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A METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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SHUYLER CREEK TRAIL CONSTRUCTION



WELCOME TO OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION'S

Monthly Update

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee - January 14, 2025 @ 1:00 PM

Board of Directors - January 16, 2025 @ 12:00 PM

Martin Luther King Day - OTO Offices Closed - January 20, 2025

OTO STIP Prioritization Meeting - January 23, 2025 @ 2:00 PM

Local Project Updates

- Resurfacing of approximately 16 miles of various local roads in Springfield will continue in the spring.
- Shuyler Creek Trail is under construction!
- Construction bids for the Chadwick Flyer overpass and adjacent segments were opened in November and construction should begin soon.
- Bids were opened for the first phase I-44 projects in December and it is anticipated that the contract will be awarded at the January Missouri Highways & Transportation Commission meeting.



In this newsletter you will find:

Latest grant announcements, resources, tools, and more. Keep Reading!

AREA EV WORKSHOP FOR MUNICIPALITIES

Electric Vehicles for Municipalities

Join Us for an Informative Workshop Event



Date: February 12th, 2025
Time: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Location: Darr Agricultural Center
Ballroom
2401 S Kansas Expy Springfield, MO

Is your municipality interested in using electric vehicles and implementing electric vehicle charging stations. but you still want more information on the benefits, challenges, and available resources? This workshop will equip you with the knowledge and tools to assist you in your efforts. Hear from experts on the latest technologies, best practices and regional resources to support your community.

RSVP by email: ocfc@missouristate.edu

AREA EV WORKSHOP FOR MUNICIPALITIES CONTINUED

EU Workshop for Municipalities Agenda February 12, 2025 8am - 1pm



Topic I.	Registration and Displays	8:00 - 8:30am	
	Refreshments will be provided along with snacks		
Topic II.	Welcome/What is the OCFC?	8:30-8:50 am	Presenter Doug Neidigh - OCFC Coalition Director
Topic III.	Current EU Infrastructure in the Region	8:50 - 9:15 am	Presenter Doug Neidigh - OCFC Coalition Director
Topic IV.	Municipality Investment in EU Chargers	9:20 - 10:00 am	Presenter Travis Pittman - Fleet Outreach Coordinator, Louisiana Clean Fuels
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demand by residents • Tourism 		
Topic V.	Chargers IOI	10:10 - 10:40	Presenter Dynamic EVC
	Types and Levels of chargers, brand selection, types of charger ownership, and EVI Locate		
Topic VI.	Electricity Infrastructure and Demand	11:045 - 11:15 pm	Presenter Springfield City Utilities, Liberty Utilities
Topic VII.	Identifying Charger Location in Communities	11:20 - 12:00 pm	Presenter Jason Ray - Southwest Missouri Council of Governments
Topic VIII.	Closing Comments	12:00- 12:05 pm	Presenter Doug Neidigh - OCFC Coalition Director
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further Questions about electric vehicles and resources within the area. 		
A review of displays and vehicles will be followed by closing comments.		12:05 - 1:00 pm	

More Info

OCFC@missouristate.edu

GRANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost Saving Transportation Program (PROTECT)

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) PROTECT program provides funding to plan for and strengthen surface transportation to be more resilient to natural hazards, including climate change, sea level rise, flooding, extreme weather events, and other natural disasters.

Eligible Applicants for PROTECT grants are: states (or a political subdivision of a state), metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), local governments, and special purpose districts or public authorities with a transportation function. Different eligibilities apply for at-risk coastal infrastructure grants.

Eligible uses include: highway, transit, and certain port projects that include resilience planning, strengthening and protecting evacuation routes, enabling communities to address vulnerabilities and increasing the resilience of surface transportation infrastructure from the impacts of sea level rise, flooding, wildfires, extreme weather events, and other natural disasters.

There are four types of PROTECT grants:

- Planning
- Resilience Improvement
- Community Resilience and Evacuation Route
- At-Risk Coastal Infrastructure

NOFO can be found here: <https://www.transportation.gov/RAISEgrants/raise-nofo>

Application Deadline: February 24, 2025

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GRANT ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT.

Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program provides grants for surface transportation infrastructure projects with significant local or regional impact.

Eligible Applicants for RAISE grants are:

- States and the District of Columbia;
- a unit of local government;
- a public agency or publicly chartered authority established by 1 or more States;
- a special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function, including a port authority;
- a transit agency; and
- a multi-State or multijurisdictional group of entities that are separately eligible.

Capital projects including but not limited to:

- highway, bridge, or other road projects eligible under title 23, United States Code;
- public transportation projects eligible under chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code;
- passenger and freight rail transportation projects;
- port infrastructure investments (including inland port infrastructure and land ports of entry);
- the surface transportation components of an airport project eligible for assistance under part B of subtitle VII

- intermodal projects;
- projects to replace or rehabilitate a culvert or prevent stormwater runoff for the purpose of improving habitat for aquatic species while advancing the goals of the RAISE program;
- projects investing in surface transportation facilities that are located on Tribal land and for which title or maintenance responsibility is vested in the Federal Government; and
- any other surface transportation infrastructure project that the Secretary considers to be necessary to advance the goals of the program.
- Planning projects which include planning, preparation, or design (for example - environmental analysis, equity analysis, community engagement, feasibility studies, benefit cost analysis (BCA), and other pre-construction activities) of eligible surface transportation capital projects that will not result in construction with FY 2025 RAISE funding.

Project Size - Project award minimum \$5 million Urban Capital and \$1 million Rural Capital projects

NOFO can be found here:

<https://www.transportation.gov/RAISEgrants/raise-nofo>

Application Deadline: January 30, 2025

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Electric Vehicles in Underserved Markets (EVUM)

Metropolitan Energy Center (MEC) is currently accepting applications for grant funding through the Electric Vehicles in Underserved Markets (EVUM) project. With \$157,000 in available funding, this grant provides a 35% reimbursement for projects that promote electric vehicle (EV) adoption and charging infrastructure, particularly in areas most affected by climate change.

Eligible Applicants:

- Municipalities or businesses interested in installing EV charging stations.
- Organizations who are seeking to electrify a few vehicles, particularly vehicles that currently impact air quality in residential areas.

Key Benefits of Applying:

- Financial Support: Receive a 35% reimbursement on project costs, helping make sustainable upgrades achievable.
- Meeting Customer and Constituent Demand: Meet the growing demand for EV use by upgrading or adding charging infrastructure.
- Economic and Social Responsibility: Contribute to a healthier, more resilient community with improved access to EV infrastructure and better air quality through zero-emission vehicles.

Important Deadlines:

RFA Questions Deadline: Jan. 8

RFA Submission Deadline: 2 p.m. Jan. 15

MEC selection notifications begin Jan. 29

Application can be found here: <https://metroenergy.org/procurement>

General questions should be emailed to RFA@metroenergy.org by Jan. 8, using the subject line: "Query for DOE-EV RFA."

Informational webinar can be seen here: metroenergy.org/rfa-funding-evs-2024

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Open Positions!

City of Republic – Infrastructure Inspector:

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/republicmo/jobs/4643945/data-engineer>

City of Republic – Public Works Director:

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/republicmo/jobs/4699589/public-works-director>

Greene County – Planner:

<https://greenecountymo.criterionhcm.com/jobs/429/1/#1061>

City Utilities – Transit Grants Analyst I or II:

<https://careers.cityutilities.net/careersection/ex/joblist.ftl?lang=en>

MoDOT – Summer Planning Intern – Springfield:

<https://mocareers.mo.gov/hiretrue/ce3/job-board/5effe9b2-4b89-494b-ac76-c45e25190768/e487c8eb-dc4f-48e1-81aa-3295746b0b96?jb=1>

THE PATH TO POWER: A Fleet Electrification Workshop

A Free Fleet Electrification Workshop designed for light duty fleets!

Date and Time: Thursday, January 16, 2025 9-4 pm CST

Location: Marriott St. Louis Airport

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-path-to-power-a-fleet-electrification-workshop-tickets-1088292946499?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=ebdsshcopyurl>