



Mid-Missouri Regional  
Planning Commission

# The Current

Connecting the Cities and Counties of the Mid-Missouri Region

## March 2006 Announcements

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### Planning Partnership Grant

The Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission (MMRPC) has submitted a grant pre-application request to the Economic Development Administration to participate in the planning partnership program. The MMRPC received approval as an Economic Development District by EDA in August 2003, allowing eligibility for cities and counties in the region to apply for business grants and loans to assist in their community and economic development efforts.

The majority of recognized Economic Development Districts receive the planning partnership grant funds to offset Economic Development District (MMRPC) agency costs in assisting communities in accessing EDA programs, and for economic development activities directed by the District's comprehensive economic development strategy (plan).

Sixteen (16) Economic Development Districts were identified in EDA Region VII- Denver to submit planning partnership applications. The annual funding amount is \$50,000.

Recent Economic Development Administration activities include the funding announcement of \$2.5 million being awarded for the Life Science Business Incubator (Our Incubator- University of Missouri/City of Columbia), and a pre-application funding request for The River Heritage Tourism Initiative.

### March RPC Meeting- Community Planning

Is your community unsure of its future direction? Does it seem that needed community improvements and decision making seem to be "stuck in the mud"? Perhaps the March 22<sup>nd</sup> Regional Planning Commission will provide some insights in moving your community forward.

Ed Siegmund, AICP, Executive Director- MMRPC, Arthur Mehrhoff, PhD, Planning Professor- Washington University, Randy Gray, President- Special Place Development, and Janice McMillan, AICP, Deputy Director of Planning and Transportation Services- City of Jefferson will be discussing the merits of community planning with commission members.

Community planning encourages a community development process that initiates action rather than one simply reacts to events. Change is inevitable. Planning processes are an orderly, open approach to determining local needs,

setting goals and priorities, and developing a guide for action to be used in making informed decisions that affect their community.

All interested community leaders are invited to attend. The meeting will be held March 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Copper Kettle Restaurant in Ashland. Please RSVP to Lisa Nichols of the MMRPC staff the number of representatives that will attend from your community.

### City of Auxvasse Wastewater Upgrade Project

The City of Auxvasse has been working for five and a half years to update the cities wastewater system and now thanks to the hard work of Auxvasse city employees and officials they have accomplished their goal.

In 2001 the City of Auxvasse began the task of applying for funding through federal programs to upgrade the cities sewer lagoon system. In 2002 leaks were detected in the berm, making the need for repairs imperative. Lisa Brandenburg, Auxvasse City Clerk, picked the project up and worked with staff at the Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission to receive the necessary funding for the repairs.

In 2003 the city was awarded a USDA loan for \$751,900.00, Auxvasse contributed \$38,000.00 in cash match and \$6,000.00 with in-kind match. In addition Auxvasse was granted \$500,000.00 in CDBG funding through the Department of Economic Development; in total Auxvasse raised \$1,289,000.00 to make the upgrades to the wastewater system.

As of April 2006 this project will be officially, and successfully closed and the citizens of Auxvasse have an upgraded wastewater system. But that's not the end of the story for Auxvasse, the city is in the process of taking the next step, by having an In-flow and Infiltration study completed in order to determine what repairs need to done to the sewer lines. Congratulations to Auxvasse for a job well done and continued success in their efforts to update the cities infrastructure.

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## **Transportation Projects Advance**

Missouri Department of Transportation District's are in the process of making recommendations to the 2007 – 2011 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. The following projects are projected to be included in the STIP:

### **District 2:**

Howard County: Scoping for the Needs of Mo 240 near Fayette.  
 Scoping for the intersection of 240/124.  
 Take care of the system: repairs of Glasgow 240 bridge over the Missouri River

### **District 5:**

#### **TAKING CARE OF THE SYSTEM:**

<b>County</b>	<b>Route</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Program</b>
Boone	Y	Re-deck bridge over Cedar Creek	Construction
Callaway	B	Re-deck bridge over Loutre Creek	Construction
Callaway	Bus. 54	Thin lift overlay through Fulton	Construction
Callaway	94	R/W for bridge replacement- Eagle Creek in Portland	R/W only
Callaway	94	Bridge replacement over Eagle Creek	Construction
Cooper	U	Re-deck bridge over Clarks Creek	Construction
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Cooper	135	Bridge replacement over Laramine River	Construction
Cole	U	Replace bridge over Strobel Creek	Construction
Moniteau	T	Re-deck bridge over Burris Fork	Construction

#### **MAJOR PROJECTS AND EMERGING NEEDS:**

	<b>Route</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Program</b>
Boone	124	R/W for intersection improvements at Route 124/OO in Hallsville (\$30,000 local commitment)	R/W only
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### **Calendar**

**March 9, 2006**—Missouri Community Betterment, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., USDA Rural Development, 601 Business Loop 70 West, Parkade Center, Columbia, MO.

**March 14, 2006**—Economic Development Advisory Committee work session to arrange tour for DED Central Team, 10:00 a.m., Ashland Office.

**March 22, 2006**—Transportation Advisory Committee meeting, 4:30 p.m., Copper Kettle, Ashland, MO

**March 22, 2006**—Regional Planning Commission meeting, 6:00 p.m., Copper Kettle, Ashland, MO. For more information regarding the TAC/RPC meetings please contact Lisa Nichols at 573.657.9779 or [lisanichols@mmrpc.org](mailto:lisanichols@mmrpc.org).

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