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2021 Calendar*



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STLMade is a movement within the St. Louis area that shines a light on the amazing things our innovative, tenacious, big-hearted people are doing. It's supported by a region-wide collaboration of residents, local leaders, institutions, businesses, and nonprofits helping to tell our story. It's a celebration of a region that insists on moving forward by bringing people and ideas together.

To our colleagues

To say that 2020 has not been a typical year is an understatement. As a country, and locally, we are in the midst of a pandemic, enduring a global recession, experiencing protests, and much, much more. Many of us never heard of Zoom or GoTo Meeting before March of this year, let alone attended meetings or conferences using these virtual meeting platforms. The East-West Gateway Board and Committees have not met in person since February and continue to meet virtually to do the business of the organization. Whether we like it or not, this virtual way of doing business and meeting with one another is becoming commonplace and is likely here to stay in some form or another.

Although we haven't been able to come together physically that hasn't prevented East-West Gateway and our partners from working together to help move the region ahead. East-West Gateway's role in helping the St. Louis region come together and advance is evident in everything we do. Over this past year, the agency's activities related to transportation included collaborating with the cities of Alton and St. Charles in continuing our Great Streets initiative, updating our Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan to help guide the investment of federal funds in

order to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities, and partnering with the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) to bring teen drivers' safety programs to local high schools.

As part of the region's plan for sustainable development, OneSTL, we continued the monthly Sustainability Lab with our partners at T-REX -- virtually of course. Through the Urban Waters Federal Partnership, we convened meetings of the Big River Task Force, and we continued to play a vital role in monitoring the region's air and water quality by staffing the Air Quality Advisory Committee and the Water Resources Committee.

Assessing and analyzing the impacts of the pandemic on St. Louis became a focus of our Where We Stand Updates. We researched and reported on COVID-19 vulnerable populations and economic sectors, effects on working parent households, and impacts on roadway congestion. In addition we tracked changes in employment over the course of the economic downturn. All of these efforts will be used to help us and our regional partners understand how we have been impacted and give some insight into how we can move forward as a region.

Despite what we have experienced this year related to the pandemic, the St. Louis Area Regional Response System (STARRS) has accomplished exactly what our regional leaders had envisioned nearly 20 years ago when creating the organization. STARRS helped our partners prepare and execute the region's emergency response capabilities and was directly involved in the regional and statewide response to COVID-19 by working with health systems, public health organizations, first responders, and state health officials. Additionally, the staff spent months as the sole point of contact for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) requests for all medical and health service partners across 11 counties in the metro region. They accomplished this in addition to administering the Urban Area Security Initiative grant and related activities.

No matter what the future may bring, East-West Gateway's mission remains the same -- to achieve consensus on regional issues, create plans for action, and pursue positive change in the region's physical, economic, and social infrastructure. East-West Gateway remains committed to helping the region come together.



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The Year In Review



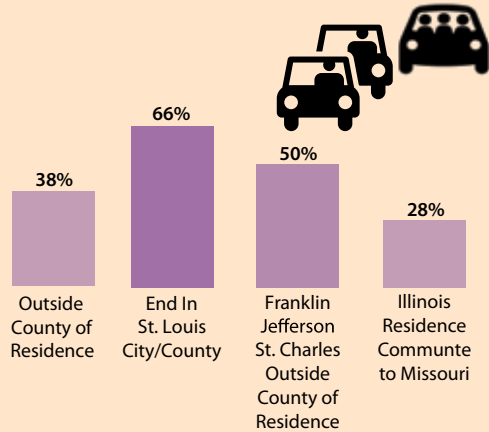
It has been a difficult year. Our lives, our institutions and businesses, our social relationships have been disrupted by the COVID pandemic. We have gone through many “tiresome days of mess and disorder.” While we yearn for an end of the pandemic and a return to normalcy, there are lessons to be learned from our response to the epidemic. Chief among these is that the region is better when we come together.

Coming together is especially challenging in a region with our complex governmental structure: two federal regions, two states, eight counties, and 195 municipalities. Except when rooting for our major sports teams, people understandably identify more with their local jurisdictions than with the region as a unified entity. Local autonomy is a premium. Yet, we are

an integrated region, and we compete globally at a regional, not on a local level.

Our integration and interdependence are most clearly illustrated by our commuting patterns. Over 38 percent of the 1.2 million daily regional work trips with an identifiable origin and destination are destined for jobs outside a worker’s county

Integration and Interdependence Illustrated by our Work Trips Commuting Patterns



of residence. Two-thirds of all work trips end in St. Louis City or County. For the three outlying counties in Missouri – Franklin, Jefferson, and St. Charles – more than 50 percent of commuters work outside of their resident county, and 28 percent of Illinois commuters work in Missouri. Clearly, the lives of our residents and local economies are inextricably linked to the rest of the region.

While we are certainly conscious of that linkage, we too often underestimate the importance of that interdependence. This often keeps us from coming together in ways that really matter – ways that would enable us to act more strategically as a region. There are, of course, many examples of regional and cross-jurisdictional cooperation. At East-West Gateway, the region’s chief elected officials routinely come

together to select projects for federal transportation funds through the Transportation Improvement Program and to create regional transportation priorities through the long-range plan, as well as taking on other issues of regional import.



Through STARRS, which East-West Gateway hosts, the region has created a digital microwave network to serve emergency responders, developed coordinated action plans for responding to natural disasters and terrorist attacks, and delivered training and shared resources for emergency service providers.



