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## Announcements...

### MoDOT Seeks Proposals for MO Moves Cost Share Program

The Missouri Department of Transportation seeks project proposals for a new \$20 million Missouri Moves Cost Share Program. MoDOT will participate up to 50 percent of the total project cost and all modes are eligible. The full application and guidelines are available at the MoDOT website: <http://goo.gl/HbCy7Y>

**Applications due July 29.**

### Gov. Nixon Signs Bill Expanding Municipal Court Reforms

Last week, Governor Nixon signed [Senate Bill 572](#) which lowers the cap on fines and costs for minor traffic violations and extends the cap to include certain nuisance, building, and zoning ordinance violations which will be capped at \$200 for the first offense, and defendants will not be able to be jailed for nonpayment. **Read the full News Release online:**

<https://goo.gl/sdysMq>

## Conferences and Events...

### SMCOG Meetings

**SMCOG Board meeting**, June 22, 9:00 AM, Library Station, Frisco Room, 2535 N. Kansas Expy, Springfield, MO 65803

**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](mailto:jasonray@missouristate.edu)).

Barry & Lawrence Counties: **June 23, 1-3 PM**, Casino Conference Center, 101 S. Lincoln, Monett, MO

Greene County: **June 27, 2-4 PM**, Library Center Auditorium, 4653 S. Campbell Ave., Springfield, MO

Dallas & Polk Counties: **June 29, 10 AM to 12 PM**, City Council Chambers, 345 S. Main, Bolivar, MO

Webster County: **July 1, 10 AM to 12 PM**, Central Bank of the Ozarks Basement, 1197 Spur Dr., Marshfield, MO

Stone & Taney Counties: **July 5, 2-4 PM**, Bank of Missouri, 1313 St. Hwy 248, Branson, MO

Christian County: **July 6, 2-4 PM**, City Hall Boardroom, 205 N. 1<sup>st</sup> St., Ozark, MO

Dade County: **July 19, 10 AM to 12 PM**, City Hall, 107 E. 8<sup>th</sup> St., Lockwood, MO

### EDC Exchange – Local & Tribal Agencies Smarter Work Zones (SWZs)

Every Day Counts (EDC) will host a local exchange on **June 23**, 1 – 3:00 PM at the Traffic Management Center of the Ozarks. FHWA has collected and developed a number of example policies, practices, and tools to help agencies implement SWZs. This EDC Exchange will present success stories from local agencies using SWZ project coordination and technology application strategies to improve safety and mobility in and around work zones within their jurisdictions. It will also include discussions on planning and implementing SWZ within your region. This Exchange will be of interest to local and tribal agencies involved with or interested in implementing SWZ. For more information, go to: <http://goo.gl/f8Atfh>

### 2016 Planning Law Review

OTO will host a viewing of the American Planning Association's annual Planning Law Review webinar on **June 29** from 3 to 4:30 PM at the OTO Offices located at 2208 W. Chesterfield Blvd., Suite 101, Springfield, MO 65807. 1.5 CM Law credits are available for AICP members. RSVP to [Natasha Longpine](#). For more information about the webinar, visit:

<https://goo.gl/6T32M4>

## Missouri Brownfields Conference

In conjunction with the Missouri Waste Control Coalition Conference, MoDNR will host the MO Brownfields Conference at Tan-Tar-A Resort **July 11-12**. For more information, follow this link: <http://goo.gl/Q5hsBb>, and view the FULL AGENDA to see details about the Brownfields sessions. Municipalities and non-profits may receive scholarships to attend.

## St. Louis Summer Transportation Institute for High School Students

Saint Louis University is offering a free one-week summer camp for high school students interested in pursuing a career in transportation, civil engineering, aviation, science, engineering, or technology. This free one-week camp for high school boys and girls offers two sessions: **July 11-15** and **July 18-22**. Please visit <http://goo.gl/cKSrXx> to learn more about this camp.

## “How to Use a DFIRM” Workshop

The Southwest Missouri Council of Governments and the Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management are co-hosting a SEMA workshop on “How to Use a DFIRM”. This workshop is designed to assist our communities in using their regulatory FEMA products to reduce loss of life and property destruction from flooding. Local government elected officials and floodplain administrators, hazard mitigation planners and GIS personnel who assist in Floodplain Management are especially encouraged to attend this workshop. Please see the attached workshop invitation and agenda for details. The workshop will be held **Friday, July 15, 9 AM to 12 PM**, at the Public Safety Center Policy Conference Room, 303 W. Scott St., Springfield, MO 65802. Please RSVP to [DianeMay@missouristate.edu](mailto:DianeMay@missouristate.edu) or 417-836-6973 by Wednesday, July 13.

## Conferences and Events Further Out...

**2016 Transit Midwest/State Public Transportation Partnerships Conference:** a cooperative effort among the states of Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, and Missouri, and state partnerships AASHTO, APTA, and CTAA. The Conference is scheduled for **August 14 - August 16** at The Westin at Crown Center in Kansas City, Missouri. For more information and to register, visit: <http://goo.gl/san0vu>.

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

**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...

### Income Inequality: A Growing Threat to Eliminating Rural Child Poverty

No child in this country should grow up in poverty. And as a [new analysis](#) by USDA’s Economic Research Service (ERS) makes clear, to end that injustice we must do more to tackle growing income inequality. The [study](#) found that rising income inequality explains an overwhelming 93 percent of the increase in rural child poverty between 2003 and 2014. As the report notes, income inequality was considerably higher in 2014 than in 2003 in both urban and rural areas. Over the past seven years, USDA and the Obama Administration’s work to bring economic opportunity to rural America has produced concrete results: rural areas are seeing income growth; two-thirds of rural communities have demonstrated job growth; and for the first time in years, rural areas are gaining population rather than losing residents. But this new research on the pervasive effects of income inequality underscores that broader Administration priorities, like raising the minimum wage, must be part of any comprehensive approach to rural poverty.

