**Missouri Transportation Taskforce**

**July 2021 Meeting Minutes**

**July 6, 2021 3pm**

* **Attendees**
  + Ed Thomas, Holly Reiff, Jake Jacobs, James McGee, Laura Miller, Laura Mueth, Mallory, Marissa Peterson, Mike Foley, Jill Stedem
* **DSS Workforce Initiatives Team (Thomas Epling)**
  + Laura Miller- St. Francois to Illinois, Crawford, Dent down to the border of Arkansas including the boot hill.
    - Skill-up program is largest program. Pays to help get a job or find employment also short- term trainings where they can get certification to get a job.
    - Missouri Work Assistance (MWA) – Program similar to Skill-up, but for those that receive temporary assistance.
    - Jobs League- Youth Ages 14-24, receive on the job experience as well as receive a paycheck
    - HITE (Healthcare Industry Training and Education)- getting ready to expire.
    - JAG (Jobs for American Graduates) - program in high schools
      * Supportive services are included in all of these programs including gas reimbursement, repairs on vehicles, work clothes.
        + Any data on costs related to transportation for these services?
* **Interagency on Special Needs Transportation- Letter (James McGee)**
  + Researched committee and letter.
    - MoDot 5310 criteria does meet some of the requirements, but not the full requirements
    - Difficulty drafting a form letter that covers all entities.
* **Missouri Transportation Funding (Ed Thomas)**
  + Ed shared the financial expenditures he gathered related to transportation.
* **Open Discussion** 
  + Christy Evers has been hired at MoDot as new transit administrator.