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95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 226, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the planning and design of transportation projects.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

        Section A. Chapter 226, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new

2 section, to be known as section 226.1000, to read as follows:

        226.1000. 1. It is the intent of the general assembly to ensure

2 **that department of transportation projects adequately meet the state's**

3 **transportation needs, exist in harmony with their surroundings, and**

4 **add lasting value to the communities they serve.**

5   **2. To support this objective, the department of transportation**

6 **shall embrace principles of context sensitive design and context**

7 **sensitive solutions in its policies and procedures for the planning,**

8 **design, construction, and operation of its projects of significant size for**

9 **new construction, reconstruction, or major expansion of existing**

10 **transportation facilities.**

11   **3. A hallmark of context sensitive design and context sensitive**

12 **solutions principles for the department of transportation shall be early**

13 **and ongoing collaboration with affected citizens, elected officials,**

14 **interest groups, and other stakeholders to ensure that the values and**

15 **needs of the affected communities are identified and carefully**

16 **considered in the development of transportation projects.**

17   **4. Context sensitive design and context sensitive solutions**

18 **principles shall promote the exploration of innovative solutions,**

19 **commensurate with the scope of each project, that can effectively**

20 **balance safety, mobility, community, and environmental objectives in**

21 **a manner that will enhance the relationship of the transportation**

22   facility with its setting.

23   5. Context sensitive design and context sensitive solutions
24   principles shall complement, but not supplant, the department of
25   transportation's existing practical design policy.

26   6. The department of transportation shall report to the governor
27   and the general assembly no later than April 1, 2010, on its efforts to
28   develop and implement context sensitive solutions policy and context
29   sensitive design criteria.

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