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# ***TRANSPORTATION FUTURE SUMMIT 2023***

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# THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

## 1:30pm | **KICKOFF**

Dan Mehan, Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry — with a special message from U.S. Congressman Sam Graves

Hear from U.S. Rep. Sam Graves (R-MO), chairman of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, via video. Bryan Nichols, Rep. Graves' communications director, will answer questions.

## 2pm | **BREAK/TRANSITION**

### 2:15pm | **BREAKOUTS**

#### **WINDSOR I**

##### **Putting Automated Driving Systems to the Test: a Collaborative Research Framework**

*Dr. Filmon Habtemichael, Battelle*

Once a sci-fi fantasy, self-driving cars are today's reality. But keeping the streets safe requires extensive testing of these automated driving systems (ADSs) – from test tracks to public roads. By working together, ADS developers and Infrastructure Owners and Operators can improve testing, help identify problems and solutions, and speed up the deployment of ADSs across the country. Dr. Filmon Habtemichael, a research scientist at Battelle, will break down the Framework project – a research framework developed by the Federal Highway Administration to foster that critical collaboration.

## 3pm | **BREAK/TRANSITION**

### 3:10pm | **BREAKOUTS**

#### **WINDSOR I**

##### **Missouri River Terminal**

*Jon Stephens, Port KC*

Studies show that freight volumes in the U.S. are expected to double by 2040. Jon Stephens, President and CEO of Port KC, will discuss the Missouri River Terminal project underway in Kansas City to help handle the additional traffic. Hear how 415 acres of a former steel mill site are being transformed into an intermodal port and hub through a public-private partnership.

## 3:55pm | **BREAK/TRANSITION**

### 4:10pm | **BREAKOUTS**

#### **WINDSOR I**

##### **The Future of Alternative Fuel Transportation**

*Angela Nelson, AAA Missouri*

The American economy and our modern way of life are built around the automobile. We are dependent on automobiles, and we are also dependent on the fuel that keeps those engines running. Whether you are concerned about the impact of fossil fuels on the climate or the scarcity and increasing cost of petroleum-based fuels, the topic of alternative fuels inevitably surfaces. This session will provide an overview of the latest developments in alternative fuels and what fuels currently have the greatest momentum. Finally, the session will provide information on the current state of electric vehicles and the EV charging infrastructure.

#### **WINDSOR II**

##### **Helping The Economy Take Flight**

*Justin Meyer, Kansas City Aviation Department;  
Mike Parks, Columbia Regional Airport*

Within the past year, both Kansas City International Airport and Columbia Regional Airport have unveiled new terminals. The effect of these upgrades goes far beyond KC and CoMo, though – they boost the overall economy of the state. Hear how Justin Meyer and Michael Parks have helped lead their respective airports through these changes and the related impacts.

#### **WINDSOR II**

##### **Legislative Session Recap & Forecast**

*Kara Corches, Phillip Arnzen & Heidi Sutherland, Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry*

Join us for a discussion with the Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry's Governmental Affairs Team about the 2023 legislative session and what to expect next year. The team will provide insights into the various budget items and laws that impact Missouri's infrastructure and, ultimately, our economy.

#### **WINDSOR II**

##### **Future of Railroad**

*Jeff Davis, BNSF Railway; Troy Hughes, MoDOT;  
Larry Lloyd, Canadian Pacific Kansas City;  
Brent Wood, Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis*

It's been a big year for railroad in Missouri. In April, the merger of Canadian Pacific Railway and Kansas City Southern established the first and only single-line transnational railroad linking Canada, the U.S. and Mexico. In June, Gov. Parson signed House Bill 4, which included \$50 million in funding to improve safety at Missouri's public railroad crossings. Learn about the impact of these major events and hear how improved railway efficiency and capacity will ensure supply chain stability for the entire nation.

## 5-6pm | **WELCOME RECEPTION**

# FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8–8:30am | **BREAKFAST**

8:30am | **WELCOME**

*Dan Mehan, Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry – with special guest Terry Ecker, chairman of the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission*

8:45 | **OPENING KEYNOTE**

*Governor Mike Parson*

From his first day in office, Gov. Parson has made infrastructure improvement a top priority. This year he led the push for I-70 expansion, railroad crossing safety and increased funding for roads, ports, airports, bridges and broadband. Hear from the governor as we focus on the future of transportation.

9:15am | **MIZZOU TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH AND OUTREACH PROGRAMS**

*Dr. Praveen Edara, P.E., and Dr. Bill Buttlar, P.E., University of Missouri*

Researchers at the University of Missouri are paving the way for improved transportation infrastructure. Dr. Praveen Edara and Dr. Bill Buttlar, professional engineers and researchers at MU, will give an overview of the university's transportation research projects and collaboration with other academic partners in the state through the Missouri Center for Transportation Innovation. Plus, learn about the Missouri Work Zone Safety Center of Excellence – a new MU initiative to improve safety on I-70 and beyond.

10am | **BREAK**

10:15am | **TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE UPDATE**

*Sen. Travis Fitzwater*

Looking ahead to 2024? Sen. Travis Fitzwater, chair of the Missouri Senate Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety Committee, will discuss transportation issues and what to expect on infrastructure in the next legislative session.

11am | **MoDOT UPDATE**

*Dir. Patrick McKenna, Missouri Department of Transportation*

Missouri is faced with a once-in-a-generation opportunity. The 2023 state budget included \$2.8 billion to widen I-70 across the state, along with funding for an environmental impact study on I-44 and Highway 63 improvements. MoDOT Director Patrick McKenna will break down the big infrastructure projects currently underway and discuss what's next.

11:45pm | **LUNCH**

12:25pm | **STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP)**

*Eric Schroeter, Missouri Department of Transportation*

What is the plan to maintain and improve 33,830 miles of roads, 10,387 bridges and 4,800 miles of railroad tracks in Missouri? MoDOT Assistant Chief Engineer Eric Schroeter will discuss the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, highlighting the specific projects MoDOT will undertake in the next five years.

1pm | **CLOSING**





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