



mark twain regional  
council of governments

# ANNUAL REPORT

2022



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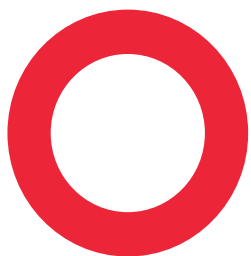
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Frank Russell  
Recreation Area

Clarence Cannon Dam  
and Mark Twain Lake

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Mark Twain Solid  
Waste Management District  
Pay to the  
Order of  
Boxier C-4 School District  
\$116,700



“Our goals can only be reached through a vehicle of a plan, in which we must fervently believe, and upon which we must vigorously act. There is no other route to success.” – **Pablo Picasso**

The annual meeting of the Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments offers an opportunity for community stakeholders to gather together to reflect on the successes of the past year while laying the groundwork for the efforts that await the region in the upcoming season.

Secrets to success that remain undisclosed can hinder future accomplishments. Let's take the opportunity to celebrate progress, good fortune, and the many breakthroughs witnessed and experienced across the Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments.  
– **Cindy Hultz, Executive Director**

# About Our Council of Governments

Serving the counties of Audrain, Macon, Marion, Monroe, Pike, Ralls, Randolph and Shelby and the communities that lie within.

The Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments was organized in 1968 following the passage of Chapter 251 RsMO by the General Assembly in 1968. For over fifty (50) years, the Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments has been providing services to local units of governments.

## Vision

The Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments continually strives to provide a wide range of professional services to its member governments and to address important issues that impact the quality of life of the residents within the region.

## Governance

The Council is governed by an executive board comprised of representatives from each county and tasked with establishing policies for the operation of the Council and the development of the region.



**Our Director**  
Cindy Hultz

**Cindy Hultz** has more than ten years of experience at the Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments in the field of community and economic development, environmental planning, and managing regional programs. Since 2017, she has been the Executive Director where she promotes the utilization of various programs throughout an eight county region.

Cindy holds a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration and a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Columbia College as well as an M.S. in Information Systems from Northwest Missouri State University.

She currently serves as president of the Missouri Association of Councils of Government (MACOG).

# MTRCOG Executive Board of Directors



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Mark Twain  
Regional Council  
of Governments  
is governed by  
an executive  
board, which is  
comprised of two  
representatives  
from each county.



The executive  
board's primary  
purpose is to set  
policies for the  
operation of the  
Council and the  
development of the  
region.

The Executive Board  
of the Council,  
which meets on  
a quarterly basis,  
consists of nineteen  
(19) members  
made up of locally  
elected officials and  
members at large.

## Directors

CHAIRMAN | **Wiley Hibbard**

VICE CHAIRMAN | **Mike Minor**

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Waters Funeral Home | Nick Johnston

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City of La Plata | Mayor Lois Bragg

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Commissioner | Steven Begley

City of Palmyra | Mayor Rusty Adrian

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Administrator

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Presiding Commissioner | Chris Gamm

### RALLS COUNTY

Presiding Commissioner | Wiley Hibbard

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Presiding Commissioner | John Truesdell

Moberly Chamber of Commerce | Megan  
Schmitt, Director

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Commissioner | Tom Shively

Shelby County EDC | Wendy Brumbaugh

Mark Twain  
Regional Council of  
Governments

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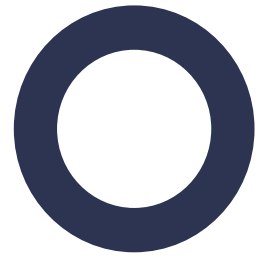


**Dana Thies**  
Administrative  
Assistant

# Mark Twain

## Solid Waste Management District

### Region G



The Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments provides administrative services for the Mark Twain Solid Waste Management District Region G. The District serves as a regional solid waste planning agency for the counties of Macon, Shelby, Marion, Randolph, Monroe, Ralls and Pike.



#### 01. Setting Earth-Friendly Goals

The District is working towards setting goals within the seven counties that will promote recycling and the use of earth friendly products..



#### Executive Board

The Executive Board for the Solid Waste District is comprised of a County Commissioner from each of the seven counties. The board provides guidance in the development of policies pertaining to management of solid waste.

