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GOV. BLUNT APPOINTS GRACE NICHOLS TO COMMISSION: On Mar. 17, Gov. Blunt appointed Grace Nichols of St. Charles to serve on the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission. Ms. Nichols replaces Bill McKenna, Crystal City, who previously served on the commission.

Judge Nichols is a senior circuit judge in St. Charles County and has been a judge since 1997. Previously she was in private practice. Judge Nichols was mayor of the city of St. Charles, president of the St. Charles County Bar Association and president of the St. Charles Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Nichols' appointment is subject to Senate confirmation for a term ending March 2013.

MoDOT WORKERS PRAISED FOR HARD WORK: On Mar. 26, while using a rare Senate procedural move, Sen. John Griesheimer (R-Washington) gathered the attention of all the members of the Missouri Senate for a moment to praise MoDOT workers for their hard work during the recent flooding. The Senator said MoDOT workers really worked hard to keep a section of I-44 in his district area open during the flooding and he wanted to thank all MoDOT workers for what they do.

HOUSE TAKES ACTION ON THE STATE'S BUDGET: This week the full House debated the 2009 budget bills. The House approved, with no debate, a state employee flat pay raise of \$1,540 per employee for the next fiscal year. The full House also approved an increase in the deferred compensation contribution rate from \$25 to \$35.

MoDOT's budget is primarily contained in HB 2004. During the House debate, one amendment was offered that related to transportation. Rep. Mike Dethrow (R-Alton) offered an amendment to completely remove the \$3.4 million state investment in Amtrak. The amount of investment was already reduced significantly in committee allowing only enough money to operate one train a day between St. Louis and Kansas City. The amendment was defeated by a vote of 64 to 87. Amtrak has been a source of ongoing debate between those who want to subsidize and continue Amtrak service and those who see the state investment as a waste of resources.

On Mar. 27, the House gave final approval to the '09 House budget. The bills will now go to the Senate for additional review and debate.

GR INTRANET WEBSITE – UP AND RUNNING: Have you ever wondered how to address a letter to the Governor? How about understanding how a bill becomes law? What about finding out the status of a particular bill that is moving through the legislative process?

Governmental Relations (GR) now has all those answers to your questions on its newly revamped and up-to-date ***GR Intranet*** website. This intranet sight is user friendly and takes you to the link you need to find the state and federal information you seek. The website is: wwwi.intranet/gr/.

SIGNS, SIGNS, EVERYWHERE THERE ARE (MORE) SIGNS: Over the last several legislative sessions, the introduction of highway memorial designations have increased. Each year, more and more members of the House and Senate introduce legislation that will name a section of highway or bridge after an individual who they believe is important to memorialize. Some of these dedications may be attributed to a person who has been killed in the line of duty or played a significant role within a local community.

The increased number of legislative proposals had gotten so bad, that in 2006 the legislature itself passed legislation implementing a highway naming application process to help reduce the number of memorials.

While the new law allowed for fallen law enforcement officers, emergency personnel, highway worker, or military personnel killed in the line of duty to be granted a section of highway via the legislative process, all other memorials are required by law to go through an application process to have the memorial designation approved by the Joint Committee on Transportation Oversight, not the full general assembly. However, there was no provision placed in statute that disallowed the continuation of “any” memorial to be approved through the legislative process.

This year is no different than any other year. To date, there are 12 different pending memorial highway bills. If passed, these twelve designations would be added to an impressive 202 memorials and designations already along our state’s highways and bridges.

Each bill has a legislative sponsor and the finances needed to pay for the construction, erection and maintenance of the sign for perpetuity. The cost for two signs (including posts and maintenance) is \$2,200 and is usually paid for by individuals or associations who were affiliated with the individual or group being memorialized.

The following is a list of memorial highway bills pending legislative approval for the 2008 session.

Pending Memorial Highway Bills

BILL NUMBER	SUBJECT	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	STATE FISCAL IMPACT	MoDOT DISTRICT
HB 1500	Memorial Highway; Gene Curtis	Hodges	Names a portion of Highway 80 in New Madrid County the "Gene Curtis Memorial Highway"	\$0.00	10
HB 1575	Memorial Highway; Lance Corporal Leon B. Deraps	Jones - 117	Designates a portion of highway 87 in Moniteau County as the "Lance Corporal Leon B. Deraps Memorial Highway".	\$0.00	5
HB 1646	Memorial Highway; Larry Gene Taylor	Viebrock	Designates the Table Rock Lake Bridge on Highway 39 in Shell Knob as the "State Senator Larry Gene Taylor Memorial Bridge".	(\$2,200.00)	7
HB 1665	Memorial Highway; John F. Bass	El-Amin	Renames the portion of I-70 currently known as "Mark McGwire Highway" to the "John F. Bass Memorial Highway".	\$0.00	6
HB 1887	Memorial Highway; Rick Seiner	Parson	Designates a portion of State Highway 13, in Polk County, as the "Rick Seiner Memorial Highway".	\$0.00	8
HB 1952	Memorial Highway; Roy Bassett	Loehner	Designates the Highway 63 Gasconade River bridge in Maries County as the "Roy Bassett Memorial Bridge"	\$0.00	5
HB 2044	Memorial Highway; Carl Edwards	Baker, Judy	Names a portion of Missouri Route WW in Boone County "Carl Edwards Drive"	\$0.00	5
HB 2336	Memorial Highway; Jeff McBride	Roorda	Designates a portion of I-55 in Jefferson County from the intersection of highway M to a point one mile south as the "Jeff McBride Memorial Highway"	\$0.00	6
HB 2360	Memorial Highway; Corporal Henry C. Bruns	Guest	Designates a portion of State Highway 169 in Gentry County as the "Mo. Hwy. Patrol Corporal Henry C. Bruns Memorial Highway"	\$0.00	1
SB 0728	Memorial Highway; Deputy Charles M. Cook	Shields	Designates a portion of U.S. Highway 169 as the "Deputy Charles M. Cook Memorial Highway".	\$0.00	6
SB 0753	Memorial Highway; Corporal Rickey Bell	Mayer	Designates a portion of highway 84 in Pemiscot county as the "Corporal Rickey L Bell Memorial Highway".	\$0.00	10
SB 0906	Memorial Highway; Lance Corporal Leon B. Deraps	Vogel	Designates a portion of highway 87 in Moniteau County as the "Lance Corporal Leon B. Deraps Memorial Highway".	\$0.00	5
SB 1026	Memorial Highway; Rick Seiner	Scott	Designates a portion of State Highway 13, in Polk County, as the "Rick Seiner Memorial Highway".	\$0.00	8
SB 1099	Memorial Highway; Carl Edwards	Graham	Names a portion of Missouri Route WW in Boone County "Carl Edwards Drive"	\$0.00	5
HB 1406	Drunk Driving Victim Memorial Sign Program	Deeken	Establishes the "Drunk Driving Victim Memorial Sign Program"	\$0.00	all
SB 0881	Drunk Driving Victim Memorial Sign Program	Green	Establishes the "Drunk Driving Victim Memorial Sign Program"	\$0.00	all

