

# The Mid-MO Current

Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission

July 2016

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## Board of Directors Approve FY17 Work Program and Budget

The Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission's Board of Directors held its quarterly meeting on Wednesday, June 22. The meeting included the approval of the fiscal year 2017 work program and accompanying budget.

### Work Program

#### Technical Assistance

- Holts Summit Industrial Infrastructure Project (CDBG)
- Holts Summit Wastewater Collection Project (CDBG)
- St. Thomas Demolition Project (CDBG)
- City of Ashland Comprehensive Plan update
- City of Centralia Comprehensive Plan update
- Cedar Creek Watershed Study (Callaway County)
- Environmental Report for Bunceton Wastewater (CDBG)
- Environmental Report for Russellville (CDBG)
- Callaway County Hazard Mitigation Plan update
- Cooper County Hazard Mitigation Plan update
- Howard County Hazard Mitigation Plan update
- Moniteau County Hazard Mitigation Plan update

Technical assistance projects that are expected to be approved during the FY17 year, and added to the work program include:

- Armstrong General Infrastructure (CDBG)
- Bunceton Wastewater (CDBG)
- Russellville Wastewater (CDBG)

### Regional Planning Initiatives

- Mobility Management Transportation Coordination Project
- Deployable Asset Inventory
- Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Update (CEDS)
- Area F RHSOC administrative and procurement support
- Individual Wastewater Improvements (RLF Program)

### Project Development

- GIS Mapping
- Environmental Reports (as required)
- University of Missouri/City of Columbia Discovery Ridge Development, other developing economic development initiatives/priorities.



Board of Directors quarterly meeting.

### Revenue

The identified revenue for the fiscal year totals \$811,326. This includes projected pass-thru funding of \$407,110 and revenue for operational support and reserve fund allocation totaling \$404,216.

Almost half (46%) of the revenue identified for the fiscal year is from State of Missouri contracts. This includes Missouri Department of Transportation, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Missouri State Emergency Management Agency and the Department of Economic Development.

Federal: \$324,110 - EDA Planning Partnership Grant, OHS Region F

State: \$374,490 - MoDOT, MoDNR, DED, SEMA, OA

Local: \$120,000 - Local contracts for services, membership dues

**Total: \$818,600**

### Expenditures

The projected FY17 budget operations expenditures total \$380,351. Personnel costs (salary, fringe, LAGERS, unemployment insurance) comprise 75% of the operational costs. Personnel costs include upgrading a staffing level to 6 full-time positions.

The operating expenses for FY17 total \$63,290. IT hardware and software on a systematic basis with funds being allocated for the purchase of a desktop computer, and anticipated upgrade of our Windows software. Other expenses are reflective of previous fiscal years' cost.



## Missouri Department of Transportation Funding Announcements

### "MISSOURI MOVES" COST SHARE PROGRAM WILL HELP COMMUNITIES WITH TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) will use the new "Missouri Moves" Cost Share Program to provide financial assistance for state and local projects. Eligible projects must satisfy a transportation need and can include roads, bridges, bicycle routes, pedestrian accommodations, and multimodal facilities. Non-infrastructure projects and planning studies are not eligible.

The Missouri General Assembly has provided a general-revenue appropriation of \$20 million to fund the program. No more than \$5 million can be allocated to any MoDOT district. The funding for this one-year appropriation became available on July 1, 2016. MoDOT's maximum contribution will be fifty percent of the project cost.

MoDOT will allocate the majority of the \$20 million to road and bridge projects. A third of the funds will be used for multimodal projects. A MoDOT pre-approval team will rank projects. A project's readiness will affect its ranking, and MoDOT Director Patrick McKenna said, "The ability of the community to bring forward matching funds is going to be a criterion as well."



Declining Missouri bridges.

The Cost Share/Economic Development Committee will select the projects. The committee consists of the Chief Engineer, the Assistant Chief Engineer, and the Chief Financial Officer. An amendment to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) will be used to recommend the projects for approval.

Applications are available at [www.modot.org/missourimoves](http://www.modot.org/missourimoves). Applicants must provide a District Engineer's letter of support, detailing the benefits the project would have on Missouri's transportation system. The metropolitan planning organization or the regional planning commission must also provide a letter of support. The application deadline is July 29, 2016.

### MODOT SEEKS PROJECTS FOR THE TRAFFIC ENGINEERING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Traffic Engineering Assistance Program (TEAP) provides engineering assistance to local public agencies (LPA) that want to study traffic engineering problems. TEAP funds are now available, and the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) is seeking projects on which to use the funds.

LPAs are concerned with safe, efficient traffic flow and the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists, but many LPAs do not have the funding or expertise to conduct traffic engineering studies.