Region G Solid Waste District is designated with the purpose of assisting in the development of local and regional waste reduction by providing assistance through grants to individuals, private and non-profit sectors..

The Mark Twain Solid Waste Management District is funded by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources which allocates landfill fees to the districts based on a statutory formula.

Missouri is divided into 20 solid waste management districts created to foster regional cooperation between cities and counties in managing solid waste, helping plan and implement recycling services and other alternatives to waste disposal at the local level. They also administer waste reduction, reuse, recycling and composting grants to support these efforts..

Region G aims to reduce solid waste in landfills and highlight the importance of conserving our environment.

*“Funding for the districts is provided from the tonnage fees paid at Missouri landfills and transfer stations that transfer waste out of state.”*



## 02. Education Programs

Education programs are being developed that will teach the importance of recycling to school age children.



## 03. Recycling Mini-Grants

“Mini-Grants” are available for up to \$3,500 and must include an educational component.



## 04. E-Waste Collection

Mark Twain Region G operates a weekly Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste Collection site.



**University of Missouri Extension Shelby County received a Reducing Food Waste Through Meal Preparation mini-grant for \$3,500.00**

# REGION G Recycling Grants

Solid waste management districts submit grants to MO DNR for approval and the funds are then paid to the districts based on the grant amounts. The districts then award grants to various entities including local governments, small and large businesses, schools, sheltered workshops, not-for-profit organizations and individuals to support activities to recycle, compost, reuse, reduce waste and educate the public on these topics.

## **REGION G FY22 Grants Awarded**

- *City of Bevier- Additional Recycling Trailer \$7,560.00*
- *Monroe City Sheltered Workshop- Paper Shredder \$18,787.50*
- *Salem Baptist Daycare and Preschool-Recycled Playground Equipment \$20,781.00*
- *Randolph County Sheltered Workshop- New Recycling Route Box Truck \$64,746.00*
- *Friends of Ralls County Library- Recycled Fencing, Benches, and Picnic Tables \$44,114.40*
- *City of Atlanta- Recycled Playground Equipment and Recycled Rubber Surfacing \$15,050.00*
- *Pike County Sheltered Workshop- Recycling Box Truck \$93,600.00*
- *City of Center- Recycled Benches and Planters \$8,290.30*
- *Granuband Macon LLC- Compact Wheel Loader Replacement \$68,475.00*



# HOUSEHOLD Hazardous Waste/ E-Waste Collection

Ordinary products such as cleaning products, batteries, light bulbs, paint, pesticides and motor oil can be harmful and potentially dangerous if disposed incorrectly.

Some products may cause fires or contaminate our soil, groundwater, lakes and streams. Other products contain chemicals that can expose both children and adults to serious health risks if toxic levels of the chemicals are breathed in, swallowed or come in contact with skin. When these products are not used up completely or are no longer wanted by the consumers, and need to be disposed, they become classified as household hazardous waste.

With a constant supply of newer, faster electronic products on the market, older models are continually replaced. As a result, electronics have become one of the fastest growing waste streams. Electronic waste has become an issue of national importance, not only because of the amount produced, but also because of the various toxic materials and heavy metals located inside these items. Electronics can contain lead, arsenic, chromium, cadmium, mercury, beryllium, nickel, zinc, copper, silver, gold and brominated flame retardants. If crushed or improperly disposed, the toxic materials inside the electronics can seep out and contaminate our soil, water and air, potentially harming both people and the environment.



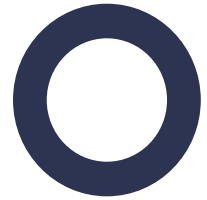
## 15+ Tons of Waste Diverted from Landfill

In FY 22 the project generated 15.069 tons of waste and diverted it from the landfill.

