



Missouri Department of Transportation

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) is responsible for maintaining 33,825 miles of highway and 10,387 bridges. MoDOT also works to improve airports, river ports, freight development, railroads, public transit systems and pedestrian and bicycle travel.

The department is governed by the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission, a six-member bipartisan board. Commission members are appointed by the governor for a six-year term and are confirmed by the Missouri Senate. The Commission appoints a director who is responsible for daily operations. The chief engineer is in charge of MoDOT's road and bridge design, construction and maintenance activities. Support offices include financial services, legal, internal audits, human resources, equal opportunity and diversity, communications and government relations.

A district engineer administers the department's work within seven geographical districts: Northwest, Northeast, Kansas City, Central, St. Louis, Southwest and Southeast.

Bridge Division produces structural designs and detailed plans for state highway bridges, including cost estimates and site-specific job provisions. The division also oversees the inspection of all state, city and county bridges and provides weight limits for all bridges.

Design prepares roadway plans and advertises projects for bids. Included in plan preparation are determinations of state and/or federal funding for projects, ground surveys and aerial photography, public involvement meetings, consideration of social, environmental and economic factors, detailed plan design. The division develops specifications and cost estimates for highway projects prior to advertising for bids.

Construction and Materials administers contracts and performs material testing to ensure projects are of high quality, completed on time and within budget. Pavement selection and geotechnical information are provided for the design of roads and bridges. The division also performs research on products used in construction.

External Civil Rights is responsible for directing the department's external affirmative action, equal employment and nondiscrimination programs related to federal-aid activities. This includes the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program, On-The-Job (OJT) program, Equal Employment Opportunity, Title VI, ADA and all other nondiscrimination or affirmative action programs.

Transportation Planning is responsible for long-range planning, data administration, systems analysis and programming. The division also develops and tracks the five-year Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, the department's highway and bridge construction program. The division also works to improve MoDOT's efficiency through performance management.

Highway Safety and Traffic provides statewide coordination of traffic incident management activities, work zone management, traveler information programs and policy to support signing, striping, traffic signal operations, traffic lighting and roadway access programs. The division also works with safety advocates to develop strategies to prevent traffic fatalities.

Maintenance is responsible for maintaining state highways and bridges. Responsibilities include preservation, upkeep, operation and restoration of roadways, bridges, signs and traffic control equipment.

Motor Carrier Services helps commercial motor carriers get the information, credentials and permits they need to conduct business in Missouri. The division also enforces safety regulations.

Multimodal Operations is responsible for administering a number of state and federal programs that fund and support aviation, railroads, transit, freight development and waterways.

Funding: Missouri receives transportation revenue from the federal government from the state's share of the nation's 18.4-cent per gallon tax on gasoline and 24.4-cent per gallon tax on diesel fuel. It also includes various highway user fees and other grants. The largest source of state revenue is from the state's 22-cent per gallon fuel tax. MoDOT also receives a 9-cent per gallon tax on aviation fuel and a share of vehicle and driver licensing fees, as well as sales and use taxes on motor vehicle purchases and leases. Fuel tax, license fees and motor vehicle sales tax revenue may only be used on the state's roads and bridges, per the Missouri Constitution.