

RPC Update

2022 STATEWIDE PLANNING PARTNER MEETING

FEB. 16, 2022

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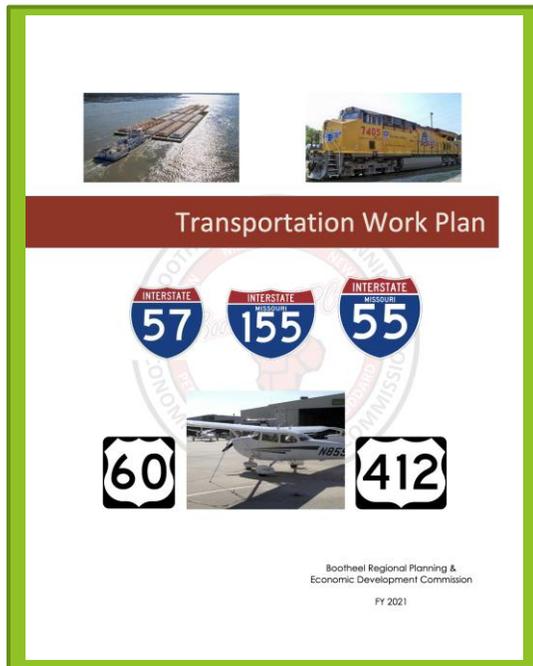
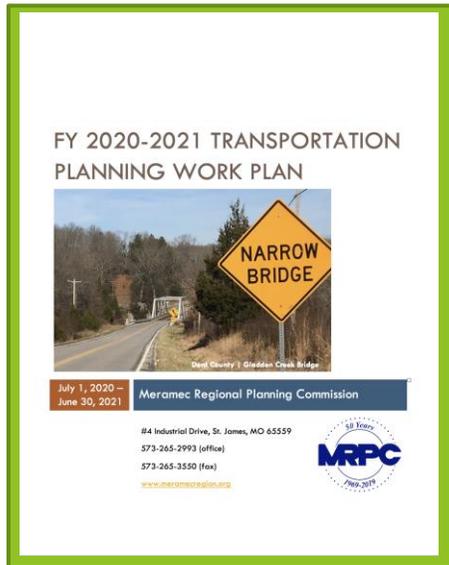
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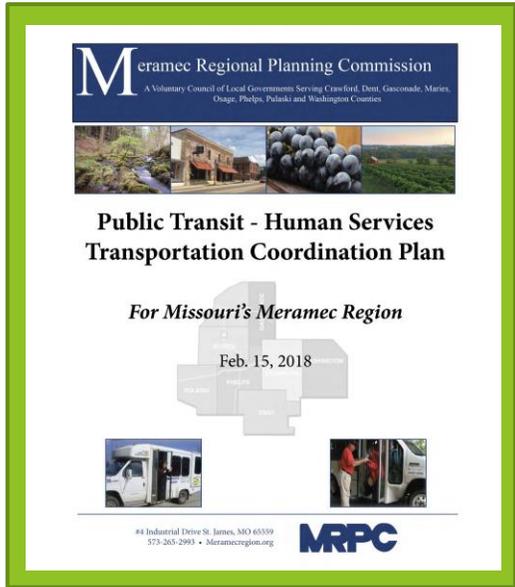
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Work Plan Development

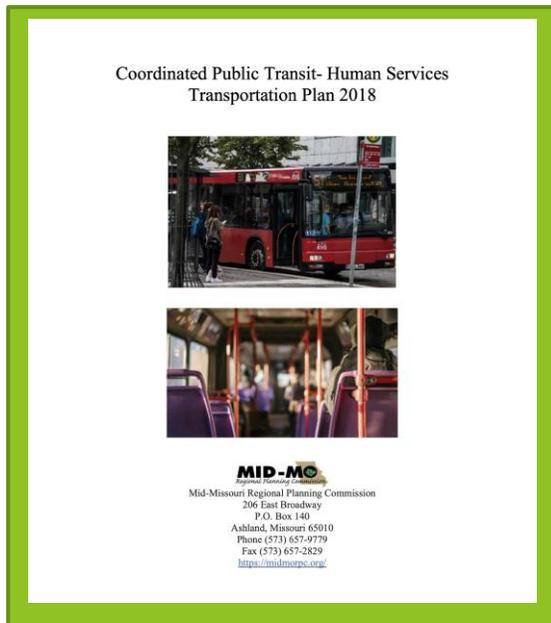
- ▶ Work Plan development coordinated through MACOG
 - ▶ MACOG Transportation Committee is beginning its work on the guidance for the 2022-2023 Work Plan and Budget, which includes the allocation of planning funds provided
 - ▶ MACOG and MoDOT will be discussing any changes to the guidance, which will result in changes or additions to the Work Plan, and any changes in funding level
 - ▶ Once guidance is approved by MACOG, RPCs will begin developing new work plans for 2022-23
 - ▶ 2022-2023 Work Plans will be finalized by mid-May, for submission to MoDOT planning staff
 - ▶ Before that happens, each RPC will be doing a self-evaluation of its current work program. That self-evaluation helps determine each RPCs funding allocation for the upcoming year



Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan



- ▶ RPCs coordinate the development and update of Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plans for their respective regions
- ▶ Most of us have plans that were last updated in 2018, so the next update is coming soon. To be finished in 2023
- ▶ MACOG is working with MoDOT Transit staff to coordinate this effort