### The Mark Twain Solid Waste Management District



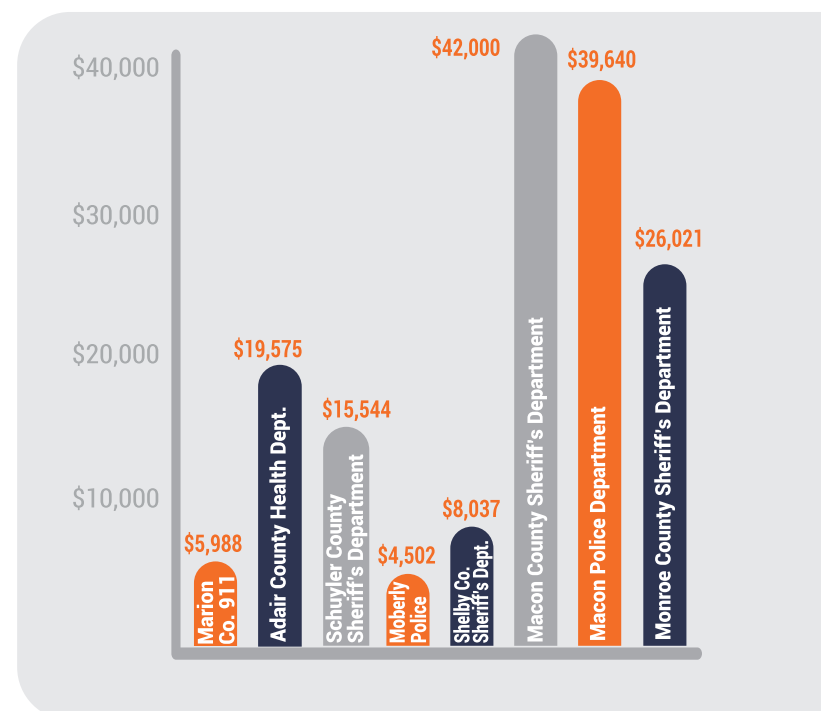
operates a weekly Household Hazardous Waste  
and E-Waste Collection site  
utilizing grant funding.



## Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee (RHSOC)

The Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee (RHSOC) - Region B is comprised of 15 individual disciplines from 16 counties in the northeast region. The purpose of the committee is to develop regionally focused Homeland Security programs and initiatives.

**In FY 2021, there were a total of 8 grants funded by the Region B RHSOC totaling \$161,307.37.**



## RHSOC REPRESENTATION

The Region B RHSOC includes representatives from the following disciplines:

- 9-1-1
- Emergency Management
- County Government
- Emergency Medical Services
- Fire Protection
- Health Departments
- City Government
- Homeland Security Response Team
- Hospitals
- Police
- Private Industry/Public Utilities
- City/County Public Works
- Sheriff
- Education
- Volunteer Groups

## Chair

**Tom Yates**  
**Director Macon**  
**County EMS**

The RHSOC meets quarterly, with additional meetings called as needed to deal with specific issues.

## 15+

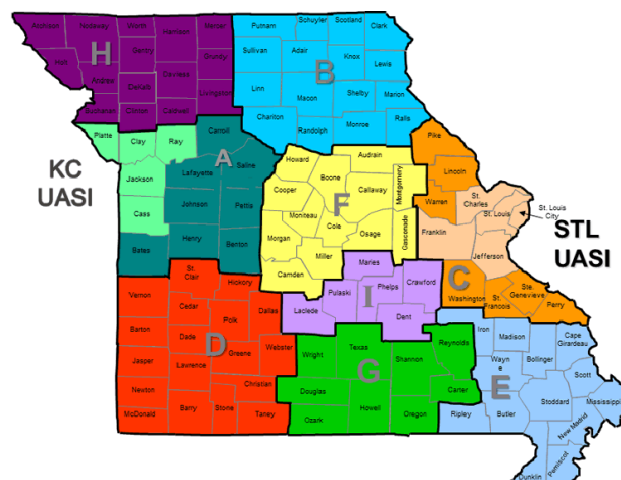
**Voting Members**  
**Region B RHSOC**

With a primary and alternate position in each of the 15 disciplines, Region B RHSOC can have up to 30 members.

