

Announcements, Conference, and Grant Opportunities

December 5: American Planning Association - Mid-Missouri Section Meeting. Columbia. Meeting to be held at the Armory Building, 701 E. Ash, 2nd floor meeting room.

December 10-12: Missouri State Grants Summit. Jefferson City. The University of Missouri Truman School of Public Affairs and The Hawthorn Institute are co-sponsors for the 2008 Missouri State Grants Summit. Register online and see the conference agenda at www.hawthorn.com. The summit provides updates on funding trends and appropriation updates for grants funding and includes a session of best practices. The Hawthorn Institute can be reached at 573-659-9066.

December 11: Economic Development Incentives and Public Financing in Missouri. Jefferson City. Seminar reviews the latest trends in legislation and case law related to development incentives. Includes discussion on creation and use of special districts. Seminar is designed for attorneys, economic development professionals, planners, business owners, developers, and other government officials. Held at Capitol Plaza

Hotel. For registration information call 573-635-1234 or see http://lorman.com/seminars/seminar_details.php?pid=195930

Federal Transit Administration Job Access and Reverse Commute Grants. The Missouri Department of Transportation has announced funding availability of \$1,681,071 to recipients (public entities and private nonprofit organizations) providing transit services designed "to transport low-income individuals to and from jobs and activities related to their employment". Funds can be applied to operating expenses and/or capitol acquisitions. For complete eligibility and application information, go to www.modot.gov. Inquiries should be directed to: Shirley Tarwater, Transit Section at shirley.tarwater@modot.mo.gov.

Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant. Federal grant funding is anticipated to be available from the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant program administered through the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to acquire, develop, or renovate outdoor recreational facilities. Eligible applicants include cities, counties, and public school districts.

Application workshops will be offered. See www.mostateparks.com/grantinfo.htm or call 573-751-5374 for details.

Applications are due **December 15, 2008.**

Mid Missouri Solid Waste Management District- FY2009 Grants. The Mid Missouri Solid Waste Management District has announced the Application and Guidance Document for the FY2009 District grant cycle. Application forms are available at the District's website- www.swmd.org.

Large Grant deadlines: Preliminary- Nov. 14, 2008, Final- January 5, 2009
Small Grant deadlines: January 5, 2009, and March 27, 2009

To receive a packet in the mail or for additional information about workshops contact Cindy Jolly, District Coordinator, PO Box 6015, 701 East Broadway, 4th Floor, Columbia, MO 65205. e-mail: CRJ@GoColumbiaMo.com, phone: 573-874-7574, or visit the website.

Calendar

December 9 – Economic Development Advisory Committee. 9:00 am. Meeting will be held at the Columbia Regional Airport. For additional information contact Colleen Vollman, MidMO RPC at 573.657.9779 see www.mmrpc.org or email colleenvollman@mmrpc.org.

December 17 – Mid Mo RPC Board of Directors Meeting. 5:00pm. MidMO RPC Office in Ashland. For details, contact MidMO RPC staff at 573.657.9779 or leeannjestis@mmrpc.org.

December 24-26 – Christmas Holiday, MidMO RPC office closed. All of us here at MidMO RPC wish you and your family a very safe and happy holiday season!

January 1, 2009 – New Year's Day observed - MidMO RPC office closed.



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Connecting the Cities and Counties of the Mid-Missouri Region

Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission

December 2008

Annual Dinner Recognizes Outstanding Service

The Mid Missouri Regional Planning Commission announced its outstanding service recognition to seven individuals for their assistance in MidMO RPC activities during the 2007-08 year, at their annual dinner, held November 19 at the Southern Boone Senior Center in Ashland.

Each year the MidMO RPC recognizes individuals that contribute "above and beyond in participation and service" on one of the various boards and/or committees engaged in MidMO RPC 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: Kenneth Kunze - Presiding Commissioner, Moniteau County; Mike "Pee Wee" Forck - Cole County Commissioner; Mike Dusenberg and Roy Hogsett - MoDOT Planning Engineers; Richard Fowler - Howard County Economic Development Council; Corry Field - Moniteau County Economic Development Council; and Lisa Binkley - Region F Mass Care Donations and Volunteer Coordinator.

Approximately 80 people attended the Annual Dinner in which MidMO RPC Chairman Kenneth Kunze served as master of ceremonies.

