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Announcements...

Transit Grant Requirements Compliance Workshop

Workshops will be held beginning Monday, January 23, until Friday January 27, by the Transit Section of MoDOT to address federal transit grant requirements and MoDOT's compliance review approach for 5309/5339, 5310, 5311, and 5317 sub-recipients.

Five (5) workshops are happening across the state; view these events here: <https://goo.gl/9bdSz1>

Missouri Natural Heritage Review Website

The Natural Heritage Review website has recently been upgraded. A Natural Heritage Review provides information about the species, natural communities of conservation, public lands, and sensitive resources that may be affected by development projects. The Missouri Natural Heritage Program collects/locates, compiles, and shares information for the management and conservation of Missouri's biological diversity.

View the new Natural Heritage Review website here: <https://naturalheritagereview.mdc.mo.gov/>

FEMA – Emergency Management Courses

FEMA is accepting applications for the Integrated Emergency Management Courses (IEMC) programs. IEMCs offer lecture and exercise-based training for response to disasters or emergencies. The courses simulate varying situations impacting emergency operations center personnel and local leadership. Classes are held at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, Maryland however, training may also be offered in the applicant's community. **IEMC applications are due February 15.** For information on the IEMC program, [click here](#).

Conferences and Events...

SMCOG Meetings

SMCOG Board Meeting, January 25, 9:00 AM, Library Station, 2325 N. Kansas, Springfield, MO

Please RSVP to JaneHood@missouristate.edu.

Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), March 15, 9:00 AM, Library Station, 2325 N. Kansas, Springfield, MO

For more information, contact MeganClark@missouristate.edu

Missouri Municipal League Annual Legislative Conference, February 14-15

MML's 47th Annual Legislative Conference will be held February 14-15 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City. Join your fellow local government leaders from across the state to discuss the top legislative issues affecting your organization, network with officials, and visit with state legislators. [Register](#) by February 7.

Census Transportation Planning Products Training, February 22-23

The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) is hoping a CTPP training aimed at data users at MPOs, RPCs, State agencies, and for practitioners who will be using, or who are involved in analyses that use the Census data. It is appropriate for consultants and students as well. This free training will be held in Jefferson City, MO. For more information contact [Alex Rottenberry](#) or register [online](#).

Missouri Community Forestry Council State Conference, March 7-9

The Missouri Community Forestry Council annual State Conference will be held in Springfield, MO at the Oasis Convention Center near I-44 and Glenstone Avenue. Join the Southwest MCFC group as they present 'Living on the Edge of the Community Forest'. Early bird [registration](#) ends January 31: early bird registrants receive an MCFC messenger bag.

Community Cyber Security + EOC's Role in Community Cyber Security, September 6-7

The Missouri State Emergency Management Agency in conjunction with Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX),

and the Springfield/Greene County Office of Emergency Management has scheduled the AWR136 Essentials of Community Cyber Security and the MGT384 The EOC's Role In Community Cyber Security classes for September 6-7, 2017 in Springfield. The Essentials of Community Cyber Security class will be held on September 6 from 8:00 am-12:00 pm and The EOC's Role in Community Cyber Security class will be held on September 6 from 1:00 pm-5:00 pm and will finish on September 7 from 8:00 am-5:00 pm. You can register [online](#). Individuals who have issues or questions with registration can contact Jack Raetz at 573-526-9016.

Participants should attend both courses to receive maximum benefits (the AWR136 is a prerequisite to attending the MGT384). There is no cost to attend the training. Eligible individuals can receive meal and lodging reimbursement, however, we cannot reimburse private industry personnel for travel expenses or lodging. Individuals must attend both classes in order to receive lodging and meal reimbursement.

News...

FHWA Releases Performance Measure Rules

On Monday, January 9, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) released final rules for the last two national performance management measure regulations. One rule establishes regulations to assess the condition and performance of bridges on the National Highway System (NHS) and of pavements on the Interstate and non-Interstate NHS. The other establishes regulations to assess the performance of the NHS, Freight Movement on the Interstate System, and the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program. The rules will be published in the Federal Register soon.

Informational Webinars: Two webinars about the rules will be held on January 25, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. ET (bridge and pavement) and January 26, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. ET (system performance/freight/CMAQ). These both provide information on the contents of the final rules and requirements for state departments of transportation and metropolitan planning organizations.

How Cities Are Tackling Aging Water Systems

“Flint, Michigan, has shone a spotlight on the decrepit state and lack of investment in the U.S.'s water infrastructure, but the city isn't alone in facing these challenges. A new policy brief from the Brookings Institute breaks down how cities with large drinking water utilities are financing their water systems, and what challenges they're facing.” [Read more.](#)

Smart City Challenge: Lessons for Building Cities of the Future

“A little over one year ago, Smart City Challenge was launched, asking mid-sized cities across America to share their ideas for the creation of an integrated, first-of-its-kind smart transportation system using data, applications, and technology to help people and goods move faster, cheaper, and more efficiently. Over 75 cities competed for the resources to connect and deploy new technologies, and now those applications and a wealth of data is available to the public in a new comprehensive report, Smart City Challenge: Lessons for Building Cities of the Future.” [Read more.](#)

PACE Debuts in KC to Close Funding Gap in a Redevelopment Project

A new financing tool, Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) funding, is helping redevelopers convert a former paper warehouse in Kansas City's Crossroads Arts District to apartments. The Walnut Terrace apartments will be at 1721 Walnut St. [Read more.](#)

Online Resources...