## RHSOC Regionalization

Missouri's "regionalization of homeland security" plan is focused on establishing a common sense, logical governance structure and process to facilitate local, community level engagement in not only grant funding priorities and strategies, but other homeland security related decisions. The RHSOC geographic boundaries are based on the established boundaries of the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

- Marion County 911 - Rapid Response Vehicle - Sustain \$5,988
- Adair County Health Department - Region B ID Badging - Sustain \$19,575
- Schuyler County Sheriff's Department - Portable Radios \$15,543.75
- Moberly Police Department - Mobile Radio \$4,501.80
- Shelby County Sheriff's Department - Portable Radios & Repeaters \$8,037.99
- Macon County Sheriff's Department - Portable Radios & Repeaters \$42,000
- Macon Police Department - Portable Radios & Repeaters \$39,639.50
- Monroe County Sheriff's Department - Mobile Radios \$26,021.33



# Community Development Block Grant **CDBG**



## ● Improving Quality of Life

The CDBG program, administered by the Missouri Department of Economic Development, provides grants to cities with a population under 50,000 and counties under 200,000 to assist in a variety of public works and economic development projects.



*MTRCOG helped  
secure more than  
\$21 million in CDBG  
funding for member  
communities'  
projects in FY22.*

From addressing local health and safety concerns to improving local facilities such as senior centers and community centers, CDBG programs are designed to support your community's wellbeing and greater capacity for growth. Grants are available in a variety of categories and can be utilized for a variety of community development initiatives such as:

- General Infrastructure
- Industrial Infrastructure
- Water/Wastewater
- Demolition
- Workforce Training Initiative
- Emergency Disaster Recovery
- Long Term Recovery
- Mitigation
- Neighborhood Stabilization Program
- Community Facilities
- Downtown Revitalization



## ● Flexibility

CDBG's flexibility empowers people and communities to design and implement strategies tailored to their own needs and priorities.

## ● Planning Partnerships

CDBG's emphasis on consolidated planning expands and strengthens partnerships among all levels of government and the private sector in enhancing community development.

# CDBG Projects Awarded

*July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022*

## PUBLIC PARTNERSHIPS

- CITY OF PERRY on behalf of MARK TWAIN RURAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
**\$1,162,700** | *construction of a multi-purpose building*
- MARION COUNTY on behalf of DOUGLASS COMMUNITY SERVICES CORPORATION  
**\$2,000,000** | *construction of a new facility*
- MACON COUNTY on behalf of the CITY OF BEVIER and CITY OF CALLAO  
**\$1,719,800** | *construction of a shared water tower for Bevier and Callao*
- PIKE COUNTY on behalf of the PIKE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
**\$734,000** | *installation of water lines where residents currently do not have running water*

# Community Development Block Grant **CDBG**



## CDBG Projects Awarded

July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

### INFRASTRUCTURE

- CITY OF LA PLATA | **\$167,333** | electronic water and electric meters
- CITY OF LA PLATA | **\$220,279** | added funds for open CDBG street projects
- CITY OF MADISON | **\$129,317** | upgrade to electronic meters
- CITY OF VANDALIA | **\$463,853** | upgrade to electronic meters
- CITY OF MACON | **\$1,370,000** | construction of a wi-fi park
- CITY OF BEVIER | **\$500,000** | drainage improvements
- CITY OF CLARENCE | **\$500,000** | street upgrades
- CITY OF HUNTSVILLE | **\$500,000** | street upgrades

### DEMOLITION

- CITY OF ELMER | **\$82,108** | residential demolition
- CITY OF FARBER | **\$300,000** | residential and commercial demolition
- CITY OF VANDALIA | **\$190,815** | residential and commercial demolition





## CDBG Projects Awarded

July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

### MITIGATION / DISASTER RECOVERY

- CITY OF MOBERLY  
**\$600,000** | downtown infrastructure improvements to mitigate damages from flooding
- CITY OF CLARKSVILLE  
**\$11,220,894** | construction of a floodwall on the Mississippi River



