

CCS HCS SB 173 -- TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

This bill changes the laws regarding transportation and infrastructure. In its main provisions, the bill:

(1) Requires the Joint Committee on Missouri's Promise to develop long-term strategies and plans for investing in and maintaining a modern infrastructure and transportation system and for identifying potential sources of revenue to sustain these efforts;

(2) Establishes the Missouri State Transit Assistance Program to be administered by the Department of Transportation to provide state financial assistance to defray the operating and capital costs incurred by public mass transportation service providers. The distribution of any appropriated funds must be determined by evaluating certain factors of each service provider including, but not limited to, population, ridership, cost and efficiency of the program, availability of alternative transportation in the area, and local effort or tax support;

(3) Extends the authority of the Highways and Transportation Commission within the Department of Transportation to enter into design-build projects from July 1, 2012, to July 1, 2018. The commission is also authorized to enter into an additional design-build contract for the design, construction, reconstruction, or improvement of the Daniel Boone Bridge on U. S. Highway 40/61 I-64 located in the counties of St. Charles and St. Louis;

(4) Designates the portion of U. S. Highway 160 in Greene County from the intersection of West Mount Vernon Street to one-half mile south of the intersection of West Sunshine Street as the "Rabbi Ernest I. Jacob Memorial Highway" and repeals the provision designating U. S. Highway 160 in Greene County from the intersection of Farm Road 142 to the intersection of West Sunshine Street as the "Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel Memorial Highway";

(5) Designates the portion of Interstate 40/64 in St. Louis County from the Boone's Crossing overpass at mile marker 17.0 west to the Spirit of St. Louis Airport overpass at mile marker 13.8 as the "Missouri State Highway Patrol Sergeant Joseph G. Schuengel Memorial Highway";

(6) Designates the portion of State Highway 30 from State Route NN north three miles to 1/10 of a mile southwest of old State Highway 30 in Jefferson County as the "SFC Wm. Brian Woods, Jr. Memorial Highway";

(7) Changes the laws regarding the Missouri Transportation Development District Act by:

(a) Adding a public mass transportation system to the list of eligible projects;

(b) Allowing the operation of a street car or other rail-based or fixed guideway public mass transportation system to the list of eligible projects for a transportation development district located in the City of Kansas City;

(c) Specifying that a district formed for a public mass transportation system project will not have to submit the proposed project to the Highways and Transportation Commission for its prior approval; and

(d) Specifying that the sales tax imposed by a district whose project is a public mass transportation system will not be considered economic activity taxes as it relates to tax increment financing laws and the tax revenues are not subject to allocation under the tax increment financing laws;

(8) Authorizes the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District to enter into a design-build contract for a construction project exceeding \$1 million. The bill:

(a) Establishes procedures for a design-build contract;

(b) Requires the district to adopt procedures for requesting proposals from up to five prequalified contractors and for evaluating and awarding contracts;

(c) Establishes advertising requirements and procedures for submitting and opening proposals and for readvertising when necessary;

(d) Specifies that payment bonds are required for the project, but the performance bond does not need to cover design services if the contractor or subcontractor providing design services carries professional liability insurance in the amount established by the district in the request for proposal;

(e) Requires an architect, engineer, or land surveyor providing services for the contractor to be licensed or authorized in this state as required by law unless the subcontractor performing the services is properly licensed;

(f) Requires the district to retain an architect or engineer unless it already retains one; and

(g) Prohibits the architect or engineer retained by the district from acting as the design-build contractor, subcontractor, joint venturer, or partner for the project; and

(9) Extends, from December 31, 2011, to December 31, 2014, the provisions requiring the Highways and Transportation Commission within the Department of Transportation to be a notification center participant regarding excavation involving underground facilities and removes the provision requiring the notification center to ask excavators, as part of the process to request the locating and marking of underground facilities, to identify whether or not the proposed excavation will be on a public right-of-way or easement dedicated to public use for vehicular traffic.