



Mid-Missouri Regional
Planning Commission

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November Announcements

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Meetings Date Change to November 17th.

The monthly meetings of the MMRPC Regional Planning Commission and the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) will be held on **THURSDAY, November 17th** at the Copper Kettle Restaurant in Ashland. The date change is due to scheduling conflicts of previous meeting commitments by Board members, and the Thanksgiving holidays the following week.

The TAC meeting will begin at 4:30 p.m. followed by dinner and the MMRPC Commission meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. The RPC meeting will include presentations by representatives of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources on new regulations and funding opportunities for local governments.

Commission Membership Continues to Grow

As we continue to work on increasing communication, cooperation, and coordination between member governments in the Mid-Missouri region: the MMRPC welcomes the City of Jefferson and the City of Blackwater to our membership. MMRPC membership has grown to 84% of the local governments in the region, including the counties of Boone, Callaway, Cole, Cooper, Howard and Moniteau and 31 of 38 incorporated communities. If your community is not a member of the MMRPC, and you would like information about our services-please contact Ed Siegmund, Executive Director.

News Briefs:

Transportation

- Jay Bestgen, MoDOT District 5 Planning Engineer is leaving MoDOT District 5 to accept a position with MoDOT Central Office as the Assistant State Design Engineer. Jay was instrumental in assisting the MMRPC TAC through the planning framework and

major project selection process this past year that contributed to the selection of funding for the widening of Highway 50 in our region. Thanks for your help and support Jay, and best of luck.

- MMRPC staff continues to work with Boone County representatives to evaluate the potential for coordinated and expanded passenger transportation services throughout the County. The study's current draft report is available for review online at www.sccs.com/projects/boone%20county/index.htm

Economic Development

- The Missouri Association of Council of Governments and the National Association of Development Organizations are opposing the Economic Development Administrations interim final rule impacting the nation's 320 Economic Development Districts, including the Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission. One of the major changes, under the new regulations would replace the governance control of the Economic Development district from local government officials to unnamed private sector representatives. This would diminish the direct involvement of the local elected officials and appears to establish another layer of decision-makers not elected by the taxpayers. For more information regarding this issue- please contact Ed Siegmund.
- Staff is assisting representatives of the Missouri River Communities Network with funding efforts for the "Missouri River Heritage Tourism Initiative" economic development effort. The project will coordinate an independent network of communities, organizations, businesses, and private investment that will work together to plan, develop, and promote the natural, historical, and cultural resources of the Missouri River basin.

Planning and Community Development

- Preliminary applications for grants in excess of \$5000 are due to the Mid-Missouri Solid Waste Management District – Region H office by Friday, November 18th. Inquiries regarding the grant application process should be directed to Matt Harline at 573.874.7574 or e-mail mcharline@gocolumbiamo.com
- The Mid-Missouri Section of the Missouri Planning Association will meet at the MMRPC office on Friday, November 4th at 2:00 p.m.

Eminent Domain Preliminary Report

In June of this year, the United States Supreme Court issued an opinion on the case Kelo v. New London. The Supreme Court ruled that property could be taken from a private owner and transferred to another private owner for economic development purposes without a finding of blight.

In response to the Supreme Court action, Governor Blunt created the Missouri Task Force on Eminent Domain. This task force was charged with studying the use of eminent domain in Missouri, and to report its findings by December 31, 2005. Terry Jarrett, chairman of the governor's task force is quoted as saying the task force is looking at three key areas: the definition of blight, definitions of public use, and condemnation. It is expected that studies of the task force will probably lead to several eminent domain bills next session.

The task force has issued its preliminary report on September 30, and may be viewed at www.mo.gov/mo/eminentdomain/prelimrpt.pdf.

Calendar

November 8, 2005—MMRPC EDAC Marketing Group Meeting, 10:00 a.m. at the Ashland Office.

November 8-10, 2005—Missouri Economic Development Council, Fall Conference, Holiday Inn Select Executive Center, Columbia, MO. For more information please call Pat Amick, MEDC Executive Director, 573.636.7383.

November 10, 2005—Missouri Water and Waste Conference. Columbia, MO. Contact Nonie Dudley, USDA Rural Development, 573.876.9324 or nonie.dudley@mo.usda.gov.

November 11, 2005—MMRPC Office Closed-Veterans Day Holiday

November 17, 2005—MMRPC Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting 4:30 p.m. and Regional Planning Commission (RPC) meeting at 6:00 p.m., Copper Kettle, Ashland, MO. Contact Lisa Nichols , 573.657.9779 or lisanichols@mmrpc.org.

November 18, 2005—FY2006 Mid-Missouri Solid Waste District Pre-Applications due. Contact Matt Harline 573.874.7574 or mcharlin@gocolumbiamo.com.

Upcoming Events

December 21, 2005—MMRPC Board of Director Meeting, 5:00 p.m. at Ashland Office

December 26, 2005—MMRPC Office Closed/Christmas Holiday.

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