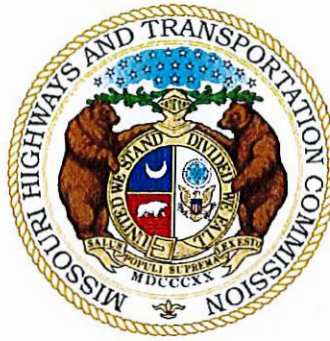


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Dear Mr. Wild, Mr. Warm, and Ms. Fields:

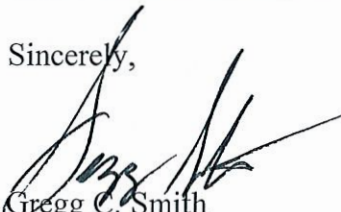
We appreciate your concerns regarding transportation funding in Missouri.

The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission took action on February 6, 2019, to better align its Statewide Transportation Improvement Program funding allocation formula to address asset management needs beginning in Fiscal Year 2022. Throughout the development of our last several long-range transportation plans, Missourians have clearly told us taking care of the existing system is their number-one priority, yet the base estimate for this work has not been adjusted for actual costs since 2006. In fact in 2018, out of \$487 million in flexible funds, \$363 million was spent by districts to take care of the existing system. This funding allocation revision better positions regions to address their growing pavement and bridge condition needs.

We share your concerns regarding unmet transportation needs. As we travel throughout the state, we meet with individuals and organizations that all share lists of unmet transportation needs. There simply isn't enough funding to address all those needs and we are forced to prioritize and fund only the highest.

We truly appreciate the partnership we share with you in project prioritization and your passion for transportation in your communities. I hope you can understand we share your interest for urban transportation needs, but we do not have the liberty to think solely about individual communities; we must address these issues from a statewide perspective, with fair consideration to all needs.

Sincerely,



Gregg C. Smith
Chairman

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