SENATE PASSES OMNIBUS TRANSPORTATION BILL: On Mar. 26, the Senate passed SS SCS SB 761 & 774. This bill, sponsored by Sen. Bill Stouffer (R-Napton), chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee, makes several changes to current law. Some of the proposed changes include:

- Allowing MoDOT to accept an annual bid bond for its construction and maintenance projects;
- Requiring restricted license plates to be issued to drivers whose licenses have been suspended, revoked, or disqualified for a period greater than 60 days;
- Allowing for a military member, while driving a vehicle for military purposes, to be exempt from possessing a CDL. Current law provides that the military member must be driving a military vehicle to qualify for the exemption;
- Increasing driver's license suspension periods for motorists who fail to stop for school buses that are loading or unloading children;
- Requiring the state patrol to establish a program to certify local law enforcement officers with respect to enforcing commercial motor vehicle laws. The certification procedures established by the Missouri Highway Patrol shall include training, testing, on-the-job experience, data collection and other prescribed components. The certification procedures shall meet the requirements established by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA);
- A person operating a motorcycle who enters or crosses an intersection controlled by a traffic-control signal against a red light shall have an affirmative defense to that charge if the person establishes all of the following conditions:
 - The motorcycle has been brought to a complete stop;
 - The traffic signal continues to show a red light for an unreasonable time;
 - The traffic signal is apparently malfunctioning or, if programmed or engineered to change to a green light only after detecting the approach of a motor vehicle, the signal has apparently failed to detect the arrival of the motorcycle; and
 - No motor vehicle or person is approaching on the street or highway to be crossed or entered or is so far away from the intersection that it does not constitute an immediate hazard;
- Allowing that the child passenger restraint law shall not apply to school buses transporting children four years of age or older regardless whether such buses are being used for educational, religious or other purposes. The current exemption only applies to school buses used for educational purposes;
- Authorizing the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission to take the necessary steps to implement and administer a state plan to conform with the Unified Carrier Registration Act (UCR Act) of 2005. The federal UCR Act includes provisions to eliminate the Single State Registration System (SSRS) by January 2007 and replace it with the Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) Agreement;
- Disallowing a vehicle to be driven to the left of a solid yellow center stripe except when executing a lawful turn or when overtaking a vehicle that is traveling at a speed less than 25 miles per hour, or when avoiding debris in the roadway, and so long as the action does not create a hazard;
- Clarifying the CDL exemption for persons driving farm vehicles. In order to qualify for the exemption, the farm vehicle must be controlled by a farmer or family member, be

used to transport agricultural products, machinery, or supplies to or from a farm, not be used in the operations of a common or contract carrier, and be used within 150 miles of the farmer's farm; and

- Defining the term "utility vehicle" as any motorized vehicle manufactured and used exclusively for off-highway purposes which is 63 inches or less in width, has an unladen dry weight of 1,900 pounds or less, travels on four or six wheels, and is used primarily for agricultural, landscaping, lawn care, or maintenance purposes. A person operating a utility vehicle on a highway shall have a valid operator or chauffeur's license. The vehicle shall not be operated at a speed of more than 30 miles per hour on a highway. No operator of a utility vehicle shall carry a passenger, except for agricultural purposes, unless the seat of the utility vehicle is designed to carry more than one person. Utility vehicles would be exempt from titling and registration.

During floor debate on the bill, the Senate added several amendments. Some of the more important amendments included:

- “David’s Memorial Drunk Drinking Law” – This proposal would require MoDOT to create a program that would allow the installation of memorial signs along the state’s highways and bridges where an innocent victim was killed by a drunk driver;
- Disallowing the Department of Revenue to continue to use private commercial advertisements in license renewal notices to help defer the cost of mailing notices to Missouri drivers. This program had previously reduced mailing costs by about \$800,000 a year;
- Increasing commercial truck weight limits on Hwy. 36 and Route 65 from 80,000 to 85,500 pound; and
- Exempting school districts from paying fuel taxes for the operation of school buses.

The bill now waits for final Senate approval.

EFFORTS TO REVITALIZE AMTRAK IN MISSOURI: MoDOT, in partnership with Amtrak and Union Pacific, hosted an Amtrak train ride on Mar. 24. Missouri legislators, congressional staff members, and city and county officials throughout the state who share an interest in passenger rail service were invited on the trip.

