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Transportation Alternative funds available

The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) is authorized under the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) to provide for a variety of alternative transportation projects, including many that were previously eligible activities under separately funded programs. The TAP replaces the funding from pre-MAP-21 programs including Transportation Enhancements, Recreational Trails, Safe Routes to School, and Scenic Byways, wrapping them into a single funding source.

The mission of the Transportation Alternatives Program is to improve our Nation's communities through leadership, innovation, and program delivery. The funds are available to develop a variety of project types located in both rural and urban communities to create safe, accessible, attractive, and environmental-

ly-sensitive communities where people want to live, work, and recreate.

The Transportation Alternatives Program consists of: Transportation Alternative Definitions, Recreational Trails Program (RTP), Safe Routes to School (SRTS) activities, and Boulevards from Divided Highways.

There are 13 possible transportation alternatives activity categories, which have been grouped into three groups by common characteristics. Although the federal government provides guidance and ensures compliance, states are responsible for selecting their own alternatives projects.

To discuss specific eligibility guidelines, contact Linda Laderoute at linda@nwmorcog.org or call 660-582-5121.

Downtown Trick-or-Treat

The Regional Council will participate in the downtown Trick-or-Treat event in Maryville on October 30. MoDOT partners with the Council to provide goodies and printed materials to remind everyone about traffic safety. Thank you to the Blueprint to Save More Lives grant program for their support. Have a fun and SAFE Halloween!



Amy Dowis joins the Career Center staff

The Regional Council is pleased to announce the addition of Amy Dowis as a part-time Career Counselor in the Workforce Development office. Amy brings a unique perspective to the office having recently been a customer while she was participating in the Dislocated Worker and Trade

Act programs after the plant she managed closed and the business relocated out of the country.

Amy's primary focus at the Career Center is to work with businesses in the 5-county area to help them fill any job openings they have by acquiring job listings to be posted

on our website, jobs.mo.gov, and our Facebook page (Missouri Career Center-Maryville). Amy graduated in July with a degree in Health Care Management from North Central Missouri College.

Status of active grants

| CDBG GRANTS | STATUS |
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| Nodaway County Bridge-#1027 | Environmental Review |
| Guilford New Sanitary Sewer | Under Construction |
| Skidmore New Water Tower/Connection to Nodaway County PWSD #1 | Under Construction |
| Nodaway County Emergency Water | Interconnect Underway, Tower in Design Phase |
| Stanberry Wastewater Treatment Facility | Design Phase/Land Purchase |
| FLOOD PROJECTS—Holt | STATUS |
| Levee #15 | Under construction—80% complete |
| DED GRANTS—TAX CREDITS | STATUS |
| Atchison County Memorial Building Foundation | Audited |

Amendment to FY'13 CDBG Action Plan

Currently, the Department of Economic Development has established the following funding categories for its FY'13 CDBG allocation:

- Water/wastewater
- Economic Development
- Community Facilities
- Emergency
- Demolition

An adjustment of more than 25% of the total annual allocation, or the creation/elimination of a category will require a sub-

stantial amendment of this plan.

The Department proposes to amend the 2013 CDBG Action Plan to allow for the creation of a funding category for general public infrastructure (not including water and wastewater as a funding category for those activities already exists). This category will be used should FY'13 funds become available. The Department retains the ability to transfer up to 25% of the total annual allocation between funding categories as needed.

Public Participation

This amendment is being made available on September 19, 2014 for a **fifteen day comment period ending at 5 pm on Friday, October 3, 2014**. Written comments may be submitted to:

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Atchison County Hazard Mitigation planning meetings

The Regional Council is partnering with the Atchison County Commission to update and improve the existing Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan as required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Hazard Mitigation is defined as any sustained action taken to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk to life and property from hazardous events. It is an on-going process that occurs before, during, and after disasters and serves to break the cycle of damage and repair in hazardous areas.

Public meetings are held to help improve

the accuracy and current content of the plan, as well as to collect public input. The Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments invites all interested citizens to participate in public meetings to update the plan.

