A Report Card From Missourians – 2011

**Background**

ETC Institute completed a comprehensive statewide customer satisfaction study to evaluate MoDOT’s overall performance and identify the transportation services and improvements that are most important to Missourians. The survey asked questions to populate seven MoDOT Tracker measures and assess the public’s support for various ways of raising and appropriating revenue for transportation. ETC Institute obtained a representative sample of each of the 10 MoDOT districts, with a minimum of 350 respondents per district, totaling 3,524 Missourians.

**General Satisfaction Findings**

- Missourians are satisfied with the job MoDOT is doing. Overall satisfaction was at 83%, same as last year. *(Up 14% from 2005, our highest recorded satisfaction level was 85% in 2009) (Figure 1)*
- Customer perception that MoDOT is the “primary transportation expert” remains in same range as last two years. *(90%, down just 3% from last year, down 1% from 2009 and up 5% from 2008) (Figure 2)*
- Missourians continue to agree that MoDOT provides accurate, timely and understandable information about projects in their area. *(90% range similar to the past 2 years) (Figure 2)*
- Missourians generally agree that MoDOT considers their needs and views in decision-making. *(73%, down 5% from last year and a 8% increase from 2008, up 22% from 2005) (Figure 2)*
- Missourians are still satisfied with transportation options. Sixty-eight percent (68%) indicated satisfaction on the report card, a decrease of 3% from last year, up 11% from 2008. *(Figure 2)*
- Of those Missourians who are satisfied with MoDOT, respondents listed highways in good condition (44%) and completed needed project construction (16%) as the things about MoDOT they are most satisfied with. Forty-four percent (44%) of dissatisfied residents named road conditions as their issue of most concern, a 5 percent decline from last year. *(Figures 3 and 4)*
- Ninety percent *(90%, down 2% from last year)* of the residents indicated that they trust MoDOT to keep its commitments to the public and only ten percent did not. *(Figure 5)*
- Sixty-two percent (62%) of residents, who had an opinion, were satisfied with the job MoDOT has done to keep the surface of major highways in good condition, up 1% from last year and 13% from 2009. *(Figure 6)*
- Seventy percent (70%) of residents, who had an opinion, agreed (combination of “strongly agree” and “somewhat agree” responses) with the statement “MoDOT does a good job of minimizing travel delays caused by construction & maintenance on highways”; fifteen percent (15%) gave a neutral response, and 15% disagreed with the statement. *(Down 1% from last year and 2% from 2009) (Figure 7)*

**Funding Findings**

- Missourians continue to choose tolling as the most acceptable revenue generating method for transportation. Although, the 26% that selected tolling is up 1% from last year, it is down 4% from 2009. Increasing sales taxes continued to be the second choice among Missourians at 18%, which was down by 3% from last year. Increasing car registration and license fees, the third choice came in at 14%, up 10% from last year. Increasing fuel tax, the fourth choice, saw a decrease at 11%, down 5% from last year. Replacing gas tax with vehicle mileage/travel tax was introduced last year became fifth choice by losing 1% level of support at 9% this year. *(Figure 8)*
- Fifteen percent (15%) of residents, who had an opinion, thought that funding for transportation in Missouri should be increased greatly over the next 5 years; 33% thought it should be increased slightly, 48% thought it should stay the same while only 4% thought it should either be reduced slightly or reduced greatly. *(Figure 9)*
Figure 1

**Trends:** Overall satisfaction with the job that the Missouri Department of Transportation is doing by percentage of respondents surveyed who rated the item as a 1 to 4 on a 4-point scale (excluding “not sure”).

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<th>Year</th>
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<td>56%</td>
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Source: ETC Institute (2011)

Figure 2

**Trends:** Level of agreement with statements related to transportation in Missouri and MoDOT: 2008-2011 by percentage of respondents surveyed who rated the item as either “Strongly Agree” or “Somewhat Agree” (excluding “not sure”).

- MoDOT is the primary transportation expert in Missouri
- MoDOT provides accurate information to citizens about road projects, highway conditions & work zones
- MoDOT provides timely information to citizens about road projects, highway conditions & work zones
- MoDOT provides understandable information to citizens about road projects, highway conditions & work zones
- MoDOT takes into consideration your needs and views in its transportation decision-making
- You are satisfied with the transportation options available to you besides your own personal vehicle
- Up to 20% of each project’s funds should be spent to add bicycle/pedestrian facilities at the expense of other projects
- MoDOT signs are Big enough for you to see
- MoDOT signs are BRIGHT enough for you to see
- Striping on MoDOT highways is bright enough

Source: ETC Institute (2011)
*No comparative data was available from previous surveys for this follow-up question.
Figure 6

*Trends: Satisfaction with MoDOT’s efforts to provide various services on Missouri highways 2009-2011*

by percentage of respondents surveyed who rated the item as either “Very Satisfied” or “Satisfied”
(excluding “not sure”)

- Provide signage along highways that is easy to understand: 97% 97% 97%
- Managing snow & ice on highways: 76% 77% 77%
- Providing visible roadside/centerline striping: 85% 86% 86%
- Removing debris from driving lanes: 70% 70% 70%
- Mowing & trimming of trees/grass/weeds: 80% 80% 80%
- Picking up litter & trash along highways: 55% 55% 55%
- Minimizing congestion on highways: 80% 80% 80%
- Keeping shoulders in good condition: 85% 85% 85%
- Keeping bridges in good condition: 91% 91% 91%
- Keeping the surface of highways in good condition: 52% 52% 52%
- Keeping the surface of OTHER state highways in good condition: 21% 21% 21%
- Supporting the development of alternative forms of transportation: 44% 44% 44%

Source: ETC Institute (2011)

Figure 7

*Trends: If it was determined that the state needs to increase revenues to adequately fund Missouri state highways and roads, which one of the following methods would be most acceptable to you?*

by percentage of respondents (excluding “not sure”)

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<td>Increase Sales Tax</td>
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<td>Increase Fuel Tax</td>
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<td>Increase Car Registration and License Fees</td>
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<td>Replace gas tax with vehicle mileage/travel tax</td>
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<td>None of These</td>
<td>22%</td>
<td>18%</td>
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Source: ETC Institute (2011)
Figure 8

**Trends:** How do you think funding for transportation in Missouri should be over the next five years, should it be...?

by percentage of respondents (excluding "not sure")

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Source: ETC Institute (2011)

Figure 9

**Trends:** Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements: 2009-2011

by percentage of respondents surveyed who rated the item as "Strongly Agree" or "Agree" (excluding don’t knows)

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<td>MoDOT does a good job of minimizing travel delays caused by construction &amp; maintenance on highways</td>
<td>70%</td>
<td>71%</td>
<td>72%</td>
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