MoDOT’s Director, Pete Rahn, and Director of Multimodal Operations, Brian Weiler, spoke to the group about the condition of Missouri’s passenger rail service. MoDOT wants a service to be proud of and will be utilized more and more as a means of transportation. Rahn and Weiler reported that ridership in Missouri has decreased significantly over the years. For passenger rail to be a success, customers need to rely on the service – on-time performance is a big part of customer satisfaction. “Missouri is bucking the trend,” said Amtrak official Ray Lang. “Where ridership in other states across the country continues to increase, here in Missouri ridership continues to decrease.”

MoDOT has proposed the following 2008 legislative recommendations that will not only go a long way in improving Amtrak’s on-time performance, but also would provide for a more efficient movement of rail freight by relieving congestion on the current, Kansas City to St. Louis rail corridor:

- Make targeted capacity improvement on the rail corridor by extending current sidings near California and Strasburg to accommodate the longer freight trains. MoDOT has requested a \$10 million general revenue investment from the state to help pay for these improvements. However, in HB 2004, the House only approved a state investment of \$3.4 million.
- Install real-time passenger information displays at each “unmanned” Amtrak station. The electronic displays would show the estimated time of arrival. The total cost of this project is estimated at \$500,000. Union Pacific has pledged \$50,000 towards the project. MoDOT requested \$450,000 from general revenue however the request was not approved by the House appropriations and budget committees and therefore not put into HB 2004. MoDOT will push for the request to be reconsidered by the Senate Budget Committee.
- Provide promotional funding to increase public awareness about passenger rail service. In 2002, the legislature appropriated \$125,000. This year MoDOT requested another \$125,000 to assist in promoting Amtrak service. However, this request also was not put into MoDOT’s budget bill. MoDOT will push for the request to be reconsidered by the Senate Budget Committee.

The event not only offered an opportunity to experience a ride on the rails, but also allowed the group to meet face-to-face with MoDOT, Amtrak and Union Pacific officials and experience the working relations of these partners. At the stop in St. Louis, a reception was held where officials from the City of St. Louis, Metrolink and Citizens for Modern Transit met at the future St. Louis Gateway Transportation Center, a multimodal hub that will serve Amtrak, Metrolink and Greyhound bus riders. The group was welcomed by the City of St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay’s office. Darlene Green, Gateway Transportation Center; Jennie Claflin, Illinois Department of Transportation; Ray Lang, Amtrak; and Tom Mulligan, Union Pacific, made presentations.

2008 SAFETY LEGISLATION INTRODUCED: During the 2008 legislative session, there have been many safety proposals introduced. These proposals range from mandating seat belts in school buses to making it a law to not cross a solid yellow center stripe.

The one main safety proposal that MoDOT and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission supported this year was HB 1980, sponsored by Rep. St. Onge (R-Ellisville), chair of the House Transportation Committee.

HB 1980 was designed to allow automated speed enforcement devices in work zones. The idea is to get the traveling public to slow down in work zones. Unfortunately, while it sounds like a good idea on the surface, many elected officials match red-light cameras to automated speed enforcement (relating to privacy issues) and oppose the concept.

Governmental Relations will be working with stakeholder groups consisting of law enforcement agencies, contractors and safety advocates during the summer months to build a coalition of support for this concept next session.

Other safety proposals introduced this year include:

- SB 731, sponsored by Sen. John Griesheimer (R-Washington), exempts certain motorists from submitting their motor vehicles to safety and/or emissions inspections when

renewing their certificate of registrations on vehicles which were initially issued one year license plate tabs in that the vehicles were not qualified to be licensed on a biennial basis. The used motor vehicles are not eligible for biennial registrations because the vehicles are even-numbered model year vehicles being registered during an odd-numbered calendar year or the vehicles are odd-numbered model year vehicles being registered during an even-numbered calendar year. Therefore, when an owner renews his or her registration the year following the purchase of the used vehicle, he or she will not have to submit the vehicle to a safety or emissions inspection. The act provides that the Director of Revenue shall renew the person's certificate of registration without proof of such inspections provided the owner presents all other documents required by law and pays all applicable registration fees. While SB 731 itself is waiting to be heard by a Senate Committee, the language from this bill was adopted as an amendment and was added to SS SCS SB 761 & 774 (an omnibus transportation bill).

- SB 937, sponsored by Sen. Wes Shoemyer (D-Mexico), allows utility vehicles to be operated upon highways within the state beginning January 1, 2009. Operators of utility vehicles must possess a driver's license in order to operate the vehicle upon the highway. In order to operate a utility vehicle upon a highway in Missouri, the utility vehicle must be registered with the Department of Revenue. The annual registration fee for a utility vehicle is \$15. Utility vehicles shall be except from motor vehicle safety inspections and emissions inspections. Utility vehicle operators shall maintain financial responsibility on such vehicles. A hearing was held on SB 937 in the Senate Transportation Committee in January. While SB 937 by itself will not advance this session, the language from this bill was adopted as an amendment and was added to SS SCS SB 761 & 774 (an omnibus transportation bill).
- SS SCS SB 761, an omnibus transportation bill, contains a safety provision called "affirmative defense for proceeding through redlight with a motorcycle (dead red)". This act provides that a person operating a motorcycle who enters or crosses an intersection controlled by a traffic-control signal against a red light shall have an affirmative defense to that charge if the person establishes all of the following conditions:
 - (1) The motorcycle has been brought to a complete stop;
 - (2) The traffic signal continues to show a red light for an unreasonable time;
 - (3) The traffic signal is apparently malfunctioning or, if programmed or engineered to change to a green light only after detecting the approach of a motor vehicle, the signal has apparently failed to detect the arrival of the motorcycle; and
 - (4) No motor vehicle or person is approaching on the street or highway to be crossed or entered or is so far away from the intersection that it does not constitute an immediate hazard.

