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MMRPC Selects Leadership for Upcoming Year

Kenny Kunze, Presiding Commissioner of Moniteau County was selected as Chairman of the Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission by the Board of Directors prior to the July 25 MMRPC meeting. Kunze will be responsible for the oversight of all

commission activities. Other officers selected for the upcoming fiscal year include:

Vice Chair- Mike "Pee Wee" Forck,
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Region Transportation Priorities

At the July 25th meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), members heard presentations from some area officials about transportation needs as part of the transportation investment priorities process. This process was developed by MoDOT to form a list of potential transportation investment priorities to pursue if the state's investment in transportation is increased. Lists of projects will be compiled for two 10-year funding scenarios (\$200 million annually and \$600 million annually).

Presentations were given by Randy Allen (Jefferson City Chamber of Commerce) about the Hwy 50 expansion, Greg Hayes (City Engineer,

City of Fulton) about the Ozark Valley Railroad improvements, Ken Eftink (City Administrator, City of Ashland) about the Rte H and Hwy 63 interchange improvements and the Angel Lane Reconstruction, David Mink (Boone Co. Public Works Director) about the eastern Columbia environmental impact study (EIS), Bill Lay (Howard Co.) about the Hwy 240 improvements, and Eric Barron (Senior Planner, City of Jefferson) about access improvements for the former Missouri State Penitentiary redevelopment project. Ed Siegmund also addressed the committee about statewide initiatives relating to improved shoulders on state lettered and numbered highways, as well as an innovative ride-share program. The com-

mittee then ranked the various projects based on their regional significance, with the Hwy 50 expansion and the interchange improvements at Rte H and Hwy 63 in Boone County receiving significant support and being classified as a high priority. The statewide shoulders program, east Columbia EIS, and Hwy 240 improvements received moderate support and were classified as a medium priority. The MO State Penitentiary access improvements, Ozark Valley Railroad improvements, ride-share program, and Angel Lane reconstruction were classified as a low priority. All projects will be forwarded to MoDOT for consideration for potential future funding. Please contact the MMRPC for more information about this process.

Transportation Investment Priorities Ranking Summary

Project	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	Total Rank	Priority
HWY 50 Expansion	6	2	1		2	1				91	High
Rt. H/HWY 63 Interchange	2	4	1	3		1	1			82	High
Statewide Shoulder Program		2	4	1	2			3		66	Medium
Preferred Alt. For Columbia EIS		3	2	2	2		1		2	65	Medium
Rt. 240 Improvements	2			3	1	3	2		1	60	Medium
Mo. State Pen. Access Improvements	1	1		1	3	1	1	1	3	50	Low
Ozark Valley Railroad Improvements	1		1	1		1	3	3	2	43	Low
Ride Share Program			2		2	2	1	2	3	42	Low
Angel Lane Reconstruction			1	1		3	3	3	1	41	Low

Economic Development Advisory Committee

The Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission, Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting will be held on August 14, 2007 at 10 a.m. at the Columbia Regional Airport located at 11300 Airport Road, Columbia, Missouri. There will be three present-

ers at this bi-monthly meeting: Mary Paulsell, Director, University Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship; Charlie Brzuchalski, State of Missouri Office of Administration, Design Services; and David Meyers, Marketing Director, Regional Economic Devel-

opment Inc. During lunch the committee will develop economic development goals and strategies that will be incorporated into the MMRPC CEDS. Please contact the MMRPC office for more information and to RSVP.

Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan

The Federal Transit Administration has required that any agency applying for Sections 5310 (Elderly and Disabled), 5316 (Joint Access and Reverse Commute), or 5317 (New Freedom) grant funding must have a Coordinated Transportation Plan in place in their region. The plan is intended to identify the transit needs and services available for elderly and disabled, as well as low-income individuals to get to and from work.

The MMRPC is writing the plan for the Mid-

Missouri area that lies outside of the Jefferson City and Columbia MPOs, and has started the planning process by meeting with transportation providers in the area and by collecting data on the transportation services offered. The next step is to hold public county meetings to determine needs and gaps in services. Below is a list of the dates and times for these meetings. The final part of the process is to identify and prioritize strategies for meeting transit needs. The draft plan will be ready for public comment and TAC review by the annual

meeting in September.

Callaway CMAAA Senior Center in Fulton Tuesday, August 21, at 1:30 p.m.

Cooper Monday, September 10th at noon, Cooper County Human Services Council

Howard County Thurs, Sept. 6th at noon, Howard County Human Services Council Sheppard of the Hills Lutheran Church, Fayette

Moniteau To be determined.

Announcements

Region Communities Receive Safe Routes to School Grants

The Missouri Department of Transportation has awarded Missouri 2007 Safe Routes to School Grants totaling nearly \$341,000 in the mid-Missouri region. There were 99 applications submitted statewide with 46 awarded grants that will impact 96 schools.

The purpose of the Safe Routes to School program is to enable and encourage children, including those with disabilities in grades K-8, to walk, wheel, and bicycle to school; make bicycling and walking to school a safer and more appealing transportation alternative,

thereby encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle from an early age; and facilitate the planning, development, and implementation of projects and activities that will improve safety and reduce traffic, fuel consumption, and air pollution in the vicinity of schools.

Holts Summit was awarded a grant in the amount of \$191,539 as part of the program. Other grant recipients include the City of Columbia (\$37,275), Hallsville R-IV School District (\$5,676), Otterville R-VI School District (\$445), the Moniteau R-1 School District (\$13,925), and the City of Sedalia (\$19,781).

MoDOT District 5 Announces Enhancement Grant Winners

The cities of Columbia, Jefferson, Tipton, and Taos were all selected to receive transportation enhancement grants as part of MoDOT's 2007 Transportation Funds Enhancement Program. Projects selected and the amount awarded include the Hominy Branch Trail from Stephens Lake to Woolridge park in Columbia (\$500,000), Phase 2 sidewalk improvements to State Route M in Taos (\$194,500), Sidewalk improvements in Tipton (\$62,416), and the Adrian's Island Access as part of the Jefferson City riverfront development (\$500,000)

Calendar, Conferences, and Events

August 14 Economic Development Advisory Committee. 10:00 a.m. Columbia Regional Airport meeting room. For details contact Colleen Vollman, MMRPC.

August 22 MMRPC Board of Directors. 5:00 p.m. Ashland. MMRPC Office., For further information contact the MMRPC office.

August 23-24 Main Street Basic Training. Learn about the nationally successful Main Street Approach to commercial district revitalization used by over 1800

communities nationwide from National Main Street Center Staff. Main Street Basic Training is free of charge to participants. All fees are paid by the MO Department of Econ. Dev. in response to DREAM applications. Please mail or fax registration form to MMSC, P. O. Box 1034, Branson, MO 65615, fax 417-335-3643 For information, call Debbie McKey at the Downtown Branson Main Street Assoc.: Phone: (417)334-1548 Email: debm@downtownbranson.org

August 27-30 The 2007 Governor's Conference on Economic Development will combine 5 conferences in one with Workforce Development, Business & Community Services, MO Housing Development Commission, Women's Council, and MO Development Finance Board serving as hosts. It will be held at the University Plaza Hotel, Convention Center/Expo Center in Springfield, MO. Go to <http://funkurl.com/zwkx> for information, the conference agenda, information, award application and nomination forms.

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