## Open CDBG Projects

● CITY OF CLARKSVILLE - water improvements -----	<b>\$500,000</b>
● RALLS COUNTY - bridge replacement -----	<b>\$500,000</b>
● CITY OF MOBERLY - residential demolition -----	<b>\$200,000</b>
● CITY OF SHELBYVILLE - residential demolition -----	<b>\$101,572</b>
● CITY OF HUNTSVILLE - commercial demolition -----	<b>\$184,200</b>
● CITY OF LA PLATA - street improvements -----	<b>\$495,682</b>
● CITY OF PERRY - wastewater improvements -----	<b>\$750,000</b>
● CITY OF HANNIBAL - emergency project for sink hole -----	<b>\$743,436</b>
● PIKE COUNTY - road improvements -----	<b>\$339,534</b>
● RALLS COUNTY - replace existing low water crossing -----	<b>\$400,899</b>
● CITY OF LOUISIANA - generator at city's water treatment facility -----	<b>\$48,000</b>
● CITY OF LOUISIANA - new storm warning systems -----	<b>\$47,231</b>
● MARK TWAIN COG - pre-disaster planning for Ralls and Pike County -----	<b>\$85,000</b>
● CITY OF ATLANTA - street improvements -----	<b>\$444,844</b>
● CITY OF PALMYRA - bridge replacement -----	<b>\$500,000</b>
● CITY OF CALLAO ON BEHALF OF CALLAO FIRE PROTECTION - construction of new fire station -----	<b>\$496,000</b>
● CITY OF PERRY - residential demolition -----	<b>\$76,040</b>

# Hazard Mitigation

**The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1988 (as amended by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000), requires that after November 1, 2004, as a condition for local governments to receive federal disaster funds, they must have in place an adopted Hazard Mitigation Plan.**

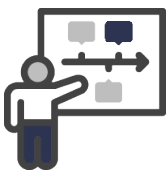
The plan must include the process for identifying hazards, assessing risks and vulnerabilities and identifying and prioritizing mitigation actions. Public involvement of local units of government, public agencies and the private sector is a large part of the planning process.

The development of the initial plans for the region began in 2003.

During FY2022, Mark Twain Council of Governments entered into agreements with the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) for professional planning services to update two existing Hazard Mitigation Plans (HMP).

The Pike County and Ralls County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plans were successfully updated. MTRCOG staff worked with county commissioners and local jurisdictions to ensure the plan included actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to human life and property related to hazardous events.

***SEMA provides 75% of the costs associated with the plan updates in the form of a grant, while the remaining 25% is provided by the local governments.***



## Mitigation Plan

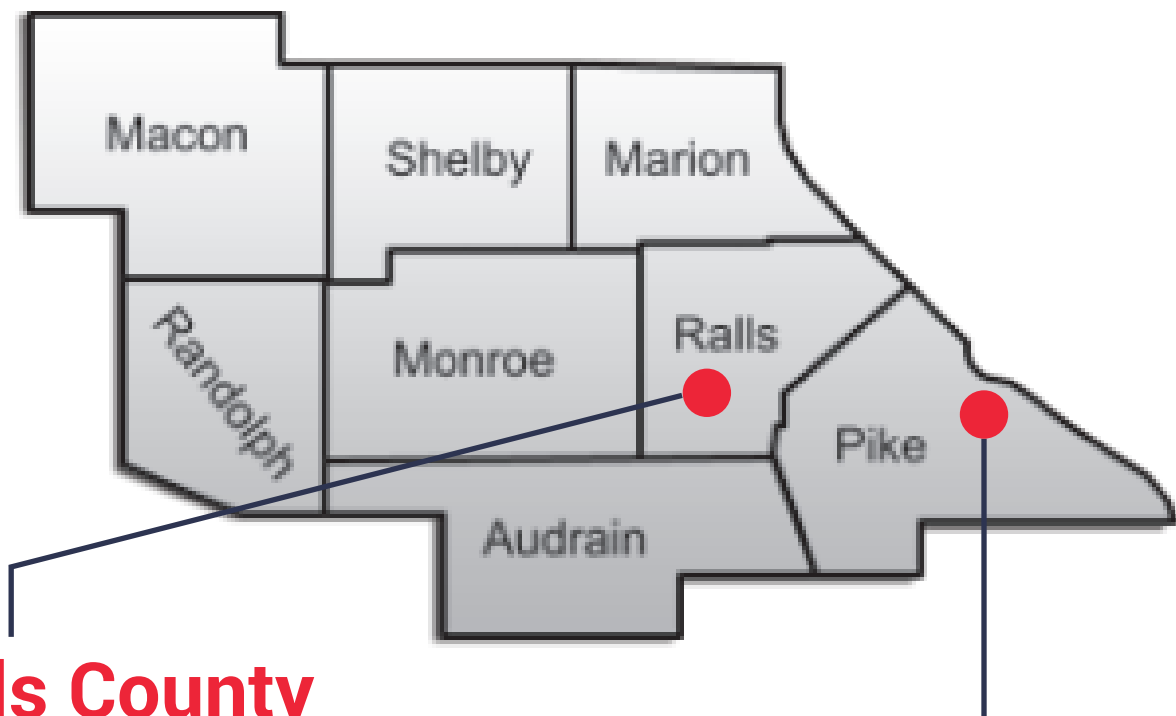
Mitigation is an investment in your community's future safety and sustainability. Mitigation planning helps you take action now, before a disaster, to reduce losses when a disaster occurs.



