

Announcements, Conference, and Grant Opportunities

MACOG and Department of Conservation Join to Provide Planning Workshop The Missouri Association of Councils of Governments (MidMo RPC is a member) and the Department of Conservation have teamed together to provide training opportunities related to incorporating conservation and forestry preservation measures in the local planning and development process. The MidMo RPC will host a training workshop on Tues, February 10 from 1:00 to 4:30 at the Conservation Employees Credit Union in Jefferson City. The workshop will be facilitated by Doug Hermes (MACOG) and Patti Banks Associates, a Kansas City landscape architecture/ planning and environmental design firm.

The workshop is designed for community leaders, municipal planners, and county government participants to learn through lecture and small group exercises. Topics to be presented include projected population growth and housing density changes in Missouri, the benefits of trees to communities, how to integrate natural resources into planning and community growth, and development options that preserve open space and other environmental amenities. For additional information, please contact Ed Siegmund.

Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) Grants The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is making nearly \$3 million available in 2009 to reduce pollution at the local level through the Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) program. CARE is a community-based program that builds partnerships to help the public understand and reduce toxic risks from numerous sources. EPA will award CARE cooperative agreements in two levels. Level I awards range from \$75,000 to \$100,000 and will help establish community-based partnerships to develop local environmental priorities. Level II awards, ranging from \$150,000 to \$300,000 each, will support communities that have established broad-based partnerships, have identified the priority toxic risks in the community, and are prepared to measure results, implement risk-reduction activities and become self-sustaining. Examples of projects include addressing land and air-pollution issues, reducing toxics and promoting green alternatives, dealing with ground and surface water contamination, and controlling storm water run-off. Applications for the CARE grants are due March 16, 2009. Eligible applicants

include county and local governments, non-profit organizations and universities. EPA will conduct three conference calls, Feb. 3, 24, and 27 for prospective applicants to ask questions about the application process. Additional information about the CARE program is available at <http://www.epa.gov/care>. Application information is available at <http://www.epa.gov/care/agreements.htm#apply>.

CDBG Application Training Workshop-Jefferson City The Missouri CDBG program will hold a training session on Wednesday, January 14, 2008, in Jefferson City to teach applicants how to complete the FY2009 CDBG application. The training is for non-entitlement areas of the state (cities of less than 50,000 and counties less than 200,000 in population). Participants will learn the basic application requirements, plus more specific information geared toward each category of funding. The 2009 application will be available at the training session. The training is free and open to the public, and no registration is necessary. For more information contact the Department of Economic Development CDBG program at (573) 751-3600.

Calendar

January 14 - Moniteau County Regional Economic Development - 11:30 am Tipton. COMO Electric Community Room.

January 19 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day-MidMo RPC office closed.

January 20 - Area F Homeland Security Oversight Committee. 1:30pm. Meeting to be held at Cole County Fire Station #4. 5206 Monticello Road, Jefferson City. Contact the MidMo RPC at 573.657.9779 for additional information.

January 28 - Transportation Advisory Committee, 4:30 pm. Followed by dinner at the Copper Kettle Restaurant at 6:00.

January 28 - MidMo RPC Meeting, 6:30. Dinner at 6:00 pm, Copper Kettle Restaurant, Ashland. Call 573.657.9779 for additional information.



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Proposed County Planning Statutes Revision

Once again, legislation has been filed to revise the outdated, confusing planning statutes Chapter 64 RsMO (county planning). Senate Bill 5 sponsored by State Senator John Griesheimer, Washington, MO, filed the legislative act which creates the Missouri Planning Act. This act allows counties the ability to plan with clear and flexible statute language, allowing planning to be voluntary, gives the county the ability to prepare a comprehensive plan, and the ability to establish and appoint a planning commission.

The act exempts existing agricultural uses and specifies that a citizen vote would be required prior to adopting zoning.

Missouri counties will continue to confront development pressures as the population of the state and counties continues to grow. The ability for counties to plan for infrastructure, transportation corridors, and orderly development within their county is critical in managing the county taxpayer's investment (tax dollars).

