

Missouri Transportation Planning Framework

Local Decisions Made Locally

The Missouri Department of Transportation involves local citizens in making decisions about the state's transportation system in their areas. Developed more than a decade ago, this process involves local citizens from start to finish. This approach has earned MoDOT recognition as a national leader in public involvement and several industry awards.

The vision for our transportation system begins with broad outreach to citizens across the state, which results in the [Long Range Transportation Plan](#). The plan captures Missourian's expectations for transportation over the next 20 years with updates every five years. Unfortunately, long-term transportation funding is insufficient to meet those expectations. That means some choice must be made on what are the highest priorities for each region of the state.

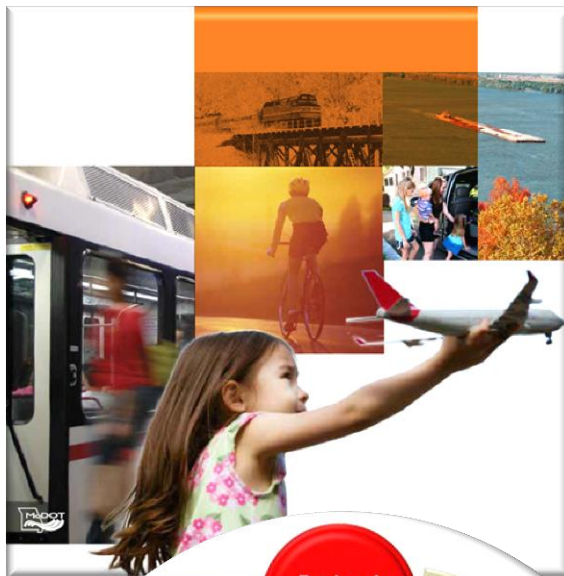
To accomplish that, MoDOT collaborates with regional planning groups to develop local priorities based on projected available local, state and federal funding. The regional transportation improvement plans are brought together to form the department's [State Transportation Improvement Plan](#). Both plans outline five-years of transportation improvements. As one year of the plan is accomplished, another year is added.

Department planners also balance the plan to coordinate improvements involving more than one region and to ensure regional priorities will meet statewide system performance goals, such as keeping 85 percent of major roads in good condition.

