



**EAST-WEST GATEWAY**  
**Council of Governments**

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**Memo to:** Board of Directors

**From:** Staff

**Subject:** Amendment to the 2014 Unified Planning Work Program to change funding for work element 2.39: Monitoring and Implementation of the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Missouri Portion of the Region

**Date:** March 12, 2014

The regional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan for the St. Louis area in Missouri is required to be updated by March 2015. The last update was completed in 2010. Staff requests that the work element 2.39: Monitoring and Implementation of the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Missouri Portion of the Region in the FY 2014 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) be revised.

We anticipate that the work will begin in April of this year and be completed by March 2015. The funding consists of \$96,750 from the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency and \$32,250 from East-West Gateway. The updated UPWP element describing the work tasks is attached.

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the 2014 Unified Planning Work Programs be amended to revise work element 2.39: Monitoring and Implementation of the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Missouri Portion of the Region. Staff further recommends that the Executive Director be authorized to enter into a funding agreement with SEMA to conduct the necessary work.

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**MONITORING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ALL-HAZARD  
MITIGATION PLAN FOR THE MISSOURI PORTION OF THE REGION  
2.39**

**Activities:**

1. Prior to the expiration of the plan ( March 31, 2015) EWG and participating communities will be required to review and revise the Plan to reflect changes in development, progress in local mitigation efforts, and changes in priorities, and resubmit for approval in order to be eligible for mitigation project funding.
2. Participation in the SEMA / FEMA and Missouri Association Council of Governments coordinated effort to maintain the All Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Missouri portion of the St. Louis region pursuant to the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000.
3. Review and collect information on hazard mitigation actions, grants, and the regulatory environment.
4. Monitor and review new and additional data and maps relating to hazard vulnerability and specific mitigation projects.
5. Respond to inquiries from participating communities, school districts, and community college districts on mitigation inquiries and ideas.
6. Work with SEMA, FEMA, and STARRS on mitigation planning updates.

**Products/Outcomes:**

- A. Information for participating communities regarding FEMA regulations and policy changes as it relates to hazard mitigation requirements and guidelines (ongoing)
- B. Outreach to communities to begin plan update (*December 2013*)
- C. Increased awareness of citizens and public officials concerning mitigation strategies to reduce or eliminate the effects of natural disasters in the Missouri counties and communities of the region (ongoing)
- D. Dissemination and sharing of mitigation strategies and hazard data to participating communities (ongoing)

**Estimated Costs:**

**Federal:**

Est.	FEMA/SEMA	\$96,750
	Subtotal	\$96,750

**Local:**

Est.	EWG	\$32,250
	Subtotal	\$32,250
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$129,000</b>

## MINUTES

### EAST-WEST GATEWAY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MARCH 26, 2014

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held in the Council offices on Wednesday, March 26, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

#### Members in Attendance

Mark Kern, *Vice-Chair*; Chairman, St. Clair County Board  
Charlie Dooley, *2nd Vice –Chair*; County Executive, St. Louis County  
Bruce Carmitchel, IDOT  
Alan Dunstan, Chairman, Madison County Board  
Steve Ehlmann, County Executive, St. Charles County  
Mark Eckert, Mayor, City of Belleville; Vice President, SW IL Council of Mayors  
Greg Horn, MoDOT  
John A. Laker, Regional Citizen, St. Clair County  
Mike Livengood, Franklin County  
John Miller, Mayor, City of Collinsville; President, SW IL Council of Mayors  
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John Nations, Metro  
Alvin Parks, Jr., Mayor, City of East St. Louis  
Brandon Perry, Regional Citizen, City of St. Louis  
James Pulley, Regional Citizen, St. Clair County  
Lewis Reed, President, Board of Aldermen, City of St. Louis  
Thomas Schneider, Mayor, City of Florissant; President, St. Louis County Municipal League  
Dave Stoecklin, Regional Citizen, Madison County, IL  
Ken Waller, County Executive, Jefferson County  
Delbert Wittenauer, Chairman, Monroe County Board