The affirmative defense applies only to a violation for entering or crossing an intersection controlled by a traffic-control signal against a red light and does not provide a defense to any other civil or criminal action.

As previously mentioned, SS SCS SB 761, also includes a provision relating to emissions testing and utility vehicles.

SS SCS SB 761, sponsored by Sen. Bill Stouffer (R-Napton), Senate Transportation Committee chair, is waiting for final Senate approval before it moves on to the House.

- SB 884, sponsored by Sen. Chuck Graham (D-Columbia), requires all drivers and passengers in cars or trucks to wear a seat belt. Under current law, only the driver and front seat passenger are required to use seat belts. Exemptions are allowed for United States Postal Service employees while performing their duties (a continuation of current law), persons operating or riding a motor vehicle being used in agricultural work-related activities (a continuation of current law), and persons with a medical reason with documentation from a physician (documentation requirement is new in the statute).

The act allows for primary enforcement of Missouri's seat belt law by repealing the provision that prohibited law enforcement from stopping or detaining anyone solely to determine compliance with the seat belt law. The act also clarifies existing language, which allows a person to ride without a seat belt when there are more persons than there are seat belts. If there are more persons than there are seat belts, the passengers who are unable to wear seat belts because all existing seat belts are in use shall sit on the rear seat of the motor vehicle. The act also makes the seat belt law applicable to trucks with a licensed gross weight under 12,000 pounds or more.

The bill now waits to be debated on the Senate floor.

- HCS HB 1423, sponsored by Rep. Neal St. Onge (R-Ellisville), specifies that anyone who has had his or her license and driving privilege suspended or revoked for a second or subsequent alcohol-related traffic offense cannot obtain a restricted driving privilege until the person has completed 30 days of a suspension and has filed proof with the Director of the Department of Revenue that his or her motor vehicle is equipped with a functioning, certified ignition interlock device as a required condition of the person's restricted driving privilege. The ignition interlock device must be maintained on all motor vehicles operated by the person for a period of at least six months following the date of reinstatement. If the person fails to maintain the proof, the restricted driving privilege will be terminated and the person will be guilty of a class A misdemeanor. Any person who has had his or her driving privilege revoked must also file proof of financial responsibility prior to reinstatement. HCS HB 1423 waits to be debated on the House floor.
- HB 1421, also sponsored by Rep. St. Onge, would specify that any person who commits the offense of endangerment of a highway worker will be guilty of involuntary manslaughter in the first degree if in doing so, the person acts with criminal negligence to cause the death of any highway worker while the worker is performing work in a construction or work zone. The crime of assault of a law enforcement officer, emergency personnel, or probation and parole officer in the first, second, or third degree is expanded to include a highway worker in a construction or work zone.

This bill has not yet been heard by the House Transportation Committee.

One major problematic safety bill that has been filed and heard in both the House and Senate Committees is repealing the state's motorcycle helmet law.

SB 1067, sponsored by Sen. Luann Ridgeway (R-Smithville), and HCS HB 1393, sponsored by Rep. Gary Dusenberg (R-Blue Springs), requires persons younger than 21 years of age to wear protective headgear when operating or riding as a passenger on any motorcycle or motortricycle on all Missouri roads. The bills require all persons to wear protective headgear when operating or riding as a passenger on a motorcycle or motortricycle on any federal interstate highway.

MoDOT opposes these proposals because motorcycle helmets can save lives. Head injury is the leading cause of death in motorcycle accidents and keeping the helmet requirement protects Missouri lives. While appropriate headgear does not prevent every head injury, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that helmets are 67 percent effective in preventing brain injuries. Motorcycle riders are 37 times more likely to die in an accident than automobile drivers. It has been proven that helmet laws increase helmet usage, which in turn saves lives and reduces head trauma injuries.

Both bills are waiting in their respective chambers for full floor debate.

LEGISLATIVE MATRIX: Attached is Governmental Relations weekly updated matrix, which shows some of the more important transportation bills that the department is tracking. If you should have any questions about these or any other pending legislative proposals, contact GR at 573.522.9284.

UPCOMING TRANSPORTATION EVENTS:

- May 16 – Last day of the 2008 legislative session



MoDOT
Bill Progress Matrix
 3/28/2008

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***Highlighted bills** are MHTC/MoDOT 2008 Priorities

Bill	Description	Author	1st-Chamber	Comm Report	Passed	2nd-Chamber	Comm Report	Passed	Signed/Veto
HB 1309	Allows any family member older than 21 years of age to give written permission for a temporary instruction permit application and to occupy the seat beside the driver with a temporary permit	Day	3-Dec	2/18 - H voted do pass Rules	2/27 - Third Read & Passed	2/27 - Reported to the Senate	3/12 - Public Hearing Completed		
HB 1329	Allows a registrant of any utility trailer, recreational vehicle trailer, camper trailer, or boat trailer with an unloaded weight of 3,000 pounds or less to permanently register the trailer for \$52.50	Sater	3-Dec	2/28 - Referred to H Transportation					
HB 1338	Prevents any state entity from completely shutting down a state highway with a certain traffic volume for a continuous period exceeding two months	Muschany	3-Dec	1/10 - H Read second time					
HB 1354	Exempts certain "implements of husbandry" from the titling, registration, and license plate requirements of Chapter 301, RSMo	Wilson-119	5-Dec	2/11 - H voted do pass Rules	2/20 - Third Read & Passed (Y:147/N:0)	2/20 - Reported to the Senate	3/12 - Public Hearing Completed		
HB 1376	Establishes the Missouri Universal Red Light Enforcement Act which allows political entities to establish automated photo red light enforcement systems to detect red light signal violations	Portwood	7-Dec	2/21 - Referred to House Crime					

