \$10 million in General Revenue for transit. Transportation is the key to moving Missouri forward, and there is an opportunity this session to make a difference. During his State of the State address, Governor Kehoe outlined his budget requests including a cut of \$5 million to state transit operating assistance, almost 50 percent. The SFY 2026 Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission request was \$11.7 million for Missouri transit. This request included \$10 million from General Revenue and \$1.7 million from the State Transportation Fund. This has been the funding level since 2023. As the Missouri Public Transit Association (MPTA), we strongly urge you to prioritize transportation and transit and restore the \$5 million from General Revenue to House Bill 4 for a total of \$11.7 million. As we examine Missouri's economic future, it's important to realize funds to develop infrastructure are key. A commitment to developing and implementing a total transportation package that includes investment in public transit will drive economic growth – improving access to opportunity, attracting talent and creating thousands of jobs. We know transit is delivering in Missouri more than \$4 billion annually according to a study released last January. Growth and development patterns are greatly impacted by our decisions on how and where to invest in our transportation infrastructure. For example, public transit dollars invested in mature communities are playing a key role in urban revitalization and redevelopment. This can be seen in Kansas City, where more than \$2 billion in development has occurred along the Streetcar alignment. Meanwhile, in rural communities, investment in transit is providing greater access to jobs, education and quality healthcare through providers like OATS serving 87 counties. However, the demand continues to grow. A Transit Needs Assessment Study demonstrated more than 39 million unmet rides each year. Your leadership on transit will make a difference in your community. We strongly urge you in the short term to support MoDOT's request for \$11.7 million for the 30 transit providers in the state. With your help, Missouri transit can deliver. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.



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I am urging Missouri Lawmakers to grant any and all available funds towards aviation improvements and maintenance, especially those airports that are classified as General Aviation. I am the manager at Elton Hensley Memorial Airport in Fulton, without the assistance of grant funding our airfield would not be able to accomplish vital safety improvements. The funding that is handed down from MoDot through numerous FAA grant programs allow every General Aviation Airport in Missouri to operate safely, efficiently and regularly allowing them provide an essential mode of transportation to smaller communities, in turn, allowing for those smaller communities to gain access to larger commercial interests that provide jobs and improved condition of life for residents of rural Missouri. General Aviation in Missouri is NOT just private pilots using aircraft for pleasure, multiple small businesses rely on this mode of transportation to establish a foothold in Missouri commerce platforms, allowing them to expand into National or International markets. I ask you to please keep Aviation a top priority in Missouri, for the betterment of all Missourians. Thank you, Matthew Easley Airport Manager Elton Hensley Memorial Airport Fulton MO 65251 573-592-3111



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Are we cutting out all of the Government Waste, Fraud, Abuse and Duplication of Services and Programs? Are the Director Salaries Bonus of Huge Salaries Increases being cut beyond the Governor's Recommended Pay increase for State Employees? Sharpen the Pencils Budget Committee, Sharpen the Pencil! We NEED a Balanced Budget in every House Bill.



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Please consider the restoration of 5 million in funding for Statewide transit funding. This critical seed funding allows the dedicated professionals across the State to leverage this investment against federal funding allowing for critical rolling stock support. These vans and busses then serve as critical lifelines for medical appointments for the most needy citizens across the State. Please note that we are only requesting that the funding be consistent with last years appropriation as fiscal responsibility is also a hallmark among our urban and rural transit providers.