#### Members Absent

John Griesheimer, Presiding Commissioner, Franklin County  
John Hamm, III, Mayor, City of Madison; President, Southwestern Illinois Planning Commission  
Ted Hoskins, Mayor, City of Berkeley  
Richard Kellett, Regional Citizen, St. Louis County  
Edie Koch, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity  
Doug Nelson, Missouri Office of Administration  
Francis Slay, *Chair*; Mayor, City of St. Louis  
John White, Councilman, St. Charles County

#### Others in Attendance

Tracy Beidleman, Metro  
Jason Carter, Aegis  
Kim Cella, Citizens for Modern Transit

Others in Attendance, *cont'd*

Tom Curran, St. Louis County

Gary Elmestad, St. Charles County

Jo Emerick, URS

Joe Gray, IDOT

Stephen Gregali, City of St. Louis

Ken Leiser, St. Louis Post Dispatch

Michael Powers, Office of the President of the Board of Aldermen, City of St. Louis

Bill Schnell, MoDOT

Stephanie Leon Streeter, St. Louis County

Eddie Roth, City of St. Louis

Jim Terry, Highway W/MM Task Force

*EWGCOG Staff:*

Ed Hillhouse, Jim Wild, Staci Alvarez, Royce Bauer, Jerry Blair, Nick Gragnani, Medora Kealy, Karen Kunkel, Sang Gu Lee, Mary Rocchio, Shay Schindler, Lubna Shoaib, Himmer Soberanis, David Wilson, DJ Wilson, Aaron Young

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Kern, Vice-Chair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 28, 2014 MEETING

Motion was made by Mr. Wittenauer, seconded by Mr. Dooley, to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2014 meeting. Motion carried, all voting aye.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

**Draft 2015 Unified Planning Work Program**

Jim Wild, EWGCOG, reported that the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), prepared annually, outlines the Council's planning activities to be carried out over the next fiscal year, and serves as a scope of work and contract with each of the Council's partner, federal and state funding agencies. He noted that this year's draft document includes approximately \$10.7 million in funding for Research, Analysis, Planning, and Community Engagement projects. He noted that the document is currently out for review and will be presented at next month's Board meeting for approval.

**Update on the Missouri Transportation Sales Tax Initiative**

Jerry Blair, EWGCOG, reported that the proposed initiative for a 1% sales tax is making progress through the Missouri General Assembly. He stated that funds collected under the voter-approved tax scenario would be largely distributed to the Missouri Transportation Commission or MoDOT, with an anticipated 10% of flexible funds going to cities and counties for transportation-related projects. He advised that the language of the bill calls for a list of prioritized projects for the region, which staff has begun preparing in coordination with MoDOT. He advised that staff is currently developing draft performance measures and scoring criteria to evaluate the projects and prepare a priority list. He stated that a series of stakeholder workshops

would be held to formalize the list for submission and approval to the Board of Directors prior to it being forwarded to MoDOT for its review and recommendations to the Missouri House Transportation Committee for inclusion in its two-year improvement list.

Additional discussion followed regarding the amount of work committed to the list preparation process absent any guarantee of voter approval.

### **Reasonable Progress Update**

Jason Lange, EWGCOG, explained that staff, in conjunction with project sponsors, closely monitors local projects throughout the year to ensure timely project compliance and expenditure of funds. He summarized the overall progress of projects contained in the program, reporting on the number, dollar amounts and associated counties of those on schedule and those that remain unobligated.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Board Working Session – Regional Freight District and Authority**

Jason Carter, Aegis Strategies, provided a recap of his presentation to the Board at the working session held on March 12, 2014, during which he and Jim Phelps, Aegis Strategies, described and outlined the potential for gaining endorsement for and creating a regional freight transportation district through a three-phased implementation plan. He summarized staff's recommendation to the Board to endorse and commence strategic planning activities contained in Phase I, which includes formation of a study team comprised of representatives from Illinois (2), Missouri (2), Metro (1), modal representation, and representatives from the business community.