The first meeting will take place:

Tuesday, September 23, 2014
11:30 a.m.

Atchison County Extension Office
201 Hwy 136 East, Rock Port

Concerned citizens interested in attend-

ing should RSVP to the Regional Council at least one week before each scheduled meeting. Future public meetings are as follows:

Wednesday, October 15, 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday, November 18, 11:30 a.m.

All meetings will include lunch and be held at the Atchison County Extension Office, 201 Highway 136 East in Rock Port. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Chance Long, jchance@nwmorcog.org.

Regional Council to assist with strategic planning in Grant City

The City of Grant City hired the Regional Council to facilitate a community-wide strategic planning process in 2008. The final work product was a 5-year strategic plan that the City has used to coordinate multiple community-based projects, including

updates to their swimming pool, park, downtown and many other projects. The City's current plan expired in 2013 and the City Council has now hired the Regional Council to once again assist them with the development of a new 5-year strategic plan.

The planning process will include a series of public meetings during which local residents will have the opportunity to give input for the final draft of the new plan. It is anticipated that the final plan will be complete by December 2014.

Council to host resiliency workshops for small businesses

The Regional Council invites small business owners in Holt and Atchison counties to attend a series of Business Resiliency Workshops. In the wake of the 2011 flooding, levees breached along the Missouri River wreaked havoc on the surrounding floodplain communities. In 2014, recovery is still taking place in communities within these two counties. The Regional Council is currently working on a Disaster and Economic Recovery and Resiliency Strategy to prevent future damage and job loss. Flood impacts have included businesses, residences, and infrastructure. Workshops will be held at the following times and locations:

Expanding Business After Disaster: Planning, Preparation & Resources
Tuesday, October 7, 2-4 p.m.
River Rock Lanes, 606 South Main St. Rock Port, MO 64482
 Presentations by Kelli Morris & Annette Weeks
 Northwest Missouri Enterprise Facilitation and John Ecker
 Mo-Kan Development, Inc.

Active Shooter & Disaster Psychology: Response & Recovery
Wednesday, November 5, 2-4 p.m.
Squaw Creek Travel Plaza, I-29 Exit 79 Mound City, MO 64470
 Presentations by Sheldon Lyon
 St. Joseph Safety & Health Council and John Carr
 NWMSU

Business owners interested in attending should RSVP to the Regional Council at least one week before each scheduled workshop. Contact Chance Long, Disaster Recovery Coordinator at 660-582-5121 or email jchance@nwmorcog.org.

Staff represents MORA at Missouri State Fair in August

Northwest Missouri recycling activities were represented at the Missouri State Fair this year by participation in the Missouri Recycling Association booth. Community and Environmental Planner, Linda Laderoute, worked at the fair booth talking to visitors about the recycling activities in our Solid Waste Management District. With a bucket of pellets from Northwest's Pellet Plant, it was easy to start up conversations

about our local recycling accomplishments. The Missouri Recycling Association Annual Conference was held in Springfield, MO the second week in September. There was good representation from our region including representatives from NoCoMo, Northwest University, Kawasaki, and the Solid Waste Management District. The conference had many good sessions addressing different aspects of recycling activities.

Presentations included information about the legislative issues, household hazardous waste, composting, scrap tires, and other topics of current interest. A trade show market place was available where attendees could learn about projects and state of the art equipment available for the recycling industry.

NW Missouri Recycles Survey: project update

The NW Missouri Recycles Survey project sponsored by a grant from the USDA Rural Utilities Solid Waste Management Program provided technical assistance for the development of recycling plans for the cities of Grant City, Hopkins and Skidmore. The Hopkins Plan has been adopted and Grant City and Skidmore plans are in the final draft stage.

The USDA grant began in October of 2013. The *NW Missouri Recycles Survey* was available from December through March to gather information about recycling activities and attitudes in our five-county region. In May, reports were sent out to all the endorsing communities and a meeting was held for those communities ready to prepare a recycling plan. The Recycling Plan Tool Kit was handed out at the meeting and technical assistance provided to the cities



NW Missouri Recycles Survey

Tell us what kind of recycling best meets the needs of your community in less than 5 minutes. Join the leaders of our five county region in planning our recycling future.

