

From: East-West Gateway <Briefings@ewgateway.org>
To: Everybody Everybody <Everybody@ewgateway.org>
Date: 05/18/2017 4:48 PM
Subject: Local Government Briefings for May 18th

Briefings



EAST-WEST GATEWAY
Council of Governments

The St. Louis Region's Weekly Resource for Local Government Information and News

[Announcements](#) | [Events](#) | [News](#) | [Watch/Read/Listen](#) | [Jobs](#) | [Grants](#)



Announcements

FHWA Approves Use of Emergency Relief Funds for Flood Damage

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has approved the Missouri Department of Transportation's (MoDOT) request for the use of Emergency Relief (ER) funds for reimbursements for eligible disaster costs from the recent flood event. MoDOT is also expecting that a Presidential disaster declaration will be made. Local public agencies are eligible for ER funding if they sustained damages on any of their **federal aid roads** in excess of \$5,000 per site.

Cities and counties that need to proceed with emergency repairs must follow their approved contracting and procurement procedures, in addition to documenting damages – this includes, but is not limited to, taking pictures of the damage, identifying the location of the damage, the extent of the damage, and providing high level estimates (including labor, equipment, materials & contract costs), etc.

- Only Urban Minor Collectors, Major Collectors, or higher functional classification roadways are eligible for FHWA ER reimbursement. If a federal aid road has been damaged, the ER process with FHWA will be coordinated through MoDOT's Central Office Maintenance Division.
- If a non-federal aid road has been damaged, the local agency will coordinate directly with their Local Emergency Management Office, which will coordinate with SEMA.
- SEMA funding will be available for non-federal aid routes including Local Roadways and Rural Minor Collectors in the declared counties.
- Additional details may be found in the [FHWA Emergency Relief Manual](#).

Please contact your local [MoDOT Area Engineer](#) to provide damage information on federal aid roads in your jurisdiction.

MoDOT Wants to Hear Your Vision for the Future of I70

Survey Closes May 22

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), in coordination with East-West Gateway and Metro, is taking a high-level look at what I-70 is today and envisioning what it can be in the future. A new study will look at the area of the interstate beginning just west of the I-70/I-64 interchange in Wentzville and continuing through the Stan Musial Veterans Memorial Bridge complex to the end of the express lanes in downtown St. Louis City. To provide your input, visit the [Envision I-70 website](#), where you can take a brief survey, share your ideas for the I70 corridor and learn more about this study.

Take East-West Gateway's Walking and Bicycling Survey

The survey will be used by transportation planners at East-West Gateway to better understand the needs of pedestrians/bicyclists, document existing conditions and learn about barriers to walking/bicycle in the region. Completing the survey is easy and should only take 10 to 15 minutes, just go online to [surveymonkey.com/r/walk-bike](#).

East-West Gateway Accepting Roadway Functional Classification Applications

As mandated under federal law, East-West Gateway is responsible for maintaining and updating the region's functional classification of roads according to the type of service they provide. The classification is used in part to determine project eligibility for inclusion in the Long Range Plan and the short-range Transportation Improvement Program. Currently, the May round for requested changes is open until May 31. The application and related materials are available on [East-West Gateway's website](#).



Upcoming Events

Ongoing

NIMS Training for Elected Officials and Municipal Staff

This free three-hour training from the St. Louis Area Regional Response System (STARRS) will give an overview of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) specifically designed for elected officials and municipal staff. Multiple dates and locations are available, including a recently added session at The Lodge in Des Peres on June 14.

May 19

NCI Annual Leadership Breakfast

7:30 a.m. | Marriott St. Louis Airport

North County Incorporated (NCI) invites civic, business, community leaders and residents to celebrate their 40 years of service to the North County community at their annual breakfast and awards ceremony.

May 23, 25, 31

St. Louis County Parks and Recreation Master Plan Open House

4 to 8 p.m. | Multiple locations

The county will hold three open houses this month to gather public feedback for a 20-Year Master Plan. Dates and locations are May 23 at the St. Louis Carousel Meeting Room in Faust Park, May 25 at The Pavilion at Lemay in Jefferson Barracks Park, and May 31 at North County Recreation Complex in Veterans Memorial Park.

May 24

TAP Project Review Workshop – Missouri Sponsors

9 a.m. to noon | East-West Gateway

Intended for local agencies considering applying for federal funds through the Transportation Alternatives Program, the workshop provides agencies with a chance to have their project reviewed by and receive feedback from an expert panel.

May 25

Municipal Officials Training Academy: 2017 Legislative Review

Noon to 1:15 p.m. | Online or in-person at Frontenac City Hall

The Municipal Officials Training Academy is offering a webinar with an in-person attendance option discussing the 2017 Missouri legislative session and best practices moving forward.

FEMA Webinar: Safe Rooms for Tornadoes and Hurricanes

1 p.m. | Online

This free 1-hour webinar provides design and construction criteria for tornado and hurricane safe rooms and is designed for architects, engineers and emergency managers.