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HB 1388	Prohibits persons from operating a motorcycle or motortricycle while carrying a passenger ten years of age or younger	Cox	11-Dec	2/28 - Referred to House Crime					
HB 1393	Requires only persons younger than 21 years of age to wear protective headgear when operating or riding as a passenger on any motorcycle or motortricycle except on interstates	Dusenberg	11-Dec	2/18 - Reported do pass Rules					
HB 1406	Establishes the "drunk driving victim memorial sign program"	Deeken	12-Dec	2/11 - Reported do pass Rules	2/25 - Third read & passed (Y:82/N:51)	2/25 - Reported to Senate	3/12 - Voted do pass S Transportation		
HB 1409	Allows persons who have been convicted more than twice of driving while intoxicated to obtain an ignition interlock restricted license for a one-year period if the person meets certain requirements	Deeken	12-Dec	2/21 - Referred to Crime					
HB 1421	Expands the crimes of involuntary manslaughter and assault of a law enforcement officer, emergency personnel, or probation and parole officer in all degrees to include highway workers in work zones	St. Onge	13-Dec	2/28 - Referred to Crime					
HB 1422	Authorizes the Highways and Transportation Commission to implement and administer a state plan to conform with the federal Unified Carrier Registration Act of 2005	St. Onge	13-Dec	3/11 - H Perfected on consent calendar					
HB 1423	Requires offenders to obtain an ignition interlock device for their first DWI conviction.	St. Onge	13-Dec	3/11 - Referred to H Rules					

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HB 1428	Changes the laws regarding mitigation of damages when the plaintiff was not wearing a safety belt	Kraus	14-Dec	2/28 - Referred to H Special Committee on Health Insurance					
HB 1451	Allows a person to petition the circuit court for a trial de novo as an alternative to seeking judicial review of an agency decision - Identical to HB 1820	Roorda	18-Dec	1/10 - Read second time					
HB 1483	Designates spotted knapweed as noxious weeds	Wells	19-Dec	2/7 - Public Hearing Held					
HB 1500	Names a portion of Highway 80 in New Madrid County the "Gene Curtis Memorial Highway"	Hodges	20-Dec	3/4 - Public Hearing Held					
HB 1525	Requires law enforcement agencies to establish a rotation list of towing truck companies to be used for removing disabled vehicles in their jurisdiction	Franz	3-Jan	1/24 - Referred to H Crime					
HB 1563	Regulates speed limits for certain motor vehicles and the number of consecutive hours a driver may operate a motor vehicle within the state	LeVota	8-Jan	2/28 - Referred to H Transportation					
HB 1564	Repeals the motor vehicle safety inspection program effective January 1, 2009	LeVota	8-Jan	2/28 - Referred to H Transportation					

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HB 1575	Names a portion of Highway 87 in Moniteau County the "Lance Corporal Leon B. Deraps Memorial Highway"	Jones-117	9-Jan	2/11 - HCS Voted do pass	2/20 - Third Read & Passed (Y:148/N:0)	2/20 - Reported to the Senate	3/12 - Voted do pass S Transportation		
HB 1590	Noxious weeds; hazardous substance cleanup; fuel tax exemption for farm equipment and machinery; and establishment of a commission to promote alternative fueled vehicles.	Muzlinger	10-Jan	3/13 - Referred to H Rules					
HB 1639	Changes the laws regarding the Aviation Trust Fund and air traffic control towers	Bruns	14-Jan	2/19 - Public Hearing Held					
HB 1646	Designates the Table Rock Lake Bridge on Highway 39 in Shell Knob as the "State Senator Larry Gene Taylor Memorial Bridge"	Viebrock	15-Jan	3/4 - Public Hearing Held					
HB 1665	Renames the portion of Interstate 70 currently known as "Mark McGwire Highway" to the "John F. Bass Memorial Highway".	El-Amin	15-Jan	1/16 - Read second time					
HB 1686	Authorizes a motor fuel tax holiday for gasoline and diesel fuel used in a personal vehicle for a four-day period during the Memorial Day and Labor Day holiday weekends	Nolte	16-Jan	2/28 - Referred to H Ways & Means					
HB 1728	Changes the laws regarding strategic litigation against public participation	Bivins	17-Jan	2/28 - Referred to H Judiciary					
HB 1736	Establishes the Missouri Illegal Immigration Relief Act to assist the federal government in enforcing federal immigration laws	Schneider	17-Jan	2/6 - Public Hearing Held					

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HB 1737	Exempts motor fuel used in school buses from motor fuel tax when driven to transport students for educational purposes	Wallace	17-Jan	1/24 - Referred to H Education					
HB 1786	Requires the department of transportation to develop and implement a pavement management system for each mile of roadway on the state highway system	Meadows	23-Jan	2/28 - Referred to H Transportation					
HB 1819	Modifies the law regarding the Scenic Byway Program	Roorda	24-Jan	2/28 - Referred to H Transportation					
HB 1820	Allows an employee of the state or any of its political subdivisions to petition the circuit court for a trial de novo as an alternative to seeking judicial review of an agency decision on employment - Identical to HB 1451	Roorda	24-Jan	1/28 - Read second time					
HB 1833	Establishes the Missouri Universal Health Assurance Program to provide a publicly financed, statewide insurance program for all residents of this state	Bland	24-Jan	2/28 - Referred to H Special Committee on General Laws					
HB 1853	Requires any public governmental body to make and retain a verbatim audio recording of any closed meeting	Bivins	24-Jan	2/28 - Referred to H Judiciary					
HB 1887	Designates a portion of Highway 13 in Polk County as the "Rick Seiner Memorial Highway"	Parson	29-Jan	3/25 - Reported do pass consent H Rules					