The existing state statute is based on a 1920's model resulting in counties using different sets of confusing and conflicting rules based on classifications. At present, three of the five sets of rules in Chapter 64 (County Planning) require a vote of the citizens before a county commission may

appoint a planning commission and start planning. The new legislation eliminates the vote prior to planning. Research conducted by the Missouri Chapter of the American Planning Association found no other state having such a provision.

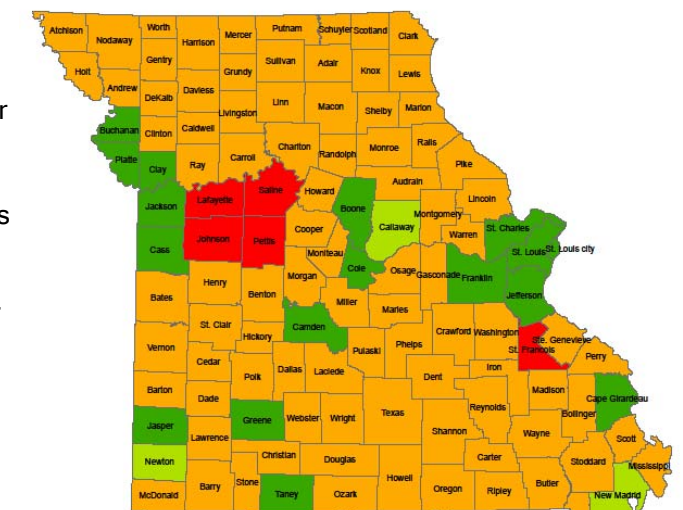
The proposed legislation enables the development of a capitol improvements plan, subdivision regulations, a major street plan,

and zoning. All regulations must be adopted by the county commission - their role as elected officials. Of these four, only zoning is required to go to a citizen vote. At the Missouri Farm Bureau's Annual Meeting in December, the Farm Bureau adopted the following policy in opposition to this legislation:

"We oppose legislation granting county commissioners the authority to name county planning commissions to develop a comprehensive master plan even if the master plan would go to a vote of the people"

The MidMo RPC will monitor the status of the bill, and plan to conduct an informational meeting to the membership and interested individuals on the issue within the next couple of months.

Classification



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Classification
1st Class
2nd Class
3rd Class
4th Class

Map created by the Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission March 3, 2008

Callaway County is Awarded Industrial Infrastructure Grant

Governor Blunt made the announcement in December that Callaway County and Sinclair Research Center **will be awarded \$248,550.00** for infrastructure improvements and job creation through the Missouri Department of Economic Development/ Community Development Block Grant Program.

The Mid-Missouri Regional Plan-

ning Commission staff assisted Callaway County and Sinclair Research Center with the preparation of an Industrial Infrastructure grant that will provide better access to the Sinclair Research Center. The proposed project includes paving the road in front of the facility. Sinclair Research Center is expanding the facility and will create approximately 42 new jobs;

of the positions created 23 of the new positions will be filled with applicants that meet the low to moderate income qualifications. For more information, contact Colleen Vollman at (573) 657-9779 or colleenvollman@mrrpc.org



MoDOT Announces Ready to Go Economic Stimulus Package Includes Boone and Cooper County Projects

The Missouri Department of Transportation has announced 34 transportation projects that it is prepared to award within 180 days of the passage of an economic stimulus package by Congress. MoDOT Director Pete Rahn has urged "Congress to act positively on an economic stimulus package that includes a minimum of \$25 billion for transportation infrastructure projects." The projects which MoDOT has identified would total about \$510 million, and it is estimated that they could create as many as 14,000 jobs and have a \$2.4 billion impact on the state's economy.

Two of the 34 projects on MoDOT's Ready to Go list are located in the Mid-Missouri Region. Construction of a railroad bridge over U.S. Highway 63 along

the COLT Railroad line in Boone County would cost \$9 million. In Cooper County, \$7 million would go to pavement improvements to I-70 westbound lanes between Route B and the Lamine River. The list includes \$137 million of work on five interstate highways, including 70, and \$60 million for fixes to the states rural lettered routes.