Events and Conferences Further Out

June 7

[VW Stakeholder Forums for Missouri/Illinois Fleets](#)

June 12-16, June 19-23

[St. Louis Summer Transportation Institute for High School Students](#)

June 13

[Missouri Digital Government Summit](#)

June 15

[Illinois Department of Revenue Informational Workshop](#)

June 20-22

[Sustainability Institute for Educators](#)

July 26-29

[National Urban League's Save Our Cities Annual Conference](#)

August 6-8

[Missouri Public Transit Association Annual Conference](#)

August 31-September 1

[IEDC Training: Economic Development for Local and Elected Officials](#)

Headlines

National News

How Government Can Nurture the Nudge

Many jurisdictions and agencies across the country have been experimenting with nudges — the idea that changing an individual's "choice architecture" can positively influence their behavior. Governing magazine takes a look at some lessons learned from recent initiatives in Louisville, Kentucky, that incorporated data-driven nudges,

Distribution of Grants Proposed for Elimination by White House Varies Widely

This analysis from the Pew Charitable Trusts examines how the budget blueprint proposed by President Donald Trump would impact the wide range of federal grants distributed each year. Missouri would see a federal spending reduction of 9.7 percent while Illinois would decrease by 10.1 percent, which puts both states among the top 20 hardest hit by the cuts.

Missouri/Illinois News

Prescription Drug Monitoring Falls Short Yet Again in Missouri

Legislation to implement a prescription drug monitoring program sputtered after a series of amendments caused the bill's sponsor to set it aside rather than ask for a vote. Missouri remains the only state in the country without such a program.

Regional News

How to Get Real Community Benefits Agreements? Depends on Who You Ask

With one bill already introduced and another in the works, elected officials in the city of St. Louis are currently exploring legislation for implementing CBAs, as they're called. The agreements generally require developers to meet with neighborhood organizations and negotiate a set of benefits for residents who live near a project before a tax incentive is granted.

Watch / Read / Listen



[Strong Towns](#) is a nonprofit that promotes a model of development that allows America's cities, towns and neighborhoods to become financially strong and resilient. The organization's advocacy primarily focuses on how current municipal policies on transportation, budgeting, land use, and economic development have led many cities to struggle financially and what they can do differently. The [Strong Towns podcast](#) delves into these topics and a variety of others with recent episodes on Richard Florida and the new urban crisis, the merits of Amazon, and the right way to do an infrastructure surge.

Latest Jobs

Public Works and Infrastructure

[Construction Technician](#)

Missouri Dept. of Transportation | \$2,430 to \$3,048/mo.

[Street Commissioner \(part-time\)](#)

City of Crystal Lake Park | \$45/hr.

[Maintenance Worker](#)

City of Hazelwood | \$33,403

[Right of Way Manager](#)

Missouri Dept. of Transportation | \$5,390/mo.

[Traffic Systems Operator](#)

Missouri Dept. of Transportation | \$2,560 to \$2,890/mo.

[Maintenance Worker – Mechanic](#)

City of Ellisville | \$35,500 to \$48,000

Public Safety

[Police Chief](#)

City of Kirkwood | Salary DOQ

[Police Officer](#)

City of Richmond Heights | \$57,778

Parks and Recreation

[Marketing Intern](#)

Wentzville | \$10.03/hr.

Planning

[Bicycle and Pedestrian Planner](#)

Trailnet | Salary DOQ

Information Technology

[IT System Administrator](#)

Monroe County | Salary DOQ

[Complete Job Listings](#)

Grants

[ACF — Community Economic Development Projects](#)

Application Deadline: June 6

The federal Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is awarding approximately \$27.2 million to Community Development Corporations for well-planned, financially viable and innovative projects to enhance job creation and business development for individuals with low income. Projects that align with the Promise Zones Initiative or Choice Neighborhood Program are encouraged. Individual grants will be made for \$100,000 to \$800,000.

[Tony Hawk Foundation — Skate Park Grants](#)

Application Deadline: June 14

The Tony Hawk Foundation promotes high quality, public skateparks in low-income areas throughout the United States and supports programs that enrich the lives of youth through skateboarding. Only organizations seeking to build free, public skateparks in low-income communities in the United States may apply for a grant from the Tony Hawk Foundation. Grant amounts range from \$1,000 to \$25,000.

[T4America — Cultural Corridor Consortium](#)

Application Deadline: June 2

Transportation for America is seeking to award \$50,000 (each) to creative placemaking projects in three cities that engage residents, attract the attention of local public works and transportation agencies, and spark new conversations that bring more people to the table to plan and implement new transportation investments. The organization is especially committed to funding collaborative projects that expand transportation opportunities and local control for low-income people, recent immigrants, and people of color living in communities that have experienced disproportionate disinvestment and disconnection.

[Wells Fargo Foundation Grants](#)

Application Deadline: N/A

The Wells Fargo Foundation welcomes applications year-round from qualified nonprofits and educational programs. The foundation seeks to support organizations that provide social, economic and environmental programs that strengthen local communities. To learn more about Wells Fargo giving priorities in the St. Louis Metro Area and how to apply for funding, contact Desiree Coleman at desiree.s.coleman@wellsfargoadvisors.com to request an invitation to attend an upcoming WFGives:STL session. WFGives:STL is a short information session focusing on local giving strategy, how to initiate requests and how to apply for funding.

Quotes

"Ethics is knowing the difference between what you have the right do and what is right to do."
—Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart



Twitter

Facebook

Website

Submit your news, event or job posting

Copyright © 2017 East-West Gateway Council of Local Governments, All rights reserved.

You are receiving this email because you signed up for the Local Government Briefings newsletter.

You can contact us at briefings@ewgateway.org. The views expressed in the news section of this publication do not necessarily reflect the official policy or position of the East-West Gateway Council of Governments.

[Subscribe to Briefings](#) | [Update your preferences](#) | [Unsubscribe from this list](#)