



# View from the Commission

Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission

## Visit the Highway Gardens at this year's Missouri State Fair

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Dear Reader,

Over the next week-and-a-half, thousands of Missourians will descend on Sedalia for the 2016 Missouri State Fair. Many of them will visit MoDOT's Highway Gardens during the annual event that runs from August 11-21.

The building will be decked out with displays that highlight Missouri's transportation system and promote highway safety.

But there will be a new feature, as well – a kiosk where visitors can operate a [Transportation Dollar\\$ calculator](#) that shows how transportation funding works in our state, and how much each individual contributes to the operation of our highways and bridges.

The amount you pay may surprise you. For example, if you drive 10,000 miles a year in a car that gets 20 miles per gallon the online calculator will show you that you are paying \$18.38 per month for the transportation system. Additionally the calculator will show you how that money is spent and the cost of some typical highway operations.

Every dollar we invest in transportation in Missouri returns \$4 in new economic activity. Increased investment will enhance economic development, improve safety and help to alleviate congestion.

- **Management Services Contracts Approved** ... At our meeting last week in Springfield, the Commission awarded contracts to HDR/ICA and DeAngelo Brothers for management services at MoDOT's rest areas, welcome centers and truck-parking facilities. They will be responsible for janitorial services, lagoon systems, sewage treatment, pavement care, plowing snow and general maintenance. The contracts, which together total \$4.4 million, take effect October 1 and run through September 30, 2019. Both providers will use Sheltered Workshops as subcontractors to provide janitorial services.

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