## EPA Recognizes City of Springfield for Effective Use of Brownfields Assistance

The City of Springfield, Mo., was officially recognized today by EPA Region 7 for its successful 17-year history of redevelopment of formerly polluted properties. Since 1999, using a little more than \$7 million in EPA Brownfields grants and technical assistance, the city has leveraged more than \$460 million in public and private investments toward the revitalization of former brownfields, with more projects underway.

Read the full article online: <https://goo.gl/ZwM32P>

## For Missouri Highways, a Quest to Draw a Better Map

**Missouri has become the first state to draw its highway maps using GIS**, and now other states are expected to follow suit. The technology automates much of the map-making process, which will help Missouri keep its maps more accurate and updated more easily. Other advantages include making it easier to combine state maps with other GIS-based data, quicker fixing of errors and cheaper production costs. Read More > <http://goo.gl/2uKUDq>

Source: *Governing.com*, June 8, 2016

## Online Resources...

### SpringfieldRegion.com

The Springfield Regional Economic Partnership (SREP) launched a robust, interactive website to promote the 10-county region which is identical to SMOG's geographic footprint. Users can learn about the region, key industries, search for available property, how to utilize local economic development tools, and more. **More information** > <http://goo.gl/ONX2Qk>

## Jobs...

**Regional Planner**, Lake of the Ozarks Council of Local Governments, Salary DOQ: <http://goo.gl/IK1zuB>

**Accountant**, City of Branson, \$16.17/hr.: <http://goo.gl/Kk3VVd> Closes June 24.

**Police Dispatcher I**, City of Branson, \$13.15/hr.: <http://goo.gl/Q7boF5>

**Police Chief**, City of Branson, \$70,733 - \$106,100/yr.: <http://goo.gl/uO8254> Closes July 8.

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

**Director of Finance**, City of Springfield: <https://goo.gl/A3AALG> Closes June 24.

**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>

## Grants...

### Farmers Market Promotion Program

Approximately \$13 million in competitive grant funds in fiscal year (FY) 2016 is available to be awarded through the Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP). The purpose of the FMPP is to increase domestic consumption of, and access to, locally and regionally produced agricultural products, and to develop new market opportunities for farm and ranch operations serving local markets by developing, improving, expanding, and providing outreach, training, and technical assistance to, or assisting in the development, improvement, and expansion of, domestic farmers markets, roadside stands, community-supported agriculture programs, agritourist activities, and other direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities. Go to <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/fmpp> for more information.

## Department of Homeland Security – FEMA, Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Grants Programs Directorate is responsible for the implementation and administrations of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG)

Program. The purpose of the AFG Program is to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. The Grants Programs Directorate administers the Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) grants as part of the AFG Program. FP&S offers grants to support activities in two categories: (1) activities designed to reach high-risk target groups and mitigate incidences of death and injuries caused by fire and fire-related hazards ("Fire Prevention and Safety Activity") and (2) research and development activities aimed at improving firefighter safety ("Firefighter Safety Research and Development Activity"). The program guidance document provides potential applicants with the details of the requirements, processing, and evaluation of an application for financial assistance for both of these activity areas. For more information: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=282157>

### 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](mailto:kwinge@momainstreet.org) for more information about these programs.

### Value Added Producer Grant Funds Available

The VAPG program helps agricultural producers enter into value-added activities related to the processing and/or marketing of bio-based, value-added products. Generating new products, creating and expanding marketing opportunities, and increasing producer income are the goals of this program. You may receive priority if you are a beginning farmer or rancher, a socially-disadvantaged farmer or rancher, a small or medium-sized farm or ranch structured as a family farm, a farmer or rancher cooperative, or are proposing a mid-tier value chain. Grants are awarded through a national competition. For more information, go to <http://goo.gl/ZaCXCJ>.

### 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.**

### DOT Federal Highway Administration – Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment Initiative

**The DOT is requesting applications to result in awards to eligible entities to develop** model deployment sites for large scale installation and operation of advanced transportation technologies to improve safety, efficiency, system performance, and infrastructure return on investment. This grant program will promote the use of innovative transportation solutions. Eligible applicants are state or local governments, transit agencies, metropolitan planning organizations (MPO) representing a population of over 200,000, or other political subdivisions of a State or local government (such as publicly owned toll or port authorities), or a multijurisdictional group or consortia of research institutions or academic institutions.

**More information >** <http://goo.gl/u148Se>

### DOT Federal Highway Administration – Transportation Workforce Strategic Initiative

**The Federal Highway Administration is requesting applications** for assistance to result in the award of a new

Cooperative Agreement, entitled, "Transportation Workforce Strategic Initiative." The purpose of this proposed agreement is to better define transportation career pathways in the five key disciplines of planning, environment, engineering, safety, and operations. Career pathways are generally considered as an integrated collection of programs and services intended to develop individuals' core academic, technical, and employability skills, and provide them with continuous education and training that allow them to be placed and develop in high-demand, high-opportunity careers. **More information >**  
<http://goo.gl/edls1m>

## Quotes...

*"Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that."*

*Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

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