## Natural Disasters

Disasters can cause loss of life, damage buildings and infrastructure, and lead to devastating consequences for a community's economic, social and environmental well-being.





## Ralls County

- Hazard Mitigation Plan was approved January 13, 2022
- Planning meeting held on October 12, 2021
- 5 participating jurisdictions
- 10 action items identified

## Pike County

- Hazard Mitigation Plan was approved February 17, 2022
- Planning meeting held on October 4, 2021
- 9 participating jurisdictions
- 19 action items identified

## Completed Projects

- City of Madison Warning Siren – Project completed in April 2022.
- Pike County “Curryville” Warning Siren- Project completed in January 2022

## Next Up

Shelby County update in 2023.  
Audrain, Monroe and Randolph  
counties update in 2024.  
Macon County update in 2025.



# EDA CARES Act

## Recovery Assistance Grant

In August 2020, the Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments was awarded a \$400,000 EDA CARES Act Recovery Assistance grant to respond to the coronavirus pandemic by working with regional agencies to identify and provide resources to the local workforce, businesses, entrepreneurs and community partners which will support recovery and resiliency for economic success.



*“This CARES Act funding is incredibly important to the rebuilding of our economy,” said Congressman Sam Graves (MO-06). “I’m pleased to see the Regional Planning Commissions and Councils of Government across North Missouri receive this funding and I know they will put it to good use, helping our economic recovery efforts.”*



### 01. Broadband Study

With funding provided through the Economic Development Administration CARES Act Program, the Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments contracted with Finley Engineering and CCG Consulting to perform broadband studies in Macon, Marion, Monroe, Pike, and Shelby Counties in Missouri.

The final reports include information regarding existing Internet Service Providers (ISPs), Federal Communications Commission (FCC) maps, resident/business interviews, and a broadband gap analysis.

The study offers a detailed analysis of the state of broadband in each county, providing the raw facts needed for any Internet Service Provider (ISP) that wants to pursue additional broadband grants to upgrade infrastructure in the county.



More than 100 area students took part in the two Most Entrepreneurial Community in America (MECA) contests hosted by MTRCOG.



## 02. Shop Local Campaign

Offered two rounds of Shop Local Campaign grant opportunities to regional organizations with nine grants totaling \$8,763.43.



## 03. GIS Mapping Project

EDA CARES Act grant funds were allocated for development of a GIS map for regional resources.



## 04. Workforce Sustainability

Sponsored a Workforce Sustainability Program through Mexico Area Chamber of Commerce which made possible the hiring of a Success Coach to work one on one with employees in four different companies to identify issues causing instability in the workplace and assist employees in working through those issues, ultimately keeping them at work.

## 05. MECA Challenges

Utilizing EDA CARES Act funds, Mark Twain Regional COG hosted two separate (Vandalia and Moberly) MECA (Most Entrepreneurial Community in America) Challenges with Startland for high schoolers in the region with over 100 participants between the two. Students were presented with an issue that area businesses are facing and given the day to determine a solution and prepare a pitch with their team.



# Economic Development Administration **EDA**



## ● **Mark Twain Lake**

Mark Twain Regional COG partnered with Ralls County to secure an \$80,000 EDA grant to examine the market and feasibility of an event facility capable of hosting events and conferences to include lodging and outdoor recreational activities as part of the event facility development to be located at the Frank Russell Campground, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers St. Louis District, Clarence Cannon Dam & Mark Twain Lake.