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HB 1905	Adds "tourist attractions" to the list of attractions eligible to receive signs under section 226.525, RSMo	Schlottach	29-Jan	2/28 - Referred to H Transportation					
HB 1908	Allows for automated speed enforcement in work zones	St. Onge	29-Jan	1/30 - Read second time					
HB 1926	Exempts all vehicles assembled and sold in this state from state and local sales and use tax	Frame	30-Jan	2/28 - Referred to H Ways & Means					
HB 1937	Relates to voting methods established a Transportation Development District	Pearce	31-Jan	3/25 - Reported do pass consent H Rules					
HB 1952	Designates the U.S. Highway 63 Gasconade River Bridge in Maries County as the "Roy Bassett Memorial Bridge."	Loehner	31-Jan	3/25 - Reported do pass consent H Rules					
HB 1974	Authorizes PPPs for all transportation infrastructure needs, including signing, traffic signals and multimodal improvements	Schlottach	4-Feb	3/11 - Public Hearing Held					
HB 1999	Requires certain wrecker and towing services to be licensed and requires the Department of Public Safety to place a licensed wrecker or towing service on the State Highway Patrol's rotation log	McGhee	6-Feb	2/28 - Referred to H Transportation					

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HB 2020	Appropriates money for supplemental purposes for the several departments and offices of state government, for the purchase of equipment, planning, expenses for the fiscal period ending 5-30-2008	Icet	23-Jan	1/31 - Voted do pass H Rules	2/7 - Third Read & Passed (Y:149/N:4)	2/11 - Reported to the Senate	2/14 - Voted do pass S Appropriations	2/18 - Third Read & Passed (Y:32/N:1)	3/13 - Signed by Governor
HB 2029	Establishes the Legislative Budget Office within the Joint Committee on Legislative Research	Muschany	6-Feb	3/11 - Public Hearing Held					
HB 2044	Names a portion of Missouri Route WW in Boone County "Carl Edwards Drive"	Baker-25	7-Feb	2/28 - Referred H Transportation					
HB 2172	Enacts provisions relating to safety at railroad crossings	Deeken	14-Feb	2/28 - Referred H Transportation					
HB 2177	Changes provisions relating to the Missouri Sunshine Law	Harris - 23	18-Feb	3/27 - Referred to H Judiciary					
HB 2206	Requires the department of transportation to provide full consideration to including bicycle ways and pedestrian ways in the planning and development of transportation projects	Sutherland	19-Feb	3/25 - Reported do pass consent H Rules					

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HB 2214	Provides that the gross weight of vehicles traveling on non-interstate roads in this state shall not exceed 85,500 pounds	Cooper - 120	20-Feb	2/28 - Referred to H Transportation					
HB 2234	Authorizes an exemption from motor fuel tax on fuel used for school buses	Page	21-Feb	2/28 - Referred to H Education					
HB 2253	Changes the laws regarding motor vehicles, trailers, vessels, outboard motors, and aircraft	St. Onge	21-Feb	2/25 - Read Second time					
HB 2265	Requires health benefit plans to include coverage for the treatment of autism spectrum disorders	Grisamore	26-Feb	3/27 - Referred to H Health Care Policy					
HB 2270	Requires certified law enforcement officers to review video footage of red light cameras prior to issuing summons and requires positive identification of the license plate of the vehicle	Roorda	27-Feb	2/28 - Read second time					
HB 2284	Requires new parking lots and parking lots being restriped after August 28, 2008, to have a certain number of lift van accessible only parking spaces	Meadows	27-Feb	2/28 - Read second time					
HB 2292	Specifies that any person who commits a steady red light violation that is detected and enforced through an automated photo red light enforcement system will be guilty of an infraction	Faith	28-Feb	3/13 - Referred to H Crime Prevention					
HB 2304	Changes the laws regarding the identification, assessment, and education of children with autism spectrum disorder	Lampe	28-Feb	2/29 - Read second time					

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HB 2305	Requires the Revisor of Statutes to make all copies of laws, resolutions, and constitutional measures available electronically to the public and eliminates the printing of certain state documents	Lampe	28-Feb	2/29 - Read second time					
HB 2335	Allows a left turn on a red light from a one-way street into another one-way street upon yielding to pedestrians and any other traffic	Daus	4-Mar	3/05 - Read second time					
HB 2336	Designates a portion of Interstate 55 in Jefferson County as the "Jeff McBride Memorial Highway"	Roorda	4-Mar	3/5 - Read second time					
HB 2337	Prohibits any condemning authority from acquiring by eminent domain any real property of a commercial gun shop, hunting preserve, or shooting range	Frame	4-Mar	3/5 - Read second time					
HB 2360	Designates a portion of State Highway 169 in Gentry County as the "Mo. Hwy. Patrol Corporal Henry C. Bruns Memorial Highway"	Guest	5-Mar	3/12 - Reported do pass consent H Rules					
HB 2364	Limits the amount a plaintiff can recover in tort actions against the state or its agents, officers, or employees	Villa	6-Mar	3/10 - Read second time					
HB 2368	Defines "intoxication-related traffic homicide" and expands certain intoxication-related traffic offenses to include intoxication-related traffic homicide	Roorda	6-Mar	3/10 - Read second time					
HB 2373	Imposes additional penalties on a person who has been convicted of an intoxication-related traffic offense when his or her blood-alcohol content was .16 of 1% or higher	Harris - 23	6-Mar	3/10 - Read second time					

