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March Announcements

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Highway 50-Rated High Priority

On February 15th, Missouri's regional transportation agencies joined MoDOT's Major Project Prioritization Task Force to begin prioritizing major projects. These projects will be funded by an additional \$1.3 to \$1.5 billion provided by amendment 3- approved by Missouri voters in November 2004.

At the task force meeting, MoDOT's planning partners heard presentations on each of the 59 projects statewide for consideration for further advancement. The planning partners worked together to rate projects high, medium, or low based on both technical and qualitative data. The expansion of U.S. 50 to 4 lanes from St. Martins to west of California was rated as a high priority.

These projects will now be evaluated by planning partners to see which projects they would choose to build with the funding made available for major projects with Amendment 3 funds. The Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission Transportation Advisory Council (TAC) will be presented with this information at the March 23 for discussion.

Regional Transportation Planning Ongoing

As part of the 2005 work plan with MoDOT, the MMRPC is writing phase 1 of the Mid-Missouri Regional Transportation Plan. The plan's first phase will state the overall goals and objectives of the planning process, current regional population and employment forecasts and compile an inventory of Mid-Missouri's existing transportation facilities. When completed, the regional planning process will address a five-year time period. While it is still being defined just how regional projects and needs fit into this transportation plan, it is likely that these major projects will be considered by MoDOT in the development of all future Surface Transportation Improvement Plans, or the STIP.

MMRPC staff will give regular updates at future Transportation Advisory Council (TAC) meetings and there will be additional opportunity for public input throughout the first phase of the planning process. Specifically, a draft of the plan will be online late this spring at www.mmrpc.org and there will be at least two public meetings on the plan in the region this May to gather feedback on phase 1 of the plan. Projects and needs that the region's citizens articulated in public sessions in spring 2004 are being incorporated in Phase II of the plan.

EDAC Marketing Group Develops Regional Website

The Economic Development Advisory Council's marketing sub-committee has been developing a regional marketing website for the Mid-Missouri Region. With financial assistance from Ameren UE, the development of our regional marketing website is well underway. American Multimedia, a web design company located in Columbia was selected to design the site. The focus of the site will be to promote the availability of sites and buildings throughout our region to site locaters nationwide, in hopes to locate or expand business here in Mid-Missouri.

The new website address is www.letusshowyou.us and will be linked to from the Regional Planning Commission website, www.mmrpc.org. The site is still under development with completion scheduled for early April. The EDAC Marketing Group has provided guidance throughout the process on the selection of the name, logo, and functionality of the site. Every community in the Mid-Missouri region will have the opportunity to list available sites, buildings, and even tourist attractions on the site. If your community has places it would like to list on the site please contact our office at (573) 657-9779 or mmrpc@mmrpc.org.

New Members Sought for Missouri Trails Advisory Board

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources is accepting nominations for five positions on the Missouri Trails Advisory Board. The primary function of the board is to review and evaluate grant applications submitted for funding through the federal Recreational Trails Program and make funding recommendations to the department. The nomination form and instructions are available on the Internet at web address: www.mostatateparks.com/grantinfo.htm or by contacting Erika Jaques at 573.751.3442 or erika.jaques@dnr.mo.gov. Nominations must be submitted by 5 p.m. on April 1, 2005, in order to be considered and should be sent to: Doug Eiken, Division Director; Missouri Department of Natural Resources; Division of State Parks; P.O. Box 176; Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

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Calendar of Events

March 8, 2005: EDAC Marketing Group
MMRPC Office, Ashland

March 10, 2005: Cooper County Hazard Mitigation Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Boonville.

March 15, 2005: Deadline for registration for the Missouri Economic
Development Academy. Contact Sharon Gulick 573.751.4892 or
sharon.gulick@ded.mo.gov

March 18, 2005: Missouri River Heritage Tourism Planning Group,
MoDNR Conference Center, Jefferson City, Missouri. Call Steve Johnson
for more information @ 573.256.2602

March 23, 2005: Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting, **4:00 p.m.**
Regional Planning Commission Monthly meeting 6:00 p.m. Copper Kettle,
Ashland

March 30, 2005: Missouri Department of Transportation-District 5 Major
Projects meeting , Jefferson City.

Upcoming Events

April 18, 2005: Recreational Trails Program Application Deadline.

May 19, 2005: Transportation Enhancement Program Deadline.

For Information on any of the above events, please contact MMRPC
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Online Resources for Local Governments

www.mocities.com/: Missouri Municipal League offers
information on proposed legislation impacting cities, gently
used equipment for sale and model ordinances.

www.mocounties.com: Missouri Association of Counties
features legislation tracking, county human resource support
and information about upcoming meetings and conferences.

<http://www.ded.mo.gov/cd/>: The Missouri Department of
Economic Development's Community Development Division
serves up information about grant and tax credit programs and
technical assistance.

<http://www.missouritourism.org/index.cfm>: How is your
community represented when web surfers visit the State's
Tourism webpage to plan their vacations?

www.oseda.missouri.edu/modot : for county, city, and regional
demographics.

CDBG Grants- Contracted	
Cooper County	ADA compliance project. Project constructed..
City of Rocheport	2 new housing units plus common room. Construction activity complete.
St. Thomas	Wastewater treatment facility- outstanding property easement acquisition required. Final project design almost complete
Hallsville	Project closed-out.
Auxvasse	Repair and upgrade of city lagoon. Project rebid- Proposals currently being reviewed.
CDBG Grants-Developing	
Cole County	Proposed CDBG ADA (courthouse elevator)
City of Glasgow	CDBG – Bridge, Street, Drainage project- Deadline June 15, 2005
City of Otterville	CDBG project- street and drainage- Deadline June 15, 2005
City of Clarksburg	CDBG project- water/wastewater- Open cycle
Other Projects- Under Contract	
Department of Transportation	Annual planning contract includes- TAC support, Regional Transportation Plan, general transportation planning assistance.
HUD Incubator	\$248,525 HUD/EDI grant for continued development of the life science incubator. Grant agreement executed. Environmental complete. Draw down account established.
DNR Watershed	\$5,000 grant to promote watershed education, best management practices- storm water
Solid Waste Management	Project completed FY05
Hazard Mitigation Plans	
Boone County	Draft complete. Send to SEMA for approval.
Callaway County	March 15- submittal deadline
Cole County	Approved SEMA- @ FEMA review stage
Cooper County	March 15- submittal deadline
Howard County	Approved SEMA- @ FEMA review stage
Moniteau County	March 15 submittal deadline

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