Seventeen of the projects on the Ready to Go list are already included in MoDOT's five-year construction program but could be moved forward considerably sooner than planned. Completion of these projects sooner than originally expected would lead to the addition of other projects to the state's five-year program.

Though MoDOT has not yet had to delay or cancel projects, state revenues are down significantly in the first four months of the fiscal year. Rahn has said that any stimulus package could not come too soon and would have a ripple effect through the state's economy, creating jobs for builders, designers, suppliers, and service industries in close proximity to the projects, which are spread throughout the state. The complete project list can be found at www.modot.org/newsroom.



Mid MO RPC to Update Transportation Priority List in 2009

Members of the Mid-Missouri RPC Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) will receive the RPC's transportation project list prior January's TAC meeting in Ashland. The list is comprised of potential transportation projects with foreseen state-level, regional, and local impacts. The Transportation Advisory Committee will be instrumental in updating the prioritization of the project list based on projects' relative impact and the scale of that impact. TAC members are encouraged to review the list and

bring their comments to the next Committee meeting, 4:30 pm, Wednesday, January 28, at the Copper Kettle Restaurant in Ashland.

At November's TAC meeting, representatives from the City of Fulton and Village of Wardsville each presented a project of concern to their respective communities. The five way intersection of state highways W, M, and B in Wardsville and the 2nd Street Bridge project in Fulton were added to the project list with approval of

the committee. These projects will be included in the prioritization process in 2009.

Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission is a MoDOT planning partner with member counties in MoDOT Districts 2 and 5. The Project Prioritization Process undergone by the Regional Planning Commission's TAC aids the two districts in developing their work programs for projects of regional impact and also helps inform MoDOT's statewide priority list.

Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee (RHSOC) Project Updates

The Mid-Missouri Region Planning Commission (MidMo RPC) plays a vital roll in the procurement process for the Area F RHSOC. The RPC has assisted the RHSOC in completing the FY06 grant activities. The FY06 procurements have been successfully completed and the RPC has already made purchases for the FY07 grant cycle and is striving to make the FY08 grant cycle as successful.

In the FY06 Grant cycle the RHSOC contracted out the development of the Radio Communication System Assessment Report. This report was developed for the Area F region to help asses the communication needs and natural barriers. This study has been completed and can be viewed at our office. If you would like to review a copy of this study please contact the Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission for further instruction on how to obtain a copy.

The Area F Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee has established a

radio cache with the FY06 Grant cycle funds in the amount of \$183,318. The purposes of the radios cache are for emergency communication in the event of a terrorist threat, natural disaster or scheduled events. A total of 126 hand held radios and accessories were purchased through this grant which allowed the establishment of three radio caches locations, which are in Boone, Camden and Cole counties. The RHSOC also reallocated some FY06 funds in the amount of \$50,000 for the enhancement of these radio caches. An additional 60 radios was added to the Area F cache. This addition will allow radio cache extensions in Area F allowing the 10 remaining counties to receive six radios. These counties are: Audrain, Callaway, Cooper, Gasconade, Howard, Miller, Moniteau, Montgomery, Morgan and Osage.

The Area F Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee (RHSOC) received an FY06 grant from the Department of

Homeland Security in the amount of \$40,000. This grant was for the purchase of an emergency response trailer and supplies. This Public Health Response Trailer is an asset to the region and is a shared project that included all thirteen Area F counties. The purpose of the trailer is to support disaster events and the leading response agency in the event of an emergency. The trailer was received in Audrain County on December 3, 2008, and is ready for deployment in the event of an emergency.

The Health Departments in Area F were awarded a grant in FY07 for the amount of \$58,500. This grant was for the purchase of hand held radios. A total of 39 radios were purchased allowing each of the Area F Health Department three hand held radios. The thirteen Health Department are located in: Audrain, Boone, Callaway, Camden, Cole, Cooper, Gasconade, Howard, Miller, Moniteau, Montgomery, Morgan and Osage counties.

