



Mid-Missouri Regional
Planning Commission

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November 2006 Announcements

Region F -- Homeland Security Oversight Committee

Funding Priorities Meeting- November 21

The Area F Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee (HSOC) will meet on Tuesday, November 21 at 1:30 at the Jefferson City Police Training Classroom at 401 Monroe Street in Jefferson City. The HSOC will begin evaluating funding needs for FY06 Homeland Security funds.

The HSOC will address needs of four investment justifications that are specified by the State of Missouri- agriculture risk mitigation programs, strengthening interoperable communications capabilities at Missouri's Regional and State Levels, mass care and citizen protection, and volunteers and donations.

Missouri's is distributing to the nine Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committees (RHSOC) a total of \$8,084,000 for the FY06 Homeland Security Grant Funds. Each region is receiving funds based on a formula, which considered the number of counties in each region, population totals per the 2000 Census, and the number of critical infrastructure and key resources identified in each region. Region F is receiving a total of \$1,198,425.

Currently, the individual disciplines are gathering information and meeting separately to decide which investment justifications are most important, and how they would like to see those Homeland Security Funds applied. The findings of the individual disciplines will be presented on November 21 to the RHSOC. Following the presentations the RHSOC will evaluate the proposals and determine the funding priorities for the region. Contact information for the thirteen disciplines represented in the RHSOC is as follows:

- HSRT-Mike Rackers, Chairman.....573-636-3900
- Fire Ag.-Gary Woodson, Vice-Chair..573-365-3380
- 911-Tom White.....660-882-2614
- County Governments-Karen Miller...573-886-4305
- Emerg. Mngt-Barlow Biggers.....573-964-1927
- EMS-Mike Shirts.....573-634-5678
- Hlth Dept.-Kevin Lowrance.....573-581-1332
- Utilities/Industry-Rich Green.....573-893-5200
- Municipal Gov.-John Landwehr.....573-634-6304
- Police Ag.-Victor Pitman.....573-896-4678
- Public Works-Larry Benz.....573-636-3614
- Sheriff Ag.-Greg White.....573-634-9160
- Volunteer-Melissa Friel.....573-635-1132

Transportation Issues

Safe Routes to School Grant Program

MoDOT has announced that "Safe Routes to School Grant Meetings" will be held in November for schools applying for the SRTS grants. The targeted audience expected for the meetings are school representatives and/or state agencies, local agencies, or nonprofit organizations the will partner with the schools to apply for the grants. Please notify your local school district of this potential grant opportunity. The MMRPC will provide technical assistance for completing the grant application, if requested. In the MMRPC Region- the meeting will be held November 3:00 p.m. at the Stoney Creek Inn in Columbia. For additional information- www.modot.mo.gov or contact Todd Messenger at 573-751-3320.

Howard County Transportation Prioritization Meeting

The Howard County Commission held a transportation "needs" meeting on Monday October 16th in Fayette to give county residents the opportunity to discuss transportation issues with local elected and transportation planning officials and representatives of MoDOT and the MMRPC. Approximately 50 residents attended the meeting. Participants discussed the need for improvements to county bridges, and highlighted to officials the need to begin the engineering study of bridge and road improvements of Highways 240 and 124 near Fayette.

MMRPC staff members Colleen Vollman and Daniel Schneiderjohn reviewed the planning partnership between MoDOT and the MMRPC and transportation priorities previous identified by Howard County residents in 2001.

Dan Niec, MoDOT District 2 Engineer, and Roy Hogsett District 2 Planning Engineer introduced the "Safe & Sound" 800 Better Bridges initiative. Niec informed attendees that MoDOT will replace or rehabilitate 800 bridges in Missouri over the next six years. The two bridges to be replaced in Howard County are on Route W and Route 124. Several Howard County citizens expressed concern over the bridges on 240 and questioned why the 800 Better Bridges program is not addressing these bridges. Dan Niec (MoDOT District Engineer) stated logistical and potential environmental concerns with the replacement of the bridges on Highway 240 still need to be evaluated.

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**The dates for the TAC Meeting and the RPC Meeting have been changed for this month due to the Holidays. Please make sure to change your calendars. Thank you.
MMRPC Staff.**

Calendar

November 3, 2006. MoDOT Safe Routes to School Grant Workshop. Stoney Creek Inn, Columbia. Contact Todd Messenger at 573-751-3320 or see www.modot.mo.gov

November 7-9, 2006. Missouri Economic Development Fall Conference. Springfield. Contact Pat Amick at 573-636-7383.

November 9, 2006: 10th Annual Missouri Water and Waste Conference—8:30 to 4:00 at Peachtree Ballroom, 120 Nifong Boulevard East, Columbia, MO. For more information contact Nonie Dudley, USDA Rural Development, Missouri State Office, 573-876-9324 or nonie.Dudley@mo.usda.gov

November 10, 2006: MMRPC Office Closed for Veteran's Day.

November 15, 2006: Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting 4:30 p.m. – Copper Kettle, Ashland, MO 65010. Please contact Lisa at lisanichols@mmrpc.org if you plan to attend.

November 15, 2006: Regional Planning Commission (RPC) Meeting 6:00 p.m. – Copper Kettle, Ashland, MO 65010 Please contact Lisa at lisanichols@mmrpc.org if you plan to attend.

November 19-21, 2006: Missouri Association of Counties-35th Annual Conference and Trade Show, Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach, Mo. For more information contact-- <http://www.mocounties.com>.

November 21, 2006: Region F-Homeland Security Oversight Committee Meeting, 1:30 p.m., Jefferson City Police Department Training/Classroom. For more information please contact Lisa at lisanichols@mmrpc.org or 573-657-9779.

November 23-24, 2006: MMRPC Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday.

Resource Links

www.letusshowyou.us : Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission website "Let Us Show You" features business opportunities in the region.

www.modot.org : Missouri Department of Transportation has instituted the new "800 Bridges" project and is promoting the "Safe Routes to School" program with funding opportunities available.

www.dnr.mo.gov : Missouri Department of Natural Resources is continually updating their website, the newest feature allows for permit applications to be filled out online.

www.sos.mo.gov : Missouri Secretary of State Office website is the best resource to read about the current ballot issues.

<http://mocds.org> : Missouri Community Development Society assists economic developers help communities build stronger community.

www.mocities.com : Missouri Municipal League communities with ordinance development and proposed legislation that impacts communities.

www.dps.mo.gov/homelandsecurity/ : Missouri Department of Public Service focuses on current safety issues in Missouri

www.oseda.missouri.edu : Office of Social and Economic Analysis (OSED) is a good resource for demographic data.

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