An LPA that identifies a traffic-related problem can submit an application for TEAP assistance. Typical studies include corridor safety, corridor operational analysis, intersection safety, intersection operational analysis, speed-limit review, sign inventory, bicycle-route analysis, pedestrian safety, and parking issues.

Funds administered by MoDOT will provide eighty percent (up to \$8,000) of the TEAP project cost. The LPA will provide twenty percent. If the total cost of the project is more than \$10,000, the LPA can pay more than twenty percent to complete the project.

To be eligible, a project must be able to be completed by the spring of 2017. Applications are due to the appropriate MoDOT district office by September 9, 2016. Applications will be scored by a MoDOT review team, and the selected projects will be announced in October of 2016. Scoring criteria will include engineering resources available to the LPA, safety, congestion, innovation, feasibility of implementation, and overall value.

### Mid-MO RPC Welcomes New GIS Specialist/Regional Planner

We are happy to announce that Beau Derque joined the Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission staff on July 6 as a Geographic Information System Specialist and Regional Planner.

Beau worked for the Missouri Department of Transportation Central District for four years as a GIS Specialist. He grew up in Jefferson City, Missouri, where he graduated with honors from Lincoln University in 2004 with a bachelor's degree in English.



**Beau Derque**  
GIS Specialist/  
Regional Planner

## MO Rides Mobility Project Advances

Mid-MO RPC's Mobility Management Project, MO Rides, continues its cause to alleviate transportation barriers in its 8 county service region. The past three months have proved fruitful for Columbia's low-income residents, as the free annual bus pass program, a collaboration with the City of Columbia, saw great success. With the program ending in June, MO Rides now turns its attention to two other key pilot projects born of partnerships.

Boone County Community Services has provided funds to develop a voucher system by which Boone County residents will be able to ride for free to and from important appointments. Likewise, Cooper County is also set to kick off its own project in conjunction with the Boonslick Heartland YMCA. Volunteer drivers will operate YMCA vehicles in an attempt to grow the scope of travel for their residents, as well. News of these programs is reaching other counties, as the Moniteau Ministerial Alliance has shown interest in its own volunteer program, utilizing church vehicles to meet this need, and discussions are soon to begin to that end.



Key rides were achieved in the month of June which enabled clients to move to a variety of appointments, including health, social services, human services, as well as general travel. OATS led the way in referrals in June, with notable help also coming from public transit (where available) and from Medicaid.

The Mid-Missouri Transportation Coordination Council (MMTCC) met in June to discuss a number of issues, including Fulton's Transit Project, exploring deviated fixed route systems for local provider SERVE. Also discussed were the upcoming Transportation Simulation hosted by Central Missouri Community Action and the state-wide HealthTran Conference, respectively.

## Homeowners On-Site Wastewater Improvement Grant-Loan Program

Homeowners needing to make improvements to septic and other on-site wastewater systems have a financing option for those projects in a program funded by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and delivered by Missouri's Regional Planning Commissions and Council of Governments. The purpose of the program is to provide financing to homeowners seeking to make improvements to, or replace, their on-site wastewater systems.

Eligible applicants include homeowners with a failing or failed on-site wastewater treatment system. Grant eligibility is based on income guidelines outlined by the Department of Health and Human Services. The maximum grant availability is 50% of the project cost. Homeowners will be required to provide evidence of financial need and must have sufficient income to make the loan payment and maintain the system.

The minimum loan amount is \$3,000 and not to exceed \$25,000 or 10 years per connection. Loan terms will be based on the borrower's financial need and ability to repay. Interest rates will not exceed 5%.

For more information call the Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission staff at 573.657.9779.

## Upcoming Mid-MO RPC Activities

### Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee (RHSOC)

July 19, 2016 – 1:30 p.m. Cole Co. Fire Station #4, 5206 Monticello Rd., Jefferson City.

### Regional Planning Commission Meeting (RPC Membership)

July 27, 2016 – 11:30 a.m. Masonic Hall, Ashland

### Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

July 27, 2016 - 3:30 p.m. Southern Boone Co. Library, Ashland.

### Economic Development Committee (EDAC)

August 9, 2016 - 9:00 a.m. Columbia Regional Airport.

### Executive Committee Meeting

August 24, 2016 – 12:00 p.m. 206 E. Broadway, Ashland.

### RPC Office Closed, Labor Day

Sept. 5, 2016

### Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

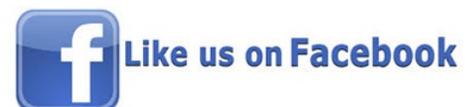
Sept. 28, 2016 - 3:30 p.m. Southern Boone Co. Library, Ashland.

### Board of Directors Meeting

Sept. 28, 2016 – 5:00 p.m. 206 E. Broadway, Ashland.



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