Local Transportation Funding Opportunities

▶ American Recovery Plan Act: ARPA

Final Rule released Jan. 6, 2022

- ▶ Major Change from Interim Rule: \$10 Million Revenue Loss Allowance
- ▶ Counties/cities may allocate up to \$10 million of their total Recovery Fund allocation as “lost revenue” to spend on government services
- ▶ Provides a great deal more flexibility for spending of ARPA funds at the local level
- ▶ Counties/cities may use this “lost revenue” for **general government services up to the revenue loss amount**
- ▶ Government services generally include any service traditionally provided by a government, unless Treasury has stated otherwise
 - ▶ Road building and maintenance, and other infrastructure are government services
- ▶ This is an opportunity for RPCs to help their cities and counties develop a process to prioritize and plan those projects, including transportation projects

Local Transportation Funding Opportunities

- ▶ **Bipartisan Infrastructure Law**

Signed into law Nov. 15, 2021

- ▶ \$1.2 Trillion infrastructure bill: Includes \$550 Billion of new investment in infrastructure over five years
 - ▶ \$319 Billion for Roads, Bridges and Major Infrastructure Projects
 - ▶ \$66 Billion for Passenger and Freight Rail
 - ▶ \$88 Billion for Public Transportation
 - ▶ \$25 Billion for Airports and Federal Aviation Administration Facilities
 - ▶ \$17 Billion for Ports and Waterways
 - ▶ \$38 Billion for Transportation Safety Programs

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▶ **Missouri's Formula Share**

- ▶ **Highways and Bridges:** Based on formula funding, Missouri would expect to receive approximately \$7 billion over five years in Federal highway formula funding for highways and bridges. About 29.6% more than the State's Federal-aid highway formula funding under current law.
- ▶ **Roadway Safety:** Based on formula funding, Missouri would expect to receive approximately \$40 million in 402 formula funding. About 29% over FAST funding levels.
- ▶ **Public Transportation:** Based on formula funding, Missouri would expect to receive approximately \$732 million over five years in Federal highway formula funding. 36% increase over FAST transit funding levels.
- ▶ **Electrical Vehicle Charging Network:** Based on formula funding, Missouri would expect to receive approximately \$99 million over five years.
- ▶ **Airports:** Based on formula funding, Missouri would expect to receive approximately \$247 million over five years.

Missouri will have the opportunity to apply for additional competitive funds.

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- ▶ **New & expanded competitive grant programs in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) anticipated to launch over the course of the next year:**
 - ▶ **Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grants (\$15B, expanded)**- RAISE grants support surface transportation projects of local and/or regional significance. NOFA issued. \$1.5B to be awarded. Deadline April 14, 2022.
<https://www.transportation.gov/RAISEgrants>
 - ▶ **Safe Streets and Roads for All (\$5B, NEW)** - This program will provide funding directly to local and tribal governments to support their efforts to advance “vision zero” plans and other improvements to reduce crashes and fatalities, especially for cyclists and pedestrians. Applicants are MPOs, and political subdivisions of the state.
 - ▶ **Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Grants (\$14B, expanded)** - INFRA grants will offer needed aid to freight infrastructure by providing funding to state and local government for projects of regional or national significance. The BIL also raises the cap on multimodal projects to 30% of program funds.
 - ▶ **Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program (\$1B, NEW)** - This new competitive grant program will improve and expand surface transportation infrastructure in rural area, increasing connectivity, improving safety and reliability of the movement of people and freight, and generate regional economic growth.

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- ▶ **New & expanded competitive grant programs in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) anticipated to launch over the course of the next year:**
 - ▶ **National Culvert Removal, Replacement and Restoration Grant (\$1B NEW)** This new competitive grant program will provide supplemental funding to states and local governments to replace remove and /or repair culverts and weirs.
 - ▶ **Railroad Crossing Elimination Program (\$3B, NEW)** This new competitive grant provides funds to mitigate or eliminate Hazards at railway-highway crossings.
 - ▶ **Rural Ferry Program (\$2B, new)** - This competitive grant program will ensure that basic essential ferry service continues to be provided to rural areas by providing funds to States to support this service.
 - ▶ **Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Terminal Program (\$5B, new)** - This discretionary grant program will provide funding for airport terminal development and other landside projects.
 - ▶ **Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Infrastructure Grant (\$15B, new)** - This competitive grant program for public use airports in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems.

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- ▶ **New & expanded competitive grant programs in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) anticipated to launch over the course of the next year:**
 - ▶ **Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) competitive grants for nationally significant bridges and other bridges (\$12.2B, new)** - This new competitive grant program will assist state, local, federal, and tribal entities in rehabilitating or replacing bridges, including culverts. Large projects and bundling of smaller bridge projects will be eligible for funding.
 - ▶ **FTA All Station Accessibility Program (\$1.75B, new)** - This competitive grant program will provide funding to legacy transit and commuter rail authorities to upgrade existing stations to meet or exceed accessibility standards under the Americans with Disabilities Act.
 - ▶ **Charging and fueling infrastructure discretionary grants (Up to \$2.5B, new)** - Two competitive grant programs will provide funding to provide convenient charging where people live, work, and shop and along corridors
 - ▶ **Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program (\$1B, new)** - This new competitive program will provide dedicated funding to state, local, MPO, and tribal governments for planning, design, demolition, and reconstruction of street grids, parks, or other infrastructure.

Resources

Source: US DOT Federal Highways Administration website

https://www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/2022-01/BIL_Missouri.pdf

Source: The White House website

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/build/>

A Guidebook to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/BUILDING-A-BETTER-AMERICA_FINAL.pdf

This document will be updated as grant programs are announced.

TRANSFORMATIONAL TIMES

Once-in-a-generation opportunities

- ▶ RPCs have a role to play to help local governments, MoDOT and the state of Missouri to leverage as many of these dollars to benefits the transportation users in Missouri.
- ▶ More grant writing in our future!
- ▶ Challenge: Do more than write the grant. Initiate/conceive the project! Look for partnerships. Be Proactive!

THANK YOU!