



Mid-Missouri Regional  
Planning Commission

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## January 2006 Announcements

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### **Project Prioritization for 2007- 2011 STIP**

The Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission Transportation Advisory Council (TAC) will focus on reviewing and recommending road and bridge transportation needs within the MMRPC region for inclusion to the 2007- 2011 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program at the January 25<sup>th</sup> TAC meeting. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 4:30 p.m. at the Copper Kettle Restaurant in Ashland.

Staff of the MMRPC is working with the MoDOT Central District office to develop a list of needs within the District 5 region (Boone, Callaway, Cole, Cooper, and Moniteau counties). This list will be forwarded to TAC members for review and comment prior to the January 25 meeting. Should you have any questions regarding transportation needs and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, please contact Ed Siegmund.

### **Transportation Plan Mapping and MMRPC Newest Staff Member**

The Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission (MMRPC) now has a meaningful role in transportation planning in our region. MoDOT's Regional Transportation Plan has made us a partner in the decision making process for transportation planning in Mid-Missouri. An important component of the Regional Transportation Plan is mapping of the transportation network and the conditions of these facilities. Maps of average annual road usage, population statistics, and groups with special transportation needs help make the comparison between road conditions and road usage. Maps play a critical role in planning by showing these relationships in a spatial format and therefore helping to identify potential future problems.

The MMRPC's newest employee Daniel Schneiderjohn is in-charge of the mapping element of the MoDOT Transportation Plan. Daniel has experience with mapping and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) analysis. He worked for the University of Missouri's rural sociology department for two years as a GIS specialist working on agricultural suitability studies and tourism mapping. Recently, he earned his first publication credit for the "Discover the Mississippi River Hills" tourism map, a map displaying agricultural tourism destinations,

locally owned shops and restaurants in the southeastern region of Missouri. Daniel has proven his dedication to the MMRPC during a six-month internship and will start as a full time employee in January.

### **MMRPC Seeks Funds For Pilot Grove Senior Housing Complex**

The Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission has prepared a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for the City of Pilot Grove for needed improvements at the Senior Housing Complex. The not-for-profit Pilot Grove Rental Housing, Inc. owns and maintains 28 units of affordable housing in the City of Pilot Grove. The housing units constructed thirty years ago are in need of roof repair and window replacement.

The total project cost is estimated at \$145,238. Grant funds total \$118,238 and the not-for-profit agency will provide \$27,000 in cash and in-kind services.

### **Comprehensive Planning**

A 2004 City /County Planning Survey undertaken by the Missouri Association of Council of Governments, the Missouri Department of Economic Development and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources revealed that 30 % of Missouri have never developed a comprehensive or community plan. For those communities that have developed a plan – 56% of these plans are over four years old.

Planning encourages a community development process that initiates action rather than one simply reacts to events. Change is inevitable. The comprehensive planning process is an orderly, open approach to determining local needs, setting goals and priorities, and developing a guide for action. The plan is a guide for public officials and private citizens to use in making informed decisions that affect their community.

If your community or county is faced with one of the following- loss of business or vitality in its downtown area, a need for infrastructure planning, a need to include citizens in planning for the community's future, a need plan for your community's future land use, a need to develop infrastructure improvements needs and costs, a need to plan in concert with nearby communities to establish common goals, then perhaps investigating the comprehensive planning process is necessary. For more information regarding comprehensive planning, please contact Ed Siegmund, AICP at the MMRPC Office 573.657.9779.

**Local Economic Analysis**  
**Online Course Offered**

The University of Missouri is offering "Local Economic Analysis", an online course that can be taken on a credit (one hour) or non-credit basis, that teaches how to determine: the economic base of the community, the general sources of economic growth and decline in the community, and the retail potential of the community. According to the course announcement, the course deepens understanding of how broader factors-state, local, national and international-economic and political, can affect the local economy and the community. An understanding of how outside forces affect the community is needed so that communities do not become frustrated when they encounter such factors, but

rather can respond or even creatively anticipate change. Course content presents economic-base theory, including multipliers and how local economies are affected by external events and methods for local economic analysis: trends, location quotients, shift-share, and retail analyses. The course runs January 17 to May 12 . Visit <http://mudirect.missouri.edu/catalog/courseinfo>. for a full course description and enrollment information. The Web site for MU Direct is <http://mudirect.missouri.edu/>. Enroll before January 17 to avoid late fees.

**Calendar**

**January 9, 2006—CDBG Application Training Workshop**—no registration necessary. The workshop will be held 9 a.m. to Noon, Room 400 Harry S. Truman Bldg. Jefferson City, MO. For more information please contact Missouri Department of Economic Development at 573.751.3600.

**January 10, 2006—Economic Development Marketing Group Meeting** Ashland Office 10:00 a.m., for additional information please contact Lisa Nichols, 573.657.9779.

**January 16, 2006—MMRPC Office closed**-Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**January 25, 2006—Self Taxing Districts**, Room 500, Harry S. Truman Bldg, Jefferson City, MO. For more information contact: Sheri Stuart, National Main Street Center 206.244.9723 or [sheri\\_stuart@nthp.org](mailto:sheri_stuart@nthp.org).

**January 25-26, 2006—Main Street Basic Training**, Room 850, Harry S. Truman Bldg, Jefferson City, MO. For more information contact: Sheri Stuart, National Main Street Center 206.244.9723 or [sheri\\_stuart@nthp.org](mailto:sheri_stuart@nthp.org).

**January 25, 2006—Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting**, discussion regarding prioritizing of road and bridge projects will be the focus of the meeting. For additional information or comments please contact Ed Siegmund 573.657.9779. Meeting will be held at the Copper Kettle, Ashland, MO at 4:30 p.m.

**January 25, 2006—Regional Planning Commission (RPC) Meeting**. The bi-monthly meeting of the Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission will meet at the Copper Kettle Restaurant in Ashland, MO. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. followed by the meeting. All membership communities, as well as, interested individuals are urged to attend. Contact Lisa Nichols at 573.657.9779.

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