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Announcements...

Missouri Department of Transportation to Pilot Solar Paneled Roadways

The Missouri Department of Transportation has announced plans to build a walkway with solar panels at the historic

Route 66 welcome center in Conway, Missouri. The goal of the futuristic pilot project is to test the feasibility of the technology and see if it can be implemented more widely in sidewalks and roads. [Read more >](#)

Conferences and Events...

SMCOG Meetings

SMCOG Board meeting, August 24, 9:00 AM, Library Station, Frisco Room, 2535 N. Kansas Expy, Springfield, MO
RHSOC Quarterly meeting, July 20, 9:00 AM, Mt. Vernon Arts and Recreation Center (MARC), Mt. Vernon, MO

CEDS Local Meetings

SMCOG staff will facilitate local roundtable discussions throughout the region to identify existing Economic Development projects and add to the regional SWOT analysis currently being conducted by the CEDS Committee. This information will help develop goals and objectives for the regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). SMCOG members and Economic Development Organizations are invited to attend the meeting for your county. Contact Jason Ray for more information (jasonray@missouristate.edu).

6 of 7 local meetings have already been conducted. Join us for the final local meeting for:
Dade County: **July 19, 10 AM to 12 PM**, City Hall, 107 E. 8th St., Lockwood, MO

July 29: EPA Webinar on Clean Energy Incentive Program

The EPA will provide an overview of the Clean Energy Incentive Program (CEIP) design details proposal during a webinar for community and environmental justice groups from noon to 1 p.m. on July 19. The CEIP is designed to encourage early investments in zero-emitting renewable energy generation and remove barriers to investment in energy efficiency and solar measures in low-income communities.

[More information and registration >](#)

Aug. 9: Webinar on Social Media Archiving with the City of Wentzville

Join the City of Wentzville, MO and ArchiveSocial for an interactive discussion about how you can use social media to expand your outreach to citizens while still complying with Missouri Sunshine Law. The webinar is scheduled for 1 p.m., Aug. 9, and will feature Kara Robinson, Communications Manager for the City of Wentzville, and Anil Chawla, Founder and CEO of ArchiveSocial.

[More information and registration >](#)

Aug. 14-16: Transit Midwest/State Public Transportation Partnerships Conference

This year's conference will have a special emphasis on the relationship between public transportation and healthcare with sessions for rural, small urban and urban systems, mobility managers, health care professionals, state DOTs and FTA. The conference will be held at The Westin at Crown Center in Kansas City.

[More information and registration >](#)

Conferences and Events Further Out...

Governor's Economic Development Conference will be held **September 7-9** at Crown Center in Kansas City, MO.
<https://goo.gl/zM5Nm2>

Missouri Recycling Association (MORA) Recycling Conference, September 12-14, St. Louis, MO
<http://goo.gl/SJHRbo>

Sept. 26-30: Community Development Academy

The Community Development Academy is an intensive, experiential, five-day course offered by the University of Missouri Extension Community Development Program. Its three courses combine leading edge thinking with practical applications that will enhance your capacity to work effectively with a broad range of community issues. The fall academy will take place at Elms Hotel and Spa in Excelsior Springs, Missouri. <http://goo.gl/37qTDE>

APA Missouri Statewide Planning Conference – The American Planning Association (APA), Missouri Chapter will host their 2016 Annual Statewide Planning Conference at University Plaza Hotel in Springfield, MO **October 5-7**. Registration is now open: <http://goo.gl/Wv0IXd>

November 15-16: MO Rural Health Association's Get Link'd Conference about the important intersection between healthcare access and transportation. Registration now open: <http://goo.gl/Hft2xY>

News...

Revisiting toll roads on Interstate 70

Tolls to fund improvements to Interstate 70, in Missouri have been talked about for years, but there has been little appetite among voters to implement such an arrangement. The Missouri Department of Transportation's new director has said all funding ideas should be considered, but any toll roads on the highway would require the support of the state's next governor and its future legislatures. [Read More >](#)

Source: *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, July 9, 2016

How Anti-Growth Sentiment, Reflected in Zoning Laws, Thwarts Equality

“To most people, zoning and land-use regulations might conjure up little more than images of late-night City Council meetings full of gadflies and minutiae. But these laws go a long way toward determining some fundamental aspects of life: what American neighborhoods look like, who gets to live where and what schools their children attend.” [Read more >](#)

Source: *New York Times*, July 3, 2016

Online Resources...

Watch 6,000 Years of Urbanization in Three Minutes

Max Galka at Metrocosm has created a video using new data from Yale University that visualizes the establishment of urban settlements around the world and across thousands of years. The geocoded dataset used in the video comes from Yale researchers that, for the first time ever, mapped urban settlements from 3700 B.C. to 2000 A.D. [Watch the video >](#)

Jobs...