Survey endorsed by:

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| Counties | Albany | Cities | Pickering |
| Atchison | Burlington | Hopkins | Rock Port |
| Gentry | Junction | King City | Skidmore |
| Holt | Clearmont | Maryville | Stanberry |
| Nodaway | Fairfax | Mound City | Tarkio |
| Worth | Grant City | Oregon | Farnell |

Support your community by expressing your opinions at:
www.surveymonkey.com/s/nwmorecycles

throughout the planning process. The grant project will be completed by September 30.

Social media and the Missouri Career Center

Social media and Job Club are two expanded services now being offered through the Missouri Career Center office in Maryville. Customers can like "Missouri Career Center-Maryville" on Facebook to see job openings on the page, as well as tips and tools to help job seekers, such as resume writing and job hunting tips. The page also is used to notify our customers of upcoming events and office closings. Missouri Career Center-Maryville on Facebook has already proven to be an

effective way to inform customers about services offered to job seekers in northwest Missouri.

Due to the success of the Job Club that was sponsored for Energizer employees, the Career Center has expanded to offer this service to the general public every Tuesday

at the Career Center. Staff members from the Career Center present information on the chosen topic each week. Topics so far have included: resume writing and how to effectively complete online applications. Job Club meets every Tuesday from 2:00 to 3:15 p.m. Individuals interested in attending Job Club meetings are asked to contact the Missouri Career Center by calling 800-711-5408 or 660-582-8980 to reserve a spot. Job Club is a free service offered to our clients.





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Important dates

- Oct 7 Business Resiliency Workshop, River Rock Lanes, Rock Port, 2:00 p.m.
- Oct 8 Solid Waste Executive Board Meeting, Regional Council, 5:30 p.m.
- Oct 9 Great Northwest Wholesale Water Commission Meeting, Cameron City Hall, 2:00 p.m.
- Oct 13 Columbus Day, RCOG and Missouri Career Center Closed
- Oct 15 Atchison County Hazard Mitigation Planning Meeting #2, Atchison County Extension Office, 11:30 a.m.
- Oct 15 Grant City Strategic Planning Meeting #2, Grant City City Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Oct 23 Regional Council Board of Directors Meeting, Regional Council, 7:00 p.m.
- Oct 30 Downtown Trick-or-Treat, Regional Council, 5:00 p.m.
- Nov 5 Business Resiliency Workshop, Squaw Creek Travel Plaza, 2:00 p.m.
- Nov 5 Grant City Strategic Planning Meeting #3, Grant City City Hall, 6:00 p.m.
- Nov 11 Veteran's Day, Regional Council and Missouri Career Center Closed
- Nov 12 Solid Waste Executive Board Meeting, Regional Council, 5:30 p.m.
- Nov 13 Great Northwest Wholesale Water Commission Meeting, Cameron City Hall, 2:00 p.m.
- Nov 17 Nodaway County/Polk Township/City of Maryville Joint Planning Task Force, Regional Council, 6:30 p.m.
- Nov 18 Atchison County Hazard Mitigation Planning Meeting #3, Atchison County Extension Office, 11:30 a.m.
- Nov 19 FirstNet Broadband Planning Meeting for Emergency Services, CIE Building (NWMSU Campus), 10:00 a.m.
- Nov 27 Thanksgiving, Regional Council and Missouri Career Center Closed
- Nov 28 Regional Council Closed, Missouri Career Center TBA
- Dec 10 Solid Waste Executive Board Meeting, Regional Council, 5:30 p.m.
- Dec 11 Great Northwest Wholesale Water Commission Meeting, Cameron City Hall, 2:00 p.m.
- Dec 11 Regional Council Board of Directors Meeting and Annual Christmas Dinner, Location TBA, 6:00 p.m.