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### **Senator Bill Stouffer Announces Funding for Ferry**

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JEFFERSON CITY – Sen. Bill Stouffer, R-Napton, is pleased to announce there is money to fund a ferry while the Glasgow bridge is closed for repairs. This happened after months of extensive work with local leaders and MoDOT officials to find a solution to getting across the Missouri River while the bridge receives much needed renovations over the next year.

“I couldn’t be more pleased,” said Sen. Stouffer. “There were some tense times, but our work has paid off. I’m happy to say things will continue close to normal while the Glasgow bridge gets fixed.”

The original estimate was around \$2 million for a twelve-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week ferry to carry people and vehicles across the Missouri River while the bridge is closed for repairs. The bids came in today (4/4) under that ceiling. They’ll be presented to the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission on April 9<sup>th</sup>. The Glasgow bridge is set to be closed for fifteen months, starting on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

“There are countless folks to thank for this,” said Sen. Stouffer. “A few of them were on hand for our announcement today.”

"On behalf of the Alternative Transportation Committee and the people of Mid-Missouri whom we serve, I would like to thank Sen. Stouffer for his ardent support of our Committee's efforts to minimize the impact of the Glasgow bridge closure by securing a viable alternative transportation option.. Senator Stouffer's involvement has had a profoundly positive impact on this project, and he should be commended for his efforts."

**- Jason Monnig, chairman of the Alternative Transportation Committee and local businessman**

"Sen. Stouffer is a leader in the transportation industry in this state. It was a joy to work with him and his staff on this project; he communicated the local need for this funding with passion and commitment to the people he represents."

**- Pete Rahn, director, MoDOT**

"On behalf of the Glasgow Chamber of Commerce, we would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to Sen. Stouffer and his team for their dedication and support in securing a ferry for the

region. This could have turned out to be an economic disaster for the region and with Sen. Stouffer's support, we will hopefully NOT see that."

- **Stephanie Fuemmeler, local business owner**

"We are excited about the bids received today from contractors interested in providing a ferry service to the citizens of Glasgow and the surrounding communities. The bids will be presented to the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for consideration at their regular meeting on April 9. I am hopeful the commission will approve the low bid, which would be the final step in bringing this alternate transportation service to the community."

- **Brian Haeffner, design engineer**

"I appreciate Sen. Stouffer's support of this very innovative solution chosen for the Glasgow Bridge. His dedication to his constituents was very evident as he actively led the effort to secure funding to provide a ferry service to this community. We also thank the Glasgow Alternative Transportation Committee and other state and local officials who supported this process. We look forward to delivering this project that, when completed, will be a significant improvement to our transportation system for years to come."

- **Dan Niec, MoDOT district engineer**

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