The Missouri Department of Transportation (Central & Northeast Districts) and the American Council of Engineering Companies of Missouri held their meeting on September 9, 2015, at 1 p.m. at the ACEC office in Jefferson City. The following individuals were present:

MoDOT Representatives:  ACEC/MO Representatives:  
Steve Engelbrecht  James Smith  Tim Broyles  Tim Ross  
Bruce Green  Dave Silvester  Aaron McVicker  Chip Touzinsky  
Natalie Roark  

1. Discussion/Update from MHTC Meeting (September 2, 2015):
The MHTC met in St. Louis for their September meeting.

There were two groups of speakers. The first read a prepared statement concerning funding and transportation spending. Her point was that MoDOT was not spending their funding correctly. She gave a copy of her speech to the Commission. The second group had members from North County Inc. and St. Louis County. All members gave impassioned pleas to the Commission to reinstate the I-270 planning study so that it can be completed. Commissioner Miller stated that the Commission would consider the request.

The Central District had a couple of projects that went out for bid and were awarded to contractors.

Tom Blair gave an update on the “Road to Tomorrow” initiative. MoDOT has received approximately 190 suggestions from the public and private industry. These are labeled as “bronze” level. 15-20 of these suggestions will be investigated further and are considered “silver” level. Since the silver suggestions are still under consideration none have been moved to “gold” level. The suggestions have been broken down into six categories: Energy and utilities, trucking efficiency, advertising, data and communications, and alternative travel. Commissioner Miller is passionate about this program and he wants I-70 to be an open laboratory and potential future of innovation on I-70. Two ideas that have been deemed significant are the Solar Roadways solar generated power and Peloton Technology’s truck linkages.

MoDOT has also initiated a second RFP for the “Roads to Tomorrow.” This request seems more formal and MoDOT is just starting to react to the request.

2. MissouriBUYS Procurement Process:
Not much was known about this at this meeting. MoDOT is still inquiring how this new State of Missouri process affects MoDOT. More to come.

3. I-70 D/B Update:
Bruce Green and Tim Broyles gave an update on the project. Construction has just commenced and is focused on the Rangeline Street improvements. Retaining walls will be next. Check out
the MoDOT website (www.modot.org/columbiabridges) to see the ESS/Parson teams winning solution and project updates.

4. **Potential Uses/Projects for New Tax Revenue:**
   MoDOT received their allocation of tax for fiscal year 2016 and received $47 million in revenue above projections. $42 million was needed to match federal funding. Total increase is approximately $210 million. MoDOT will still use the existing funding formula for taking care of the primary system with the addition that the supplementary roads will receive funding. With this additional funding the Central district will add bridges on both the primary and supplementary system. The starting point is that there will be a mix of 50% bridges and 50% roadway projects for the additional allocation of funds. This equates to about three dozen new projects. Still need to discuss the considered projects with the local planning organizations prior to release. The 325 plan is no longer in effect. Fiscal year 2018 still has funding shortages and needs to be addressed. There is anticipated consultant work for bridge design. An additional $40 million was added to the budget from the cost share pot. This equates to about $5 million per district.

5. **Update on Champ Clark Bridge:**
   No attendees from NE district so no update was given on this project.

6. **District Bridge Closures:**
   There were a couple of bridge inspections completed this week and no new reductions in posting or closures. Laclede County Bridge is still closed. Approximately 641 critical bridges in the state. This increased by 50 this year.

7. **Other Items:**
   a. **SS4 Update**
      There are some growing pains with the new design software package. Still running into some glitches and Bentley is getting them fixed. Not as smooth as a transition as MoDOT Central District hoped. CADD support has been very helpful. Updates are being tested at the moment. It was recommended that we contact Ashley Reinkemeyer to give an update to the group at the next meeting. Still no timeframe on when consultants will be invited to training.

   b. **Missouri Chamber Mo2030.com**
      The Missouri Chamber released a good study of the issues plaguing the State of Missouri from an economic and jobs creation aspect. Visit www.mo2030.com to read the study.

   c. **Next meeting**
      Discussion was had concerning the NE district and increasing their involvement in these meetings. The team discussed having the next meeting in Hannibal at the NE district HQ. Dawn will look into a location that would work. Next meeting will be in March 2016. More information and date/time/location will be disseminated once finalize.