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HB 2376	Changes the laws regarding the identification, assessment, and education of children with autism spectrum disorder	Grisamore	6-Mar	3/27 - Referred to H Elementary & Secondary Education					
HB 2388	Requires all drivers and passengers in cars or trucks to wear a seat belt, with certain exceptions, and allows law enforcement officers to make traffic stops of certain persons solely for this violation	Roorda	10-Mar	3/11 - Read second time					
HB 2427	Imposes various regulations (hours of operation, vehicle safety, drug and alcohol screening, etc.) on contract carriers that transport railroad employees	Meadows	12-Mar	3/13 - Read second time					
HB 2471	Names a portion of Interstate 44 in St. Louis County the "Police Officer Nicholas K.Sloan Memorial Highway".	Scharnhorst	27-Mar	3/27 - Read first time					
HCR 15	Urges the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration to establish a controlled pilot program allowing 19 to 21 year-olds to obtain a CDL for interstate commerce	Kuessner	24-Jan	3/4 - Public Hearing Held					
HCR 18	Recognizes the I-49 Coalition as the official organization for the project to upgrade U.S. Highway 71 to interstate standards	Fisher	30-Jan	3/11 - Voted do pass H Rules					

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HJR 50	Proposes a constitutional amendment replacing the Highways and Transportation Commission with a Director of Transportation	Dusenberg	11-Dec	2/14 - Referred to H Transportation					
HJR 53	Proposes a constitutional amendment replacing the Highways and Transportation Commission with a Director of Transportation	LeVota	8-Jan	1/17 - Referred to H Transportation					
HJR 62	Proposes a constitutional amendment giving the power of eminent domain to the state and its political subdivisions whose officials are directly responsible to elected officials	Harris - 110	31-Jan	2/14 - Referred to H Judiciary					
HJR 67	Proposes a constitutional amendment distributing ten percent of general revenue growth to the State Road Fund and the State Transportation Fund	Davis	12-Feb	2/26 - Public Hearing Held					
SB 722	This act exempts fuel tax on motor fuel used for school buses, by school districts or persons contracted with school districts to provide school bus services.	Coleman	3-Dec	3/11 - Reported do pass S Ways & Means					
SB 728	Designates a portion of U.S. Highway 169 as the "Deputy Charles M. Cook Memorial Highway".	Shields	3-Dec	Bill included in SB 753					
SB 753	Designates a portion of state highway 84 as the "Corporal Rickey L. Bell Memorial Highway".	Mayer	3-Dec	2/21 - SCS Reported Do Pass S Transportation	2/28 - Third Read & Passed (Y:33/N:0)	3/26 - Referred to H Transportation			

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SB 760	Authorizes the State Highways and Transportation Commission to take the necessary steps to implement and administer a state plan to conform with the Unified Carrier Registration Act of 2005	Stouffer	3-Dec	2/6 - SCS Voted do pass S Transportation	2/28 - Third Read & Passed (Y:33/N:0)	3/26 - Referred to H Transportation			
SB 761	Modifies various laws relating to transportation and the regulation of motor vehicles. Also includes UCR & Annual Bid Bonds.	Stouffer	3-Dec	2/7 - Reported do pass S Transportation	3/26 - SS adopted and Perfected				
SB 793	Allows Department of Transportation to construct toll roads under certain conditions	Bartle	3-Dec	1/23 - Public Hearing Held					
SB 809	Imposes various billboard standards to billboards adjacent to Interstate 70 and Interstate 44 during period of interstate construction	Stouffer	3-Dec	2/21 - SCS Reported Do Pass S Transportation					
SB 810	Requires all diesel fuel sold at retail in Missouri after April 1, 2010 to be biodiesel-blended fuel	Stouffer	3-Dec	1/10 - Referred to S Agriculture					
SB 837	Creates the Public Employee Due Process Act	Bray	3-Dec	1/14 - Referred to S Financial					
SB 841	Increases weight limit for certain motor vehicles equipped with idle reduction technology.	Stouffer	3-Dec	2/20 - Voted do pass S Transportation	2/28 - Third Read & Passed (Y:34/N:0)	3/26 - Referred to H Transportation			
SB 860	Prohibits the condemnation of property owned by a gun club or sportsmen's club.	Shoemyer	3-Dec	1/14 - Referred to S Pensions					

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SB 872	This act provides that signs which were legally erected according to legal standards in effect prior to August 28, 2002, but which fail to comply with new legal standards on that date shall be considered as legal conforming out of standard signs under Missouri law. Such signs shall not be considered nonconforming for failure to comply with subsequently adopted sign standards.	Stouffer	12-Dec	1/15 - Referred to S Transportation					
SB 881	Establishes the drunk driving memorial sign program	Green	18-Dec	2/28 - Reported do pass S Transportation					
SB 884	Modifies Missouri's seat belt law by making it applicable to all passengers and allows for primary enforcement	Graham	18-Dec	3/5 - SCS Voted do pass					
SB 892	Prohibits local governments from using automated photo red light enforcement systems unless the traffic control signals are also equipped with devices that display the numerical time remaining before the signals will display a red signal	Green	18-Dec	1/15 - Referred to S Pensions					
SB 901	Under the act, all rights to unaccrued compensation for permanent total disability shall cease upon the death of the injured employee. Unpaid unaccrued compensation for permanent partial disability will continue to be paid to dependents.	Loudon	27-Dec	2/14 - SCS voted do pass S Small Business	2/28 - Third Read & Passed (Y:34/N:0)	3/26 - Referred to H Workforce			