## ● **Open EDA Projects**

Mark Twain Regional COG continues work on a trio of open projects accounting for more than \$7 million in federal funding from EDA.

Work continues on the largest project, infrastructure repairs in the City of Moberly to mitigate flood damage. Mark Twain aided Moberly in securing more than \$4.8 million in EDA funding for the project.

EDA provided nearly \$700,000 in funding to assist in the design of a floodwall in Clarksville.

Road improvements key to economic development efforts in Pike County received more than \$1.5 million in EDA funding.

# Revolving Loan Fund

The Mark Twain Revolving Loan Fund, Inc. is designed to provide gap financing to new or expanding businesses, which will induce participation from private lenders. Loans may also be utilized for retention efforts. Businesses located in the following counties are eligible for loan assistance: Audrain, Macon, Monroe, Marion, Pike, Ralls, Randolph and Shelby.

As part of the Economic Development Administration's Economic Assistance Program, EDA's regional offices award competitive grants to various organizations, including EDA-approved economic development district organizations, such as MTRCOG to establish Revolving Loan Fund's. The RLF recipient, in turn disburses money in the form of loans at interest rates, which are at or below market rate to small businesses or to businesses that cannot otherwise borrow capital.

As the loans are repaid, the grantee uses a portion of the interest earned to pay administrative expenses and adds remaining principal and interest repayments to the RLF's capital base to make new loans.



## **CURRENT AND PAST LOAN RECIPIENTS**

- **CLEAN TOUCH RESTORATION – Moberly – \$48,000**  
*(Carpet Cleaning, Fire & Water Restoration, Mold Remediation, Sewer Back-Up Restoration & Tile Cleaning)*
- **PRATT'S ON MONROE – Mexico – \$65,000**  
*(Food & Beverage Establishment)*
- **H-SQUARED – Palmyra – \$150,000** *(Automation Firm)*
- **FKF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES & BAIT – Palmyra – \$25,000**  
*(Commercial Fishing/Fish Distribution, specialized in Asian Carp)*
- **CEDAR RIDGE DISPOSAL – Monroe City – \$150,000**  
*(Refuse and Hauling Service)*
- **WARBONNET ENTERPRISES – Macon – \$150,000**  
*(Model Railroad Manufacturing)*



## TRANSPORTATION Planning Partners

The Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments, in coordination with the Missouri Department of Transportation Northeast District, is committed to the efforts to expand the relationship between units of local government while developing an effective, efficient, and resilient statewide transportation network.

**As a designated Transportation Planning Partner, MTRCOG assists units of local government create and update the Regional Transportation Plan.**

### Mark Twain COG TAC 2021 Road & Bridge Needs Ranking

#### TOP PRIORITIES

- Audrain/Ralls/Pike 54 - Mexico to Louisiana; **Shared 4-lane**
- Macon 63 - **Macon bypass**; congestion and safety
- Marion/Ralls 61 - **Hannibal Expressway**; congestion and safety

## TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The MTRCOG provides an avenue for the public to be actively involved in the planning process and prioritization of transportation projects throughout the area. This is accomplished by receiving public input through the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) which meets on a quarterly basis. The TAC plays an important role in the transportation planning process. The TAC is assigned the duty of identifying and prioritizing transportation needs within the region and then presenting them to MoDOT for consideration in the development of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

### TIER I NEEDS

- Macon 63 & 36 - **Interchange in Macon**; congestion/safety improvements
- Monroe 15 & 154 - **Intersection at Paris**; make "T" intersection
- Pike 54 - **True Mfg. entrance at Bowling Green**; safety improvements
- Randolph Bus. 63 - **From EE to M in Moberly**; widen/turn lanes
- Audrain 22 - **Bridge over KCS RR at Centralia**; replace bridge
- Marion 61 - **County Rd 425 intersection**; acceleration, deceleration lanes
- Monroe 154 - **Paris to Perry**; widen
- Marion 168 - **Shelby County to Hannibal**; add shoulders
- Randolph Bus. 63 - **Rte. M intersection in Moberly**; improve intersection
- Shelby 168 - **Shelbyville to Marion County**; add shoulders through county
- Audrain Bus. 54 - **Teal Lake Rd to Pearl Dr. in Mexico**; safety

**TAC** The TAC consists of two representatives from each county that are appointed by the County Commission.

**STIP** The STIP is a tool used by MoDOT to make critical transportation investments in the State of Missouri.

## PRIORITIZED NEEDS

Missouri has significantly more transportation needs than money available. MTRCOG works with its transportation stakeholders and the general public in deciding the highest priority needs and improvements that should receive available funding. This process, referred to as the Planning Framework, relies on the right people being involved in discussing and evaluating needs and then making decisions on which ones should move forward.

