

LEGISLATIVE REPORT



2023 Missouri Session Week Five February 3, 2023

The fifth week of session is in the books while the House and Senate set a busier pace. Of issues of interest to APWA, the House Committee on Transportation Accountability convened Thursday morning to discuss HJR 37. The resolution would require the State Road Fund be subject to General Assembly appropriation. The hearing will continue next week.

The U.S. Transportation Department has announced that \$800 million in grant awards are on the way for more than 500 projects aimed at improving local roadways and reducing national traffic fatalities. The Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program includes ten grants for communities outside of the Lake of the Ozarks region in Missouri. All totaled, the competitive grant program included in the infrastructure law (IIJA) provides \$5 billion over five years for local, regional and tribal initiatives across the country.

The House Government Efficiency and Downsizing Committee convened to consider passage of HB 184. The bill requires political subdivisions that require the installation of EV charging stations at certain businesses to pay the costs associated with the installation, maintenance, and operation of such stations. Additionally, the bill caps any political subdivision from requiring more than five EV stations per parking lot. During committee discussion, a committee substitute was adopted to remove references to any nonautomotive fueling station business and included language clarifying business owners or property owners are not restricted from paying for the installation of EV station. Additionally, the substitute exempts schools and churches. Once modified, the committee passed the bill by an 8-4 vote.

The Senate dedicated floor time Tuesday afternoon to debate SB 25. The bill seeks to exempt state taxes from being collected on broadband grants that the Federal Government has administered to the State of Missouri.

The House Committee on Utilities convened Wednesday afternoon to discuss HB 461. This

legislation establishes a 21 -member Broadband Development Council to explore ways to expand broadband across the state. There was no testimony in support or opposition presented to the committee and no further action was taken on the measure.

Please see below for the new bills of interest

Emergency Responders

<https://www.govwatch.net/report/27445>

Water

<https://www.govwatch.net/report/27446>

Right of Way

<https://www.govwatch.net/report/27447>

Transportation

<https://www.govwatch.net/report/27448>

Workforce Development

<https://www.govwatch.net/report/27449>