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SB 904	Modifies provisions pertaining to the Underground Facility Safety and Damage Prevention Act - Adds MoDOT to Missouri One Call	Griesheimer	3-Jan	3/27 - SCS voted do pass S Commerce & Environment					
SB 905	Establishes the Regional Railroad Authorities Act	Loudon	4-Jan	3/5 - SCS Voted do pass					
SB 906	Designates a portion of state highway 87 in Moniteau County as the "Lance Corporal Leon B. Deraps Memorial Highway"	Vogel	7-Jan	Bill included in SB 753					
SB 919	Assesses fee on shippers that transport radioactive waste within Missouri	Rupp	8-Jan	2/20 - Voted do pass S Transportation					
SB 924	Creates a state and local sales tax exemption for sales of motor vehicles assembled and sold in this state	Koster	9-Jan	1/16 - Referred to S Ways & Means					
SB 930	Removes cap on amount of aviation generated revenue that may be deposited in state aviation trust fund and expands purposes for which moneys in the aviation trust fund may be used	Stouffer	10-Jan	2/21 - SCS Reported do pass S Gov. Accountability					
SB 953	Extends expiration date for public governmental bodies to close certain security-related records	Scott	15-Jan	2/14 - Reported do pass S Financial	2/28 - Third Read & Passed (Y:33/N:0)	3/26 - Referred to H Judiciary			
SB 963	Requires law enforcement agencies to establish rotation lists of towing truck companies to be called for removing disabled vehicles	Stouffer	16-Jan	1/22 - Referred to S Transportation					

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SB 981	Designates the plant spotted knapweed as a noxious weed	Purgason	22-Jan	1/24 - Referred to S Agriculture					
SB 1024	Modifies provisions relating to liability for tort claims against the state or state entities created under the Housing Authorities Laws	Scott	28-Jan	3/10 - Public Hearing Held					
SB 1026	Designates a portion of State Highway 13 as the "Rick Seiner Memorial Highway"	Scott	28-Jan	Bill included in SB 753					
SB 1057	Modifies procedure for forming transportation development districts within multiple counties	Scott	30-Jan	3/5 - SCS Voted do pass S Transportation					
SB 1067	Provides that persons 21 years of age and older are not required to wear a helmet when operating or riding a motorcycle, unless they are on an interstate highway. Any person who operates or rides as a passenger on any motorcycle on the interstate without a helmet may be fined \$25.	Ridgeway	31-Jan	3/27 - Reported do pass S Transportation					
SB 1077	Under this act, the general prohibition against indemnity agreements is expanded to specifically prohibit agreements to hold harmless the negligence of the other person's officers, employees, or agents.	Goodman	4-Feb	2/26 - Public Hearing Held					
SB 1091	Requires the MHTC to promulgate rules where railroad corporations and companies are to provide or make available counseling to railroad workers involved in an accident which results in a death or serious bodily injury	Bray	6-Feb	2/14 - Referred to S Small Business					

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SB 1096	Establishes spousal shareleave for state employees	Graham	7-Feb	2/14 - Referred to S Pension					
SB 1099	Designates a portion of Missouri Route WW in Boone County as "Carl Edwards Drive"	Graham	7-Feb	3/27 - Reported do pass S Transportation					
SB 1101	Establishes the Missouri Universal Health Assurance Program	Bray	7-Feb	3/11 - Public Hearing Held					
SB 1117	Creates requirements and provides incentives for environmentally sustainable buildings	Smith - 14	11-Feb	3/6 - Public Hearing Held					
SB 1130	Expands types of projects that may be completed under Public-Private Transportation Act and creates various tax incentives for their completion	Stouffer	12-Feb	2/14 - Referred to S Commerce					
SB 1181	Reconvenes the Missouri Energy Task Force created by Executive Order 05-46	Engler	25-Feb	3/13 - Reported do Pass S Eco. Devo.					
SB 1201	This act modifies several provisions relating to transportation development districts	Griesheimer	26-Feb	2/28 - Referred to S Eco. Devo.					
SB 1217	Submits to the voters a one-cent sales tax proposal to assist in the reconstruction, rebuilding, construction, and conversion of Interstate 70 and Interstate 44 into an eight-lane interstate system	Stouffer	27-Feb	2/28 - Referred to S Transportation					

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SB 1257	Creates new criminal penalties for killing or assaulting a highway worker	Goodman	28-Feb	2/28 - First Read					
SB 1265	Imposes various regulations (hours of operation, vehicle safety, drug and alcohol screening, etc.) on contract carriers that transport railroad employees	Bray	28-Feb	3/3 - Referred to S Transportation					
SB 1281	Requires motor vehicle dealers to collect and remit sales tax	Griesheimer	28-Feb	3/12 - Public Hearing Held					
SJR 31	This proposed constitutional amendment authorizes the Highway & Transportation Commission to conduct feasibility studies, fund, design, acquire, construct, maintain, and operate toll facilities.	Bartle	3-Dec	1/23 - Public Hearing Held					
SJR 38	Creates a two year budget cycle	Clemens	17-Dec	1/16 - Referred to H Gov. Acct.					
SJR 40	Creates a state-wide sales and use tax to fund the Missouri Highway Patrol.	McKenna	2-Jan	1/16 - Referred to S Ways & Means					
SJR 43	Distributes ten percent of general revenue growth to the State Road Fund and the State Transportation Fund	Loudon	17-Jan	3/6 - Voted do pass					
SJR 48	Institutes a one percent sales and use tax for the purpose of converting Interstate 70 and Interstate 44 into an eight-lane interstate system	Stouffer	28-Feb	2/28 - Referred to S Transportation					