MoDOT Transportation Cost Guide

On Tuesday, December 6, MoDOT published an online guide to educate Missourians about the transportation efforts their tax revenues fund. Visit modot.org/guidetotransportation to learn about the current status and future direction of Missouri's

transportation system. "The Citizen's Guide to Transportation Funding takes the complex issues of the state's transportation revenue, expenditures, system condition and unfunded needs and explains them in clear and easy-to-understand terms."

USDOT: Community Based Techniques + 11 Success Project Examples

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) recently released two documents on transportation decision-making processes and community-based technical assistance. [Transportation Toolkit](#) provides guidance and resources for members of the public to engage in the transportation decision-making process. [Ladders of Opportunity 2015-2016](#) and [Every Place Counts Design Challenge](#) share examples of project success in transportation from eleven communities.

Jobs...

Director of Finance, City of Republic, \$62,500 - \$80,000/yr.: <https://goo.gl/JiAKiC>

Planning and Development Director, City of Ozark, \$60,000 - \$70,000/yr. apply by Feb 24: <https://goo.gl/tY4kex>

Planning Administrator, Taney County, Salary DOQ: <https://goo.gl/48JIXC>

Associate City Planner, City of Springfield, \$18.78 - \$26.16 hourly, apply by Jan 27: <https://goo.gl/59U495>

Regional Planner, Lake of the Ozarks Council of Local Governments, Salary DOQ: <http://goo.gl/lK1zuB>

Assistant Professor, Planning/Human Geography, Missouri State University, <https://goo.gl/x5f3iV>

Recreation Specialist II, City of Branson, \$16.00/hr.: <https://goo.gl/koTrkT>

Assistant Police Chief, City of Branson, \$65,721 - \$98,620/yr.: <https://goo.gl/C7cm3k>

Police Officer, City of Springfield, \$16.57 - \$28.35/hr.: <https://goo.gl/QGZKU3>

Police Officer, City of Ozark: <https://goo.gl/sHnyUH>

911 Communications Officer, City of Monett, \$27,348 - \$30,904/yr.: <https://goo.gl/bOQ9X9>

Police Dispatcher, City of Aurora: <http://goo.gl/4RF1uu>

MO Dept. of Conservation: Various positions available: <https://goo.gl/PnuHRN>

Grants...

MO Main Street Connection – Affiliate Grant Program

The Affiliate Grant Program is for services over a two-year period to assist a community in starting a Main Street program and implementing the beginning stages of revitalization. This grant is a 60/40 where 60% is covered by MMSC.

Affiliate Grant Workshop: To apply for a grant, workshop attendance is required. The workshops are free but RSVP is required. The next workshop is February 16 in Washington MO. More info: <https://goo.gl/4mYEZ0>

EPA Accepting Applications for Environmental Justice Small Grants Program

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is seeking non-profit (501c3) applications for its Environmental Justice Small Grants Program. The program awards grants to educate communities on environmental and public health issues and create solutions to respond to these issues locally. Approximately 40 one-year projects will be awarded at \$30,000 each. To learn more and view the request for proposals, [click here](#). **Closing date: January 31, 2017.**

FEMA – SAFER Grant

FEMA is accepting applications for the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant program. SAFER grants fund training for frontline firefighters through two categories: a) hiring of firefighters and b) recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters. The Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act allocates \$345 million for the grant. **SAFER applications are due February 10 at 5p E.T.** For information on the SAFER Grant Program, [click here](#).

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

Grant rounds for the Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) opened Jan. 9, 2017. LWCF grants are available to cities, counties and school districts to be used for outdoor recreational projects.

RTP grants fund trail-related projects and are available to local and state governments, school districts, for-profit and non-profit organizations, and businesses. For more information about either of these programs, please visit <https://goo.gl/hrOclK> **Deadline: February 17**

USDA – Rural Utilities Service Broadband Loan and Grant

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Utilities Service (RUS) has opened applications to the Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee Program and Community Connect Grant Program. The Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee Program provides funding for construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment to expand services of broadband speeds in eligible rural areas. Application submission windows will be March 1 to March 31 and September 1 to September 30. Informational Webinar presentations will be held on January 18 at 1p ET and January 26 at 2p ET. For information on the Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee Program, [click here](#).

The Community Connect Grant Program funds broadband expansion in areas that are not currently being considered by private providers. Applications are due March 13. For information on the Community Connect Grant Program, [click here](#).

EPA Job Training + Workforce Development Grant Opportunity

The EPA is soliciting proposals from eligible entities, including nonprofit organizations, to deliver Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training (EWDJT) programs that recruit, train, and place local, unemployed and under-employed residents with the skills needed to secure full-time employment in the environmental field. Successful applicants will be awarded grant funds of up to \$200,000 for the development and implementation of environmental job training programs.

Informational Webinars: Two informational webinars have been held. Their content is exactly the same and they can be streamed here: <https://goo.gl/Z0EmgK>

Learn about EPA proposal guidelines, tips, FAQs, and apply online: <https://goo.gl/A2Q6pN> **Deadline: February 24, 2017.**

On-Site Wastewater Grant/Loan Program

SMCOG, in partnership with the Missouri Association of Councils of Governments (MACOG), and MoDNR is pleased to offer a grant/loan program for failing on-site wastewater systems (septic systems). The purpose of the Missouri On-site Wastewater Improvement Grant-Loan program is to provide financing for homeowners seeking to make improvements to, or replace their on-site wastewater treatment system, which will improve Missouri's water quality.

Program eligibility requirements can be found online: <https://goo.gl/62qtHG>

Contact JaneHood@missouristate.edu for more information.

Quote...

“Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable...Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals.” - Stride Toward Freedom: The Montgomery Story, by Martin Luther King Jr.
