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MoDOT- "A Conversation for Moving Forward"

The Missouri Department of Transportation has released an informational booklet- "A Conversation for Moving Forward" which highlights transportation challenges and issues in the State. This information was presented by MoDOT officials to the Legislature's Joint Committee on Transportation on June 11th, 2008. MoDOT cites the top five priorities as: taking care of our roads and bridges, doing a better job of providing other ways of getting around, rebuilding Interstates 70 and 44, addressing needed major projects, and meeting regional needs. According to this publication, Missouri has the seventh largest highway system in the U.S., with more than 32,800 miles of highways. That's more than Iowa, Nebraska, and Kansas combined. Missouri has 10,276 bridges and the most major river bridges in the nation with 53. To obtain a copy, visit www.modot.org, or contact the staff at the Mid Mo RPC.



Area F Homeland Security Activities

Complete Mass Care Training Exercise

The Area F Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee, which includes all Mid-Mo RPC counties, (Boone, Callaway, Cole, Cooper, Howard, and Moniteau) recently completed a mass care training exercise in the thirteen county area. This training event was held on June 26, 2008, with

the overall objective to determine the number and appropriate locations of shelters, bulk distribution centers, feeding stations, and number of volunteers needed during a mass care event. The exercise scenario was a severe thunderstorm / power outage in the central Missouri region occurring days after an earthquake event in southeast Missouri, with utility crews already dispatched.

All 13 counties in the Area F region participated in the event, with a total of 365 participants. During the exercise, emergency management directors and event controllers and evaluators noted strengths and improvements in the disaster response by the various entities. The draft After Action Report (AAR) and Improvement Plan (IP) will be available August 11, 2008.

Mass Care Supplies Being Distributed

Over the past year, the Region F-Regional Homeland Security Oversight Community (RHSOC) has funded several projects to prepare for mass care, in the event of a disaster. This effort has included

identifying buildings in each county that can be used as shelters and feeding sites. During the past week, truckloads of cots, blankets and pillows have arrived. With the help of boy scouts and other volunteers, these shelter supplies will be loaded onto trailers (also funded by RHSOC) for each county in the

region. The supplies include much needed oversized cots and special needs cots. Counties will begin receiving their trailers and supplies on August 7.

For additional information, please contact Lisa Binkley, at 573-881-1980.

New Economic Development Strategy for Mid-Missouri (August 12)

The Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) is hosting a presentation by Mike Downing, Executive Director of the CORE "Connecting Our Regional Economy" Partnership. On August 12, 2008 at 9 a.m. at the Columbia Regional Airport, Mike Downing, the new executive director of the Missouri CORE Partnership, will be discussing the 12 county partnership created as a not-for-profit organization to pro-

mote regional economic development opportunities. The twelve counties include: Audrain, Boone, Callaway, Camden, Cole, Cooper, Howard, Miller, Morgan, and Moniteau, Osage and Randolph. The purpose of the CORE initiative is to promote and attract businesses and industry within the twelve counties.

The CORE Partnership is a private sector organization that formed in 2007, the major investors in the organization are Central Bank,

Premier Bank, Callaway Bank, Ameren UE, and the University of Missouri. Each investment entity has committed \$25,000.00 a year for the next five years. In addition to the major contributors funds are also being contributed by local businesses and each participating county based on sales tax receipts.



Announcements, Conference, and Events

Mid-Missouri Solid Waste Management District - FY09 Grant Call The Mid-Missouri Solid Waste Management District has announced that the Application and Guidance Document for the FY2009 District Grant cycle is now available in hard copy or as a PDF file. Application forms are available at the www.mmswmd.org website. FY2009 District Grant Workshops will be held August 18th from 2 to 4 pm and August 20th from 10 am to 12 pm. To receive a grant application packet, or to register for one of the workshops, contact Cindy Jolly, District Coordinator, PO Box 6015, 701 East Broadway, 4th Floor, Columbia, MO 65205, phone 573-874-7574, e-mail: CRJ@GoColumbiaMo.com.

Missouri Main Street The Missouri Main Street Connection, Neighborhood Assistance Program (Missouri Department of Economic Development) will hold a "Downtown Revitalization Conference" August 20-21, in Washington, Missouri. The conference is for anyone interested in learning about commercial district revitalization and improving the economic health and vitality of the community. For information, contact Phyllis VanderNaald 417-334-3014, momainstreet@aol.com.

Summer Series- Redevelopment The Missouri Department of Economic Development continues their summer series educational program with a session on Redevelopment August 29, 2008. The workshop is from 9 am to 4:00 pm in the Truman Building, Room 490-492, Jefferson City. The Redevelopment workshop includes discussions on the history of redevelopment, typical partners, financing options, redevelopment tools, state tools, and case studies. For more information contact Ann Perry (573) 522-8004 or Brenda Horstman (573)751-4539.

Missouri Municipal League-Innovations Awards

The Missouri Municipal League is accepting nominations for this year's Innovation Award program. The awards spotlight successful municipal programs that may be of benefit to other municipalities. Three different population categories are available. Winners will be honored at the MML Annual Conference, September 7-10, in Springfield. All submissions will be entered into the Innovation Award database. See the MML website at www.moccities.com for details.

Missouri Governor's Conference on Economic Development

The conference will be held September 10-12 at the Hyatt Regency/Westin Crown Center Hotels in Kansas City. The conference - "Missouri's Future Prepare to Profit" features breakout sessions on shovel ready sites, technology based economic development strategies, and the impact of the DREAM Initiative. For details see www.missouridevelopment.org.

Upcoming

August 15— Mid-Missouri Section/Missouri APA. 2:00 pm. Meeting at city of Jefferson, City Hall, 320 East McCarty. Addition details contact Uriah Mach, Boone County Planning and Building Inspection, 573-886-4330.

August 17-19— National Rural Transportation Peer Learning Conference. Duluth, Minnesota. See the conference web page at http://www.nado.org/conferences/trans.php?con_id=82&con_type=6

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August 8 —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.

August 12 - 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, or email colleenvollman@mmrpc.org,

August 27 — MidMO 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.



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