Mr. Kern requested that the number of representatives for IL and MO be increased to three instead of two.

Motion was made by Mr. Wittenauer, seconded by Mr. Kern. Motion carried, all voting aye.

#### **Amendment of the FY 2014 Unified Planning Work Program to change funding for work element 2.39: Monitoring and Implementation of the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Missouri Portion of the Region**

Jim Wild, EWGCOG, summarized staff's recommendation to revise element 2.39 of the Unified Planning Work Program to reflect update of the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Missouri Portion of the Region, and to allow the Executive Director to enter into a funding agreement with SEMA to conduct the necessary work.

Motion was made by Mr. Laker, seconded by Mr. Parks. Motion carried, all voting aye.

#### **Amendment of the FY 2014 Unified Planning Work Program to add work element 2.86: FirstNet Coordination Project**

Jim Wild, EWGCOG, summarized staff's recommendation to update the Unified Planning Work Program to include work element 2.86: FirstNet Coordination Program, and to allow the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with MACOG for \$14,250.

Motion was made by Mr. Pulley, seconded by Mr. Wittenauer. Motion carried, all voting aye.

**Modification of the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the Metropolitan Transportation Plan - RTP 2040, and the related Air Quality Conformity Determination – Requested by the Illinois Department of Transportation Jason Lange, EWGCOG, summarized IDOT’s request to add the following projects:**

<b>TIP #</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Description</b>
5037T-14	Add	Madison County – IL 255, IL 143 to Fosterburg Road - Guardrail
5037U-14	Add	Madison County – IL 4 at US 40 – Left turn lane
6435A-14	Add	St. Clair County – Epilepsy Foundation of SO IL - Minivan acquisition/replacement
6435B-14	Add	St. Clair County – Senior Services of Southern St. Clair County – Light duty paratransit vehicle acquisition
6435C-14	Add	St. Clair County – St. Clair Associated Vocational Center – Super medium-duty paratransit vehicle acquisition
6435D-14	Add	St. Clair County – Touchette Regional Hospital – Minivan acquisition

Motion was made by Mr. Pulley, seconded by Mr. Parks. Motion carried, all voting aye.

**Modification of the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the Metropolitan Transportation Plan - RTP 2040, and the related Air Quality Conformity Determination – Requested by Missouri Department of Transportation**

Mr. Lange, EWGCOG, summarized MoDOT’s request to add the following project:

<b>TIP #</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Description</b>
6436-14	Add	Multi County – MO – On-call work zone enforcement

Motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Eckert. Motion carried, all voting aye.

**Regional Security Expenditures**

Nick Gragnani, STARRS, summarized staff’s request for the following expenditures, totaling \$734,807. The expenditures will be funded from the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (“ASPR”) Hospital Preparedness Program and U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Urban Area Security Initiative (“UASI”) grant programs.

<b>Action</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Contract	NLDS National Training Center – provide one Basic Disaster Life Support course	\$12,500
Contract	NLDS National Training Center – provide on Advanced Disaster Life Support course	\$25,200
Contract	NDLS National Training Center – provide one Advanced Disaster Life Support / Basic Disaster Life Support course	\$4,800
Purchase	Sirchie Finger Print Laboratories – one sport utility vehicle containing audio, video and still photography capture equipment and computer hardware with WiFi access	\$137,307
Purchase	Arc Products, LLC – 570 adult sleds, 105 bariatric sleds, and 110 neonatal infant baskets	\$260,000
Purchase	Motorola Solutions – 43 portable and 65 control base station radios	\$295,000

Motion was made by Mr. Dunstan, seconded by Mr. Parks. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Reed, seconded by Mr. Livengood, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ed Hillhouse".

Ed Hillhouse  
Secretary, Board of Directors