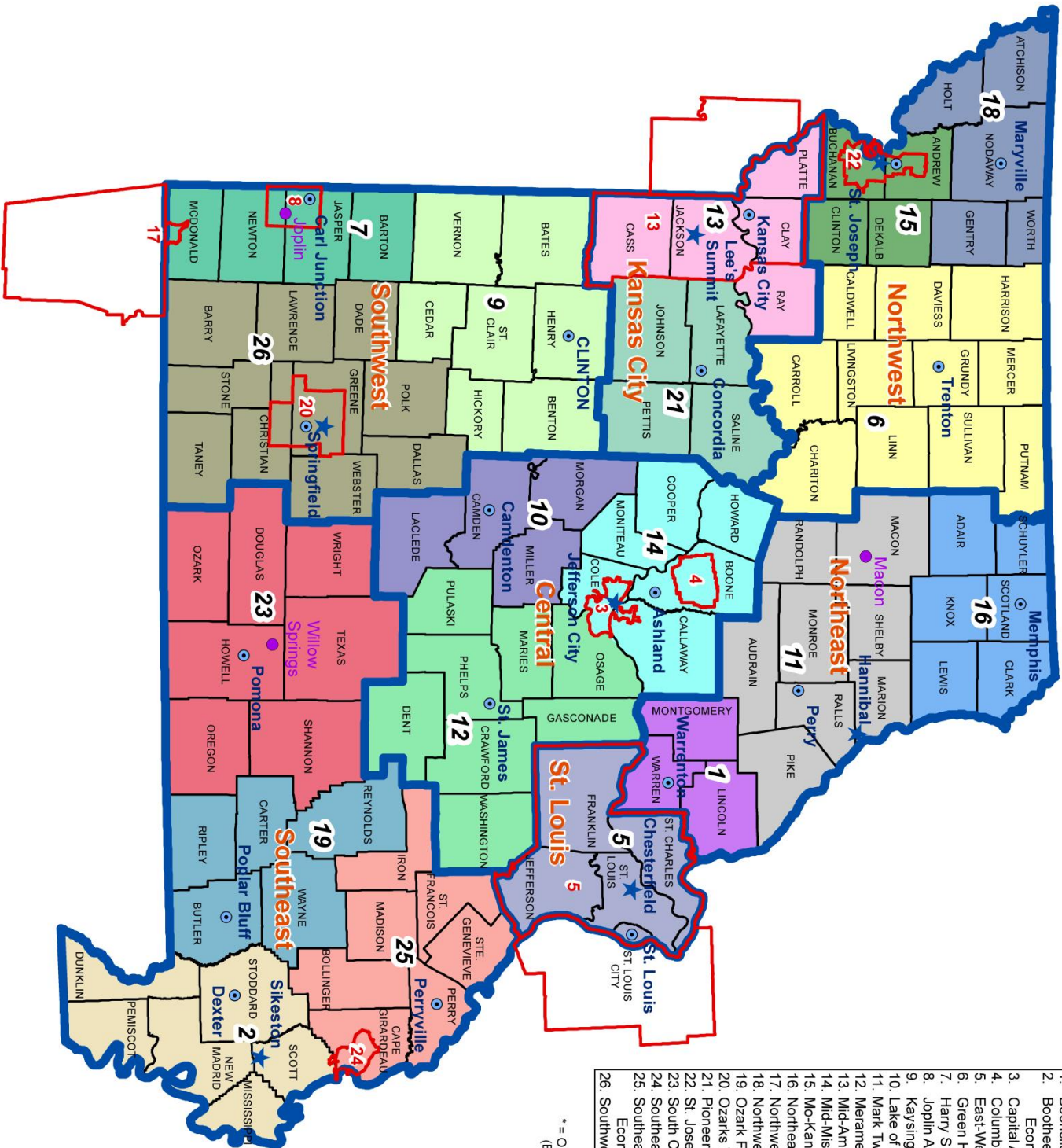
Regional Planning Groups

There are two types of regional planning groups in the state: urban areas have [Metropolitan Planning Organizations](#) and rural areas have [Regional Planning Commissions](#). Board members for each of these groups are typically city and county leadership, elected officials and local business owners.

The regional planning groups reach out to local citizens to identify transportation needs. MoDOT staff assists regions to prioritize those needs based on road and bridge conditions, traffic safety data and overall mobility. The prioritization process also includes balancing priorities with available funds. Funding for each region is based on the annual Financial Forecast prepared by MoDOT and distributed based on the region's number of lane miles, travel data, population, employment, crash data and sizes of bridges.



Missouri Regional Planning Commissions and Metropolitan Planning Organizations



1. Boonslick Regional Planning Commission	636-456-3473
2. Bootheel Regional Planning & Economic Development Commission	573-614-5178
3. Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization	573-634-6410
4. Columbia Area Transportation Study Organization	573-874-7239
5. East-West Gateway Council of Governments*	314-421-4220
6. Green Hills Regional Planning Commission	660-359-5636
7. Harry S Truman Coordinating Council	417-649-6400
8. Joplin Area Transportation Study Organization	417-624-0820
9. Kaysinger Basin Regional Planning Commission	660-885-3393
10. Lake of the Ozarks Council of Local Governments	573-346-5892
11. Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments	573-565-2203
12. Meramec Regional Planning Commission	573-265-2993
13. Mid-America Regional Council*	816-474-4240
14. Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission	573-657-9779
15. Mo-Kan Regional Council	816-233-3144
16. Northeast Missouri Regional Planning Commission	660-465-7281
17. Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission	479-751-7125
18. Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments	660-582-5121
19. Ozark Footfalls Regional Planning Commission	573-785-6402
20. Ozarks Transportation Organization	417-866-3042
21. Pioneer Trails Regional Planning Commission	660-463-7934
22. St. Joseph Area Transportation Study Organization	816-271-4653
23. South Central Ozark Council of Governments	417-256-4226
24. Southeast Metropolitan Planning Organization	573-339-6327
25. Southeast Missouri Regional Planning & Economic Development Commission	573-547-8357
26. Southwest Missouri Council of Governments	417-836-6900

* = Organizations functioning as both RPC and MPO (Boundaries for the Mid-America Regional Council RPC and MPO vary)

- **MODOT District**
- **19 Regional Planning Commission**
- ★ **9 Metropolitan Planning Organization**
- ★ **MODOT District Office**
- **Regional Office**
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