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21<sup>st</sup> Century Missouri Transportation System Task Force  
c/o Representative Kevin Corlew  
201 West Capitol Avenue  
Room 201-BA  
Jefferson City MO 65101

Chairman Corlew,

Please accept this correspondence as official testimony on behalf of the Mercury Alliance, in support of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Missouri Transportation System Task Force's effort to develop funding solutions for Missouri's transportation system.

The Mercury Alliance is a statewide alliance of transportation supporters in Missouri. Our members include agriculture groups, airports, bicycle and pedestrian interests, chambers of commerce, corridor interests, economic development organizations, freight groups, planning groups, private businesses, state associations, trade unions, and transit organizations. We represent organizations and individuals that don't always agree on issues, but they do agree on this: Missouri's transportation system requires strategic investment now.

Our position on transportation funding in Missouri is simple:

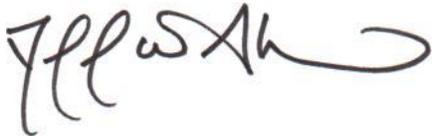
To **enhance quality of life** and **grow a strong statewide economy**, Missourians must work with leadership from the General Assembly and the Governor to **make strategic investments** in an innovative, reliable, and safe total transportation system.

- Strategic investment will enhance quality of life by providing:
  - Convenient and reliable access to educational opportunities, jobs, and amenities
  - A transportation system that facilitates recruitment, retention, and development of Missouri's workforce
  - A system that safely moves people and goods
- Strategic investments will grow a strong Missouri economy and create competitive advantages by:
  - Proactively addressing needs identified by industries to retain current employers, and attract those looking to locate or expand in Missouri
  - Capitalizing on the geographic advantages of our state
  - Improving efficiencies in, and increasing capacity of, the interconnected movement of freight in, out, and through Missouri
  - Creating opportunities for the integration of technological advancements

- Strategic investments require ***adequate and sustainable funding*** sources ***for all modes*** of transportation.

Missourians and their elected officials can no longer wait to address the state's transportation funding problems. We applaud your efforts to hear directly from communities around the state in your search for transportation solutions. Your victory will be in transforming that information into action that secures the state's transportation system for future generations of Missourians.

Respectfully,

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Jeff W. Glenn, Executive Director  
The Mercury Alliance