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

Human Resources Assistant, City of Branson, \$12.76/hr.: <http://goo.gl/s3Mpti>

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

Professional Engineer, City of Springfield, \$56,795 - \$78,027/yr.: <https://goo.gl/YuEpvE> Closes July 22

Arborist, City of Springfield, \$13.05 - \$18.77/hr.: <https://goo.gl/e12D1F>

9-1-1 Telecommunicator, Monett – Lawrence County 911, \$27,348 - \$30,904/yr.: <http://goo.gl/AHm6HN>

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

City Administrator, City of Chesterfield, \$160,000 to \$190,000/yr., **Planning Technician**, \$37,290/yr.:

<http://goo.gl/KZGbwR>

Geotechnical Specialist, Mo. Dept. of Transportation, \$3,389 - \$4,229/mo., **various other positions**:

<http://goo.gl/YBiqA>

Grants...

U.S. Department of Agriculture – Rural Community Development Initiative

Grants under this program will be made to qualified intermediary organizations that will provide financial and technical assistance to recipients to develop their capacity and ability to undertake projects related to housing, community facilities, or community and economic development that will support the community. The program is funded as part of the Rural Community Development Initiative under the Rural Housing Service, an agency within the USDA Rural Development mission area. Applicants must provide matching funds in an amount at least equal to the federal grant. **Deadline for applications is July 22.** [More information >](#)

MoDOT – Missouri Moves Cost Share Program Funding Now Available

The Missouri Department of Transportation is seeking projects that could be funded with the Missouri Moves Cost Share Program. The purpose of the Missouri Moves Cost Share Program is to build partnerships with local entities to pool efforts and resources to deliver transportation projects. The program also provides financial assistance to public and private applicants for state and local projects satisfying a transportation need. Eligible projects include roads, bridges, bicycle/pedestrian accommodations and multimodal facilities. A total of \$20 million is available and the **application period ends July 29.** [More information >](#)

EPA – Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Grant

This funding is for research and/or technical assistance activities directed to one or more brownfield site(s) located in a specific area (such as a neighborhood, downtown or business district, local commercial corridor, community waterfront or city block). Each project funded under this grant must result in an area-wide plan which includes specific implementation strategies for assessing, cleaning up, and reusing the brownfields site(s) as well as related brownfields and project area revitalization strategies. EPA anticipates awarding approximately 20 projects in total, funded at up to \$200,000 each. The **deadline for submissions is Aug. 10.** [More information >](#)

MoDOT – Traffic Engineering Assistance Program (TEAP) Funding Now Available

The Missouri Department of Transportation is seeking projects that could be funded with Traffic Engineering Assistance Program (TEAP). The TEAP allows local public agencies (LPA) to receive engineering assistance for studying traffic engineering problems. Typical traffic engineering related projects include corridor safety and/or operational analysis, intersection(s) safety and/or operational analysis, speed limit review, sign inventory, pedestrian/bike route analysis, parking issues, and other traffic studies. Funds administered by MoDOT will provide 80 percent of the TEAP project costs, up to \$8,000 per project, with local agencies contributing a 20 percent match. **Applications are due Sept. 9** and eligible projects must be able to be completed by spring of 2017. [More information >](#)

Missouri Main Street Grants

Missouri Main Street offers three matching grant programs providing up to 75 percent of the costs: Affiliate Grant, People Energizing Places (PEP), and Strategic Teams Engaging Places (STEP). These grant programs continue the mission of MMSC that is to provide the tools and resources for downtown revitalization to Missouri communities. MMSC is a 501(c)3 and financially supported by funding from the State of Missouri, Missouri Department of Economic Development, grants, sponsors, members, and other donations. Contact the MMSC office at 417-334-3014 or email Keith Winge at kwinge@momainstreet.org for more information about these programs.

Our Town Grant for the Arts

The Our Town program supports creative placemaking projects that help transform communities into lively, beautiful, and resilient places with the arts at their core. Creative Placemaking occurs when artists, arts organizations, and community development officials deliberately integrate the arts and culture into community revitalization work.

The National Endowment for the Arts will provide a limited number of grants for creative placemaking through the Our Town program in two areas: **1) Arts Engagement, Cultural Planning, and Design Projects** – matching grants from \$25,000 to \$200,000: projects represent the distinct character and quality of their communities and require a partnership between a nonprofit organization and local government entity. **2) Projects that Build Knowledge About Creative Placemaking** – matching grants from \$25,000 to \$100,000: Available to arts and design service organizations, as well as industry, policy, or university organizations that provide technical assistance to those doing place-based work.

To learn more about the Our Town program, visit this link: <https://goo.gl/cFgJH>

Applications due September 12.

Apply for a Fruit Tree Planting Foundation Orchard in your Community

The Fruit Tree Planting Foundation (FTPF) is an award-winning international nonprofit charity dedicated to planting fruitful trees and plants to alleviate world hunger, combat global warming, strengthen communities, and improve the surrounding air, soil, and water.

FTPF programs strategically donate orchards where the harvest will best serve communities for generations, at places such as community gardens, public schools, city/state parks, low-income neighborhoods, Native American reservations, international hunger relief sites, and animal sanctuaries. [More information >](#)

Quotes...

"I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past." – Thomas Jefferson
