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MMRPC Recognizes Outstanding Contributions

The Mid Missouri Regional Planning Commission presented its outstanding service recognition plaques to five individuals for their assistance in MMRPC during the 2006-07 year, at their annual dinner, held November 28 at the American Legion Hall in Ashland.

Each year the MMRPC recognizes individuals that contribute "above and beyond participation and service" on one of the various boards and /or committees engaged in MMRPC activities. These boards and committees include: the Board of

Directors, Economic Development Advisory Committee, Transportation Advisory Committee, & the Region F Homeland Security Oversight Committee (RHSOC).

Individuals recognized included:

Lowell Eaton - Presiding Commissioner, Howard County

Pat Cunningham - City Administrator/ Clerk, New Franklin

Bill Lay - Howard County Transportation Advisory Committee

Robert "Mike" Rackers - Region F RHSOC Chairman, Cole Co. HSRT

Tom White - Region F RHSOC Representative, Cooper County Emergency Management Director

Kenneth Kunze, Presiding Commissioner of Moniteau County and chairman of the MMRPC served as master of ceremonies. Distributed at the Annual Dinner was the *Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission 2006-07 Annual Report* that highlighted the projects and activities undertaken by the MMRPC for its membership. The guest speaker for the evening was Ed Martin of Growth Services Inc. He discussed the value of partnerships and collaboration in regionalism, and discussed economic development marketing and site selection factors for the mid-Missouri region. The Southern Boone County High School Chamber Choir, directed by Justin Nabors, provided the evening's entertainment.

Approximately 100 people attended the MMRPC Annual Dinner in which



Lowell Eaton



Pat Cunningham



Tom White

*Not pictured:
Bill Lay and
Mike Rackers*

Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission 2007 Annual Dinner



MoDOT Safe Routes to School Regional Meetings January 7 and 9, 2008

The Missouri Department of Transportation is accepting grant applications for the 2008 funding cycle for the Safe Routes to School program (SRTS). The focus of this grant is threefold: "1) Enable and encourage children, including those with disabilities, in grades K-8 to walk, wheel, and bicycle to school; 2) Make bicycling and walking to school a safer, more appealing transportation alternative encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle from an early age; and 3) 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."

There are two funding categories with this grant, infrastructure and non-infrastructure; infrastructure grants include construction activities that assist in regulating the flow of traffic within a two mile radius around the school. Eligible projects in this funding category include sidewalk improvements, traffic calming, speed reduction improvements, pedestrian and bicycle improvements (for a full list please refer to www.modot.mo.gov/safety/SRTSGrants.htm). Non-infrastructure eligible projects include student education with regards to bicycle and pedestrian safety, traffic education, traffic enforcement when in the vicinity of a school, and health and environment.

MoDOT will be conducting Regional SRTS Grant Application meetings in all ten MoDOT districts, meeting locations within the Mid-Missouri region will be at MoDOT District 2, 902 North Missouri Street Macon, Missouri on January 7, 2008 from 10:00-12:00, and at MoDOT District 5, 1511 Missouri Boulevard, Jefferson City, Missouri on January 9, 2008 from 10:00-12:00. Applications must be submitted online and will be due on March 31, 2008. For more information contact Colleen Vollman at (573) 657-9779 or email colleenvollman@mmrpc.org.

Announcements

Flood Mitigation Assistance Grants

The Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) program is an annually funded grant aimed at reducing or eliminating the long-term risk of flood damage to property insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Applicants

must be participants in good standing in the NFIP. To be considered eligible, applicants must have a FEMA-approved local hazard mitigation plan reviewed. Applications are submitted to the state Emergency Management Agency. For Missouri communities, Notices of Interest

are due by January 31 and applications are due no later than February 22. Go to <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/Mitigation.htm>. For additional information, contact Sheila Huddleston at sheila.huddleston@sema.dps.mo.gov.

Calendar

December 11. MMRPC Economic Development Advisory Council. 10:00 am. Meeting will be held at the MMRPC office. For additional information contact Colleen Vollman, MMRPC, at 573.657.9779 or colleenvollman@mmrpc.org.

December 19. MMRPC Board of Directors. 5:00pm. MMRPC Office in Ashland. For details contact Lisa Nichols, MMRPC, at 573.657.9779 or lisanichols@mmrpc.org.

December 25. Christmas Holiday.
MMRPC Office closed.

January 2. Energy Revolving Loan application funding deadline. Projects to be awarded by March 15, 2008. For additional information contact Colleen Vollman, MMRPC, at 573.657.9779 or colleenvollman@mmrpc.org

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