The MTRCOG facilitated four Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Meetings this fiscal year and guided the TAC through the prioritization process. TAC members assigned prioritization levels to the projects, with the final rankings listed in this report as top priorities, Tier I, Tier II and Tier III needs.



# TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

## TRANSPORTATION Public Involvement

The development of quality transportation improvements depends on early, often and continuous involvement of the public in decisions. Public involvement allows planners to gather real, valid input on transportation needs and to work with customers to refine solutions that meet those needs.

**We are committed to working with local officials, citizens and stakeholders to help determine the right transportation solutions for their communities.**

## Mark Twain COG TAC 2021 R

### TIER II NEEDS

- Marion 61/24 - interchange & east outer road at Palmyra
- Randolph Various - 63 & N @ Renick; 63 & J @ Jacksonville; improve intersections
- Macon C - Bevier south; widen road
- Macon C - RR tracks to City Limits in Bevier; widen
- Macon 63 - Walnut St intersection; safety issue for school buses
- Randolph 24 - 24 & Silva Lane, Moberly; improve intersection
- Randolph J - Entrance to Jacksonville; safety improvements
- Monroe 107 - Near Mark Twain Lake; resurface
- Pike 61 & NN - Intersection south of Bowling Green; safety
- Shelby 36 - East end of Shelbina; improve access
- Audrain 22 - Muldrow St. in Mexico; reconstruct

## MULTIMODAL NEEDS

The MTRCOG TAC also prioritizes needs for non-road and bridge transportation projects such as waterways, rail, and airports as well as bike/pedestrian trails and sidewalks.

Top priorities include: a pedestrian walkway over US 63 to the Macon school; OATS public transit system improvements; a hiking trail in Palmyra from the high school to the city park; a walkway bridge parallel with Business 61 crossing the railroad tracks in Bowling Green; a sidewalk from Center to Mark Twain School; and funding for the Mid-America Port Commission.

Tier II and Tier III needs include:



## Road & Bridge Needs Ranking

### TIER III NEEDS

- Monroe 24 & Bus. 36 - **Three-way intersection in Monroe City**; improve
- Audrain various - **All poor condition minor roads**; resurface
- Shelby N - **Near Salt River**; flooding issues
- Ralls D - **Bridge over Purdey Creek near Monroe Co. line**; replace bridge
- Marion E - **BNSF RR underpass north of Rte. 36**; replace
- Monroe A & F - **Intersection north of Holliday**; sight distance
- Pike 79 - **South of Clarksville**; flooding, raise road
- Ralls 19 - **Four way stop in Center**; drainage issues
- Shelby V & Z - **Hunnewell**; MoDOT take over roads
- Ralls E - **Ingress/Egress improvements**; for access during flooding

**RADAR** MTRCOG offers the use of two radar traffic counters and a large, speed-display trailer, which produce high-quality traffic data reports for planning and grant needs.

**MAPS** Members of the COG have the opportunity to request up to three maps per year. These maps are provided at no cost to communities as a membership benefit.

## MULTIMODAL NEEDS

Tier II multimodal needs established by the MTRCOG TAC include a trail in Hannibal by River Road; sidewalk improvements on Muldrow St. in Mexico (Phase II); a sidewalk connection to the school in Callao; the Hannibal Airport Expansion project including a runway extension, runway repair, and an airport business plan; and sidewalks on the roundabout intersection near Walmart in Bowling Green.

Tier III needs include a highway/rail intermodal exchange in Audrain County; sidewalk improvements in Vandalia; a Ralls County sidewalk project to improve access to City Park; sidewalk improvements in downtown Clarksville; and sidewalk improvements in Eolia.



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