Distributed at the Annual Dinner was the Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission 2007-08 Annual Report that highlighted the projects and activities undertaken by the Mid Mo RPC for its membership.

The guest speaker for the evening was Roger Schwartz, MoDOT District 5 Engineer. He discussed the Missouri Department of Transportation's vision for improving the state's transportation system and making it safer, create jobs and improve Missourians quality of life. The Southern Boone County High School Jazz Band, directed by Andrew Marjamaa provided the evening's entertainment.

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Area F Homeland Security Update - Grant Announcement

The Area F Regional Homeland Security Advisory Committee (RHSOC) will meet on January 20th, 2009, at 1:30 pm, at the Cole County Fire Station #4. At this meet-

ing, the FY2008 grant funding allocation proposals will be presented by Area F RHSOC discipline representatives for funding consideration. These proposals will be further evaluated by the RHSOC Board, with funding recommendations to be determined at a special meeting on February 10, 2009. This meeting will also take place at Cole County Fire Station #4, beginning at 1:30 p.m. The Area F RHSOC has available \$632,716 to address homeland security investment justifications for the region.

The seven investment justifications for this grant cycle are strengthening explosive ordnance detection and response, implementation of the Missouri Emergency Resource Information System (MERIS), strengthening interoperable communications, sustain and enhance chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive (CBRNE) detection and

response, strengthening planning and citizen preparedness, strengthen medical surge and mass prophylaxis capabilities, and strengthening information sharing and collaboration capabilities.

All proposals are to be presented by one of the discipline representatives listed at left. If your local government or organization has a need that is identified in one of the investment justifications, please contact one of those representatives.



Area F- Incident Support Team Members

RHSOC Supports Boone and Cole Co. Incident Management Teams

The Area F RHSOC awarded \$142,000 in grant funds to support the Boone and Cole County Incident Support Teams (IST) in the region. The grant award is being used to purchase additional equipment including a mobile cargo trailer stocked with emergency supplies and equipment, allowing the IST Team to be self supporting and ready to provide assistance upon arrival at the emergency event. Equipment includes satellite communication capacity with portable shelters with supporting emergency equipment such as lighting and computer equipment.

The concept behind the IST is to assist local jurisdictions during any large scale emergency event in the region. Many jurisdictions within Area F have small populations and their first response agencies are composed of mainly volunteers, or individuals that serve in more than one position (i.e. Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director).

The IST's are a trained, multi-discipline, all hazards response resource for these affected jurisdictions to draw on to assist their staff with incident management functions. The grant allows the Area F ISTs to be equipped so that they will be fully self-sustained, not drawing any resources from the requesting jurisdiction (and limited resources from the State) for the first 72 hours of an event.

Area F RHSOC Primary Representatives 2008-2009

911: Lisa Jordan, 573-437-7774

Agriculture: John Fortman, 660-834-3637

County Government: Rich Daniels, 573-564-8091

Education: Jim Jones, 573-636-2020

Emergency Management: Kris Bayless, 573-437-2195

Emergency Medical Services: David Colbert, 573-564-3829

Fire Agencies: Kenneth Hoover, 573-581-6235

Health Department: Jane Hubbs, 573-636-2181

HSRT: Chuck Witt (Vice-Chair), 573-874-7391

Industry/Utilities: Rich Green, 573-893-5200

Municipal Government: Debby Lancaster, 573-447-5000

Police: Dave Severson (Chair), 573-302-2019

Public Works: ML Cauthon, 660-882-5257

Sheriff Agencies: John Page, 573-317-1004

Volunteer: Anne Johnson, 573-642-3776

Economic Development Advisory Committee Update

On Tuesday December 9, 2008 the Economic Development Advisory Committee will hear a presentation by Cheri Tune and Robert Ruble from Missouri Department of Economic Development/Division of Workforce Development. The discussion will focus on the role of the Division of Workforce Development within DED and how they function within the state as a promoter of workforce development for businesses and individuals.

The EDAC will continue to meet bi-monthly on the second Tuesday of the month at 9 a.m. at the Columbia Regional Airport. For a complete listing of meeting dates please consult www.mmrpc.org. For more information regarding the EDAC meeting please contact Lee Ann Jestis at (573) 657-9779 or leeannjestis@mmrpc.org

The Mid Mo RPC staff has updated and revised the Comprehensive Economic

Development Strategy (CEDS) for the mid Missouri region. This document analyzes the regional economy and serves as a guide for establishing regional goals and objectives. The Mid Mo staff will be reviewing the draft document with the Economic Development Advisory Committee on December 9th, and with representatives of the chamber of commerce's and educational institutions in the region during January and February 2009.

