



View from the Chair

Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission

Report on I-70 Tolling Options Sent to Governor Nixon

December 31, 2014



Dear «GreetingLine»

As you probably know, several weeks ago Governor Jay Nixon requested the Commission analyze options for tolling Interstate 70 to finance its reconstruction and expansion while freeing up dollars for other transportation projects. Today, MoDOT delivered that report to his office.

MoDOT has studied the I-70 corridor for 15 years. As one of the nation's first interstate highways, it has outlived its design life and is carrying far more traffic than it was design for. The need is there to reconstruct and expand it to preserve it for future generations, to enhance safety and to serve as an important component of our state's economy.

But, alas, it is a project that at \$2 billion is just unaffordable in the current situation in which we find ourselves – with a construction budget that is falling and will be a \$325 million by 2017.

The report we have sent to the governor describes the many ways in which a tolled facility could be established – operated by the state of a separate tolling authority, by a private entity, or some combination of both.

200 miles of I-70 between Independence and Wentzville is a candidate tolling project for several reasons.

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Onward!

Stephen R. Miller
Chairman

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