Missouri Heritage Properties Program Grants Awarded to Cooper and Howard Counties Mid Mo RPC Assists with Applications

On December 16, 2008, Governor Blunt announced that Cooper and Howard Counties have been awarded Missouri Heritage Properties Program grants for the renovation of the county courthouses. The Missouri Heritage Grants are awarded through the Missouri State Historic Preservation Office with funding made available from the State Historic Preservation Revolving Loan Fund Program, which is funded through the Missouri Entertainers Tax Fund.

This is the second round of funding that has been made through this program. The funding is currently available to Courthouses that are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The funding can also be used for the preparation of a National Register Nomination, placing a courthouse on the National Register.



Cooper County Courthouse

Cooper County was awarded \$32,711.00 for interior repairs to the Cooper County Courthouse located in Boonville, Missouri. Plaster repairs will be completed in the main courtroom, the circuit clerk's office, the third floor south stairwell, in addition to these critical areas, the ceiling, vault and wall in the collector's office will also be repaired. Other work includes the cleaning and repair of window trim and the third floor light fixtures will be rewired to meet current BOCA codes. The repairs and rehabilitation activities will be completed according to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Preservation.

The interior damage was caused by water leaking from the roof. In 2007, the county completed the repair and restoration of the roof and parapet at a cost of \$100,000.00. Prior to the roof repair, the gutter system was allowing water to leak in between the interior bricks and plaster damaging the walls, ceiling, crown molding, and window trim. Since the repairs have been completed there has been no more leaking but interior water damaged areas need to be addressed. The county will provide a cash match of \$8,500.06; the total project cost is \$41,211.06.

Howard County was awarded \$9,500.00 to have a historic structure report completed for the Howard County Courthouse located in Fayette, Missouri. The structural report is needed in order to prioritize repair and rehabilitation projects for the building. The building has been settling through time causing deterioration to the interior and exterior of the courthouse.



Howard County Courthouse

The historic structure report will be completed in accordance with the Secretary of Interior Standards on Historic Preservation. The report will measure the movement of the building, assess the damage caused by the movement and shifting of the building, prioritize the needed repairs, provide costs associated with the repairs and apply the Secretary of the Interior Standards for Historic Preservation/ Historic Preservation Brief guidelines as they relate to the needed repairs.

Area F Homeland Security Oversight Committee (RHSOC) to begin FY08 Grant Award Process Proposals to be Heard January 20

The Area F Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee (RHSOC) will begin the identification of activities that enhance the area's homeland security response capabilities for the next round of funding support.

The Department of Homeland Security has awarded Area F \$632,716 for the FY08 grant cycle. Two meetings will be conducted by the RHSOC for project presentation and investment justification respectively. The first meeting will be held on January 20, 2009, at 1:30 pm at the Cole County Fire Station #4. In this meeting, proposed projects will be presented to the RHSOC by appropriate discipline representatives. The presentations will review the project's overall scope - including regional impact and estimated cost. The RHSOC Board will identify whether additional information is required, and will evaluate all proposals prior to determining any funding recommendations.

Proposal evaluations will be reviewed by the RHSOC Board, with funding recommendation to be determined at a special

meeting on February 10, 2009, 1:30 pm at the Cole County Fire Station #4.

The seven investment justifications for the FY08 grant cycle are **IJ #2** Strengthen Explosive Ordnance Detection (EOD) and Response, **IJ #3** Implement Regional Collaboration and Response through Missouri Emergency Resource Information System (MERIS) and Technical Solution, **IJ #6** Strengthening Interoperable Communications Capabilities at Missouri's Regional and State Levels, **IJ #7** Sustain and Enhance Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive Event (CBRNE) Detection and Response, **IJ #8** Strengthen Planning and Citizen Preparedness Capabilities, **IJ #9** Strengthen Medical Surge and Mass Prophylaxis Capabilities, **IJ #10** Strengthen Information Sharing and Collaboration Capabilities.

All proposals must be presented by one of the discipline representatives listed. If your local government has a need that meets one of the investment justifications, please contact the appropriate discipline representative for further guidance.

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