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EDAC Plans Kemper Redevelopment and Clydesdale Tours

On April 9th, the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) will convene in Boonville for its next bi-monthly meeting. The EDAC works to identify economic development needs in Mid-Missouri and provides a forum for the exchanging ideas regarding economic development in the region.

The Boonville visit will give the EDAC the opportunity to observe the development taking place at the former site of Kemper Military School & College. The site is currently owned by the City of Boonville and has been the recent focus of a major redevelopment effort. In September of 2012, Boonville welcomed State Fair Community College to a newly renovated building at the Kemper

site. The addition of State Fair to the community brings an access to higher education that was previously unavailable to local residents and offers new workforce development opportunities for the region. The Kemper site is also home to the Boonslick YMCA and plans have been proposed to add private student housing, public meeting spaces, and the Boonslick Regional Library to the Kemper site.

In addition to visiting Kemper, EDAC members will also tour Warm Springs Ranch in order to explore its potential as a tourist attraction for the region. Warm Springs Ranch is the headquarters of the Budweiser Clydesdale breeding operation and offers paid tours April 1st through October 31st.

EDAC meetings are open to all Mid-MO RPC members and other interested parties. If you would like to attend the meeting in Boonville, please send an email to davidbock@mrrpc.org for more information.



Kemper Military School



Warm Springs Ranch

Broadband Planning with a Healthcare Focus

The broadband planning team will soon be reconvening to review the state broadband strategic plan and discuss avenues for expanding broadband access to healthcare facilities in the Mid-Missouri region. The group will identify what types of healthcare facilities are most in need of broadband services, identify opportunities to bring broadband to these facilities, and prioritize broadband projects in the region.

Healthcare professionals and providers need broadband access to offer telemedicine services, electronic health record management, patient registration and data collection, digital imaging and transmission, professional development and training along with other applications through online resources. Broadband allows healthcare providers to offer faster, more cost-effective, and - most importantly - better healthcare services to patients.

The opportunity for broadband expansion to more residential users will also be explored within the context of a healthcare focus to broadband development. Expanding broadband to more residential internet users holds the potential to deliver better healthcare services by allowing healthcare professionals to monitor patients in their homes via devices that take advantage of a broadband connection.

If you would like more information about the upcoming broadband planning efforts, please email davidbock@mrrpc.org.

Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission Meeting

April 16 - 10:30 a.m.

MoSWIN and Radio Demonstration at Noon

Lunch Served at Noon

Cole County Fire Station #4, 5206 Monticello Road, Jefferson City
Followed by Region F Homeland Security Oversight Committee Meeting

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Update of the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan

The five-year update of the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan is currently underway by Mid-MO RPC staff. This planning document is used by public and non-profit agencies to help meet the transit needs of elderly, disabled, and low income groups and to develop public transit goals and strategies for the region. The local agencies must reference the plan when applying for specific state and federal grants.

The RPC staff is working closely with both riders and transportation providers through surveys and public meetings. Several regional meetings have been held; there will be a final public meeting for all providers and the public to review the draft and provide any extra feedback or data. Anyone interested in participating in the planning process or with questions or concerns can contact the RPC.

Similar plans are being updated by the Columbia Area Transportation Study Organization and the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization. Data from those plans will be integrated into the RPC plan.



COOP Workshops Well Attended

A Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) workshop was offered to the RPC membership at six locations in the region from January through March. The workshop was designed to assist local governments in creating plans to ensure essential functions continue through any type of disturbance. Sixty-eight people, representing five county governments and seventeen city governments, took advantage of the workshop opportunity.

The RPC contracted with Lisa Binkley, formerly Mass Care Coordinator for Region F RHSOC, to present the workshops which were funded through a Disaster Planning grant from the Community Development Block Grant program. The sessions received very positive feedback with most attendees indicating that the information would be useful for their local government. Binkley will be available through April to assist any interested city or county governments with development of their plans.

The 2011 Joplin tornado highlighted the importance of Continuity of Operations Planning at the local government and business level. (It is estimated that 25-40% of businesses never re-open after a major disturbance.) COOP planning is already a requirement at the federal and state levels of government.

Calendar of Events

Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting (TAC)

March 27, 2013 – 3:30 p.m., Copper Kettle Restaurant, 508 E Liberty Lane, Ashland.

Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC)

April 9, 2013 - 10:00 a.m Warm Springs Ranch tour and 12 p.m Kemper Site tour, Boonville.

Regional Planning Commission

April 16, 2013 – 10:30 a.m., Cole Co. Fire Station #4, 5206 Monticello Rd., Jefferson City

Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee (RHSOC) Meeting

April 16, 2013 – 1:30 p.m., Cole Co. Fire Station #4, 5206 Monticello Rd., Jefferson City.

Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting (TAC)

May 22, 2013 – 3:30 p.m., location tbd.

Board of Directors Meeting

May 22, 2013 - Dinner at 5 p.m., meeting at 5:30 p.m., location tbd.

Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC)

June 11, 2013 - 9:00 a.m., Columbia Regional Airport, Building 260.

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