Best Wishes to Mike "Pee Wee" Forck



The MidMO RPC Board of Directors and staff wish "the best" to Cole County Commissioner Mike "Pee Wee" Forck, who is retiring from public service at the end of this year. Forck served on the Board of Directors for the RPC since 2006, and has helped direct the organization into its current successful operation.

Commissioner Forck served four terms (14 years) on the Cole County Commission. Public servants as dedicated and as able to get things done are hard to come by, and his absence from the MidMO RPC Board, and Cole County Commission will be felt.

MidMo RPC 2007-08 Annual Report Now Available

The 2007-08 Mid Missouri Regional Planning Commission Annual Report is now available. This report reviews the activities the planning commission accomplished in our community development and economic development, transportation, homeland security assistance, and planning and mapping service programs during the past fiscal year. The report can be viewed at the MidMo RPC website: www.mmrpc.org.



Mid-Mo RPC Assists Sturgeon R-V with Safe Routes to School Grant

The Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission assisted several communities this year with the preparation of MoDOT Safe Routes to School grant applications. In January "MMRPC staff began working with four communities within the region to prepare applications for submission. The Missouri Department of Transportation recently announced the awards for the Safe Routes to School 08-09 funding cycle. Of the four applications submitted Sturgeon R-V was awarded \$11,970.00 to install warning lights on Route V through Sturgeon. Most of the

school children that walk to and from school in Sturgeon must cross Route V twice a day.

Route V is the main through way in Sturgeon and is busy all day long, although city speed limits are posted, vehicles still travel at speeds exceeding the posted limits. Stan Ingraham, Superintendent for Sturgeon R-V has always felt that there was a definite need for warning lights on Route V and requested our assistance with an application through the SRTS program. Congratulations to Sturgeon R-V on their SRTS award.

Funding for SRTS projects will continue when MoDOT receives further federal funding. For more information please contact Conor Henley at (573) 657-9779 or email at conorhenley@mmrpc.org



Safe and Sound Bridges/MODOT

The Missouri Department of Transportation's (MoDOT) Safe and Sound Bridge Improvement Program has set out to improve 802 of the state highway system's most heavily worn bridges by the end of October, 2014. However, a number of these bridges will be under construction sooner rather than later. Of the more than 800 bridges, 248 bridges on the Safe and Sound list will be grouped by type, size, or location and contracted using a Design-Bid-Build process that has been modified from the original for funding reasons. One hundred of these bridges are also on the Safe and Sound Quick Start list, meaning they will be under construction by early 2009. The remaining 554 bridges will be grouped in a single Design-Build contract to be awarded in late spring, 2009.

Seven of the Quick Start bridges--those in Cooper and Callaway Counties which cross I-70--are set to be contracted by December 19, of this year. Though not all of these projects will begin at the same time, MoDOT is finalizing the plans

and construction could begin as early as January, 2009. MoDOT has ensured that construction on consecutive state routes crossing the same major highway will not be under way simultaneously. For example, several of the bridges crossing Interstate 70 in Callaway and Cooper Counties have no other crossings between them. Because these bridges will be completely closed while under construction, no two consecutive bridges will be under work at the same time. The remaining six Quick Start bridges in the Mid-Missouri region are set to be contracted by January 23, February 20, or April 24.

The Mid-Missouri Region consists of five counties in MoDOT's Central District (Boone, Callaway, Cooper, Moniteau, and Cole) and one county in its North Central District (Howard). Of the 554 Design-Build bridges, 20 are in the six Mid-Missouri counties (Howard-1, Boone-8, Callaway-5, Cole-2, Cooper-3, Moniteau-1). Twenty of the 248 Modified Design-Bid-Build bridges are in the Mid-MO region (Howard-1, Boone-5, Callaway-7,

Cole-1, Cooper-5, Moniteau-1) and 13 of these are also on the Quick Start list (Howard-1, Boone-1, Callaway-5, Cooper-5, Moniteau-1). Safe and Sound logo signs have been erected at many of the bridges to indicate that they will be replaced or improved by 2014. However, many of the bridges involved in the improvement project will be under construction and/or finished much sooner.

