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February Announcements

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Funds Available Soon For Transportation Enhancements and Downtown Beautification

Funds will soon be available for local governments and community partnerships seeking to enhance the local transportation network.

Pedestrian and bicycle trail projects, scenic land acquisition, billboard removal, downtown rehabilitation and more will be eligible for these funds. If your community has a potential project in one of these categories, then the Missouri Department of Transportation may have funds for your project.

Statewide MoDOT has \$30 million to match with local funds on projects that improve pedestrian and bicycle access, assist with downtown revitalization, transportation corridor landscaping, and funds transportation museums. This funding category provides an 80% match for approved projects that contribute at least 20% of project costs from local sources. All Mid-Missouri counties except Howard are in MoDOT's District 5, which has an estimated \$1.82 million for enhancement projects. MoDOT's District 2, which includes Howard County, has an estimated \$710,000 for enhancement projects. Total available funds are based on population. District 5 has 8.09% of Missourians, while 3.17% of Missourians reside in the District 2 area.

Those Mid-Missouri communities and counties seeking assistance with identifying potential enhancement projects and that want assistance with application preparation should contact the MMRPC offices at 573.657.9779 or mmrpc@mmrpc.org no later than Friday, February 25, 2005.

More information about MoDOT's enhancement program can be found online at:

<http://www.modot.state.mo.us/about/funding/enhancementfunds.htm>

Highway 50 Project Advances

The Highway 50 corridor project was recommended by MoDOT District 5 planning partners to be advanced for further consideration for immediate funding as a result of the passage of Amendment 3 in November. This project was previously determined to be the primary regional project by the MMRPC Transportation Advisory Committee at the January 19th meeting.

At the District 5 major project prioritization meeting on January 26 in Jefferson City, planning partners which included representatives of the regional planning commissions (Lake of the Ozarks, Kaysinger Basin, Pioneer Trails, Meramec, and Mid-Missouri), metropolitan planning organizations (Columbia and Jefferson City), and MoDOT District 5 engineers and planners reviewed sixteen (16) potential projects. Presentations from representatives were given on the individual projects, and MoDOT provided weighted values on each project to assist in the review. Seven (7) projects were recommended by the planning partners to be presented by Roger Schwartze, MoDOT District 5 Engineer at the statewide project review meeting on February 15 in Jefferson City.

The advancement of new high priority projects to the Statewide Transportation Plan (STIP) is the third element of MoDOT's *Smoother, Sooner, Safer* initiative being the result of the passage of Amendment 3. Funds have been estimated at \$600 million to be available for rural transportation projects statewide.

Watch for updates in the March 2005 Current.

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Steinhoff named Department of Economic Development Director.

Governor Matt Blunt announced that Greg Steinhoff, of Columbia, Missouri, is the new director of the Missouri Department of Economic Development. Steinhoff, 45, is vice-president for franchise relation at Option Care Incorporated, a medical products provider. He is also on the board of Regional Economic Development Incorporated, which promotes economic expansion in Columbia and Boone County, and the Boone Hospital Center Board of Trustees treasurer.

Daniel Mehan, president and chief executive of the Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry, said governor's selection shows he is in touch with Missouri's business community and its focus on job retention and expansion: "Steinhoff is the type of economic leader Missouri needs to sharpen that focus."

Receive Missouri census updates through email. The Missouri Census Data Center (MCDC) will periodically release MCDC Update to inform census data users about the latest developments. This brief newsletter will be available electronically to everyone on the MCDC listserv, affiliates, associates, and past conference attendees. Old versions will be archived on the Secretary of State's Web site. We hope you find this service helpful and we welcome contributions from the census data user. Visit <http://mcdc2.missouri.edu/index.shtml>

February 2005 Events Calendar**Tues. Feb. 8-9:**

MEDC Winter Conference, Capital Hotel, Jefferson City, MO

Tues. Feb. 8:

EDAC Marketing Group, 10:00 am meeting, MMRPC Office, Ashland, MO

Weds. Feb 9:

Missouri River Communities Network, www.moriver.org

Friday: Feb 11:

MMRPC Office is Closed for President Lincoln's Day.

Mon. Feb 21:

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Mon-Weds: February 21-23:

Annual Missouri GIS Conference, Tan-Tar-a Resort, Osage Beach, MO for detail conference and registration information visit: <http://www.mgisac.org>

Weds. Feb 23:

MMRPC Executive Board Meeting, 5:00p.m., MMRPC Office, Ashland, MO

Weds. Feb 23-24:

35th Annual Missouri Municipal League Legislative Conference, Capital Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO

**For information on any of the above events,
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