There are a myriad of other cooperative efforts occurring in the region. St. Louis City and County created the Economic Development Partnership to support business attraction and growth in both jurisdictions.



The St. Louis Regional Freightway coordinates freight development efforts, with a focus on multimodal and logistical issues.



To eliminate redundancies and resource inefficiencies, the North County Police Cooperative was formed to provide policing and other services to seven jurisdictions, eliminating the need for separate police departments.



One of the newer endeavors is the St. Louis Regional Data Alliance, housed at the University of Missouri – St. Louis, designed to compile and disseminate information from governments, universities, the private and non-profit sectors, and healthcare providers to support informed planning and strategic action to enrich community life.



Finally, there is the collaborative work of Metro, St. Louis City and County police departments, and the St. Clair County Sheriff's Department to implement a new strategy for enhancing security on the region's transit system. While these efforts are different in scale and geographic scope, each confronts a need within the region that can only be met through cooperative action.



Coming together is perhaps most essential in the realm of economic development. The region has experienced sluggish population and employment growth for decades, and according to the latest Where We Stand report our per capita GDP lags behind all of our midwestern competitors. Successfully competing in national and international markets will require a more collaborative approach. As we come out of the pandemic, we need to begin developing a more strategic, regional vision for economic growth that will not only attract jobs to the region but create more opportunities for those now living here. This will require cooperative mechanisms, strong leadership, trust, and a willingness to recognize that a rising tide does indeed raise all boats.



Next NGA West Rendering



New Years Fireworks

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January 2021

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17	18 M.L. King Jr. Day	19  EAC meeting	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27  Board meeting	28	29	30
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Mardi Gras Parade

January 2021

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	1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11  STARRS board	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13
14 Valentine's Day	15 President's Day	16  EAC meeting	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24  Board meeting	25	26	27
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Mastodon State Park - Imperial, MO

February 2021

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14 Daylight Savings Begins	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 Spring Begins	20
21	22	23  EAC meeting	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31  Board meeting			



Spring in St. Louis Region


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				1	2 Good Friday/Passover	3
4 Easter	5	6	7	8  STARRS board	9	10
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18	19	20  EAC meeting	21	22 Earth Day	23	24
25	26	27	28  Board meeting	29	30	



Salute to Essential Worker - B-2 Fly Over

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9 Mother's Day	10	11	12	13  STARRS board	14	15 Armed Forces Day
16	17	18  EAC meeting	19	20	21	22
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30	31 Memorial Day					



Food Roof Farm -Sustainable Building

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6	7	8	9	10  STARRS board	11	12
13	14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18	19
20 Summer Begins/Father's Day	21	22  EAC meeting	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30  Board meeting			



Sunflower Field - Columbia Bottom Conservation Area

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Protest Art - South Jefferson Avenue

July 2021

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Indy Car Racing - Gateway Raceway, Madison, Illinois

August 2021

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5	6 Labor Day	7	8	9  STARRS board	10	11 Patriot Day
12	13	14	15	16 Yom Kippur	17	18 Rosh Hashanah
19	20	21  EAC meeting	22 Fall begins	23	24	25
26	27	28	29  Board meeting	30		



Boo At the Zoo - Forest Park

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10	11 Columbus Day	12	13	14	15	16
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31 Halloween						



Thanksgiving Day Parade

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	1	2 Election Day	3	4	5	6
7 Daylight Saving Ends	8	9	10	11 STARRS board Veterans Day (Observed)	12	13
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21	22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving	26 Thanksgiving Friday	27
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Glow In the Garden - Missouri Botanical Garden

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5	6 Hanukkah	7	8	9  STARRS board	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Winter begins	22	23	24	25 Christmas
26 Kwanzaa	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	

Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Change in Net Position

	2019 Audited	2020 Estimated
Revenues		
Federal grants	\$7,993,519	\$10,228,180
State grants & appropriations	\$288,294	\$410,782
Local		
Cash - per capita	\$321,407	\$321,407
Cash - other	\$765,732	\$662,522
In-kind services	\$274,828	\$308,174
Miscellaneous	\$83,205	\$61,150
Total Revenues	\$9,726,985	\$11,992,215
Expenses		
Salaries, wages, and benefits	\$4,719,355	\$5,070,695
Consultants and contractual services	\$2,538,700	\$2,853,065
Equipment and supplies	\$1,011,769	\$2,629,718
Training - non-employees	\$40,051	\$172,416
In-kind services	\$274,828	\$308,175
Other expenses	\$659,279	\$821,076
Total Expenses	\$9,243,982	\$11,855,145
Change in net position	\$483,003	\$137,070

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The East-West Gateway Council of Governments provides a forum for representatives of local governments in the bi-state area to meet on a monthly basis to discuss regional issues and decide how best to use resources to meet common needs.

East-West Gateway is the only federally designated metropolitan planning organization for the region. Its 29-member board consists of representatives from Madison, Monroe and St. Clair counties in Illinois; Franklin, Jefferson, St. Charles and St. Louis counties in Missouri; and the city of St. Louis. Its primary mission is to develop a comprehensive transportation plan for the region. Other East-West Gateway duties include monitoring air and water quality issues, overseeing homeland security expenditures, and assisting local governments in community planning.

The council's staff is available to assist local governments by providing research, analysis and support in their efforts to more efficiently and effectively serve the needs of their citizens on a wide range of metropolitan issues.