



Mid-Missouri Regional
Planning Commission

The Current

Connecting the Cities and Counties of the Mid-Missouri Region

January 2005 Announcements

Transportation Projects Advanced pending TAC Approval January 19

With the passage last month of Amendment 3, Missouri voters allowed Missouri Department of Transportation officials to add additional major road and bridge projects for consideration to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) starting in 2006. MoDOT staff asked the MMRPC Transportation Advisory Council (TAC) to review the major regional projects ranked previously by the TAC and to prioritize a limited number of these projects.

At the next TAC meeting on January 19th, the membership will discuss the major projects, which represent the region's needs. The projects will be included for review at a MoDOT district-wide prioritization session January 26.

MMRPC staff reviewed the TAC ranking list and suggests that the TAC forward on to MoDOT District 5 staff the following major projects in Mid-Missouri:

- **Widen Highway 50** from St. Martins to Cooper County's western border;
- **Reroute Route B** in Boone County around Hallsville;
- **Upgrade Highway 54** to interstate status

RSVP to our office at 573.657.9779 or e-mail us at mmrpc@mmrpc.org and mark your calendars for **the next TAC meeting on Wednesday, January 19 at 4:00p.m. at the Copper Kettle Restaurant in Ashland.**

Welcome New Legislators!

State Representatives:
District 24- Ed Robb
District 25- Judy Baker
District 115- Rodney Schad
District 117- Kenny Jones

State Senate:
District 19- Chuck Graham
District 21- Bill Stouffer

Community Development Block Grant Project Development

Each year, Missouri communities receive about \$17 million for improvements to housing, streets and community facilities.

Is your community getting your piece of that pie?

If your community is interested in having assistance from our staff when making application for funding from Missouri's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, let us know soon. Several key deadlines occur in late Spring. To prepare a project that is fundable, your community should anticipate at least a three-month process. Key deadlines upcoming are:

- **Bridges, Streets & Drainage: June 15, 2005**
- **Community Facility: March 15, 2005**
- **Neighborhood Development: May 15, 2005**

If your community wants assistance in preparing an application seeking funds for street improvements or for construction of a community facility, please contact the MMRPC office at 573.657.9779.

Great things to come in 2005!!!!!!!

Newly elected local officials will be invited to an orientation of the MMRPC in the near future. Watch for the February addition of "The Current" for further details

MMRPC to Sponsor Watershed Education, Planning Sessions in 2005

Your watershed is the geographic area from which all surface water flowing into your local stream originates. While surface water provides communities with drinking water, farmers with water irrigation and countless recreational opportunities, there are often other things that make it into our watersheds besides H₂O. Topsoil washing off farms, oil from city streets and discharge from industry are some of the major pollutants that impact local streams and groundwater.

With a grant from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, the MMRPC plans on sponsoring an educational event in each of the six Mid-Missouri counties aimed at promoting those actions individuals can take to lessen their impact on watershed pollution. The grant also supports MMRPC staff research and a planned March presentation to the Commission on available watershed planning tools. For further information, contact the MMRPC office at 573.657.9779.

January 2005 Events Calendar

Tues., Jan. 11:

Economic Development Advisory Council meets. Marketing subcommittee meets at 9:00 a.m. EDAC meeting begins at 11:00 a.m. followed by lunch.

Weds. Jan. 19:

Transportation Advisory Council meets.
Copper Kettle, Liberty Lane, Ashland 4:00p.m.

Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission meets
Copper Kettle, Liberty Lane, Ashland 6:00p.m. Dinner. 6:45p.m. Meeting

Weds. Jan. 19:

Neighborhood Assistance Program application workshop Designed to assist nonprofit with the NAP application process. Contact Joyce Nichols at 573.522.4322.

Weds. Jan. 26 and Thurs., Jan. 27:

Building Effective Partnerships for Commercial District Revitalization: Workshop presented by the Missouri Department of Economic Development and the Missouri Main Street Connection at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City. All downtowns welcome to attend. Information available at <http://www.discoverthedistrict.com/mda.html> or call 417.334.1548.

Thurs., Jan 27:

Conference on Transportation Conference presented by the Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City. Contact Sarah Luebbert, Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry, (573) 634-3511, sluebbert@mochamber.com.

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