

MISSOURI TRANSPORTATION PLANNING FRAMEWORK

Local Decision Making

MoDOT uses a transparent, collaborative planning process to find the best transportation solutions for Missouri. Local officials, citizens, and stakeholders play a key role in shaping decisions for their regions. This approach has made MoDOT a national leader in public involvement.

The process starts with statewide outreach to create the **Long-Range Transportation Plan**, which reflects Missourians' expectations for the next 25 years. From there, MoDOT works with regional partners to set local priorities based on available state, federal, and local funding. These priorities form the **Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)**—a five year plan of specific construction projects. The STIP is updated annually through a bottom-up process that ensures local voices are heard.

Planning Partners

Missouri has two types of regional planning partners:

- **Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs)** for urban areas
- **Regional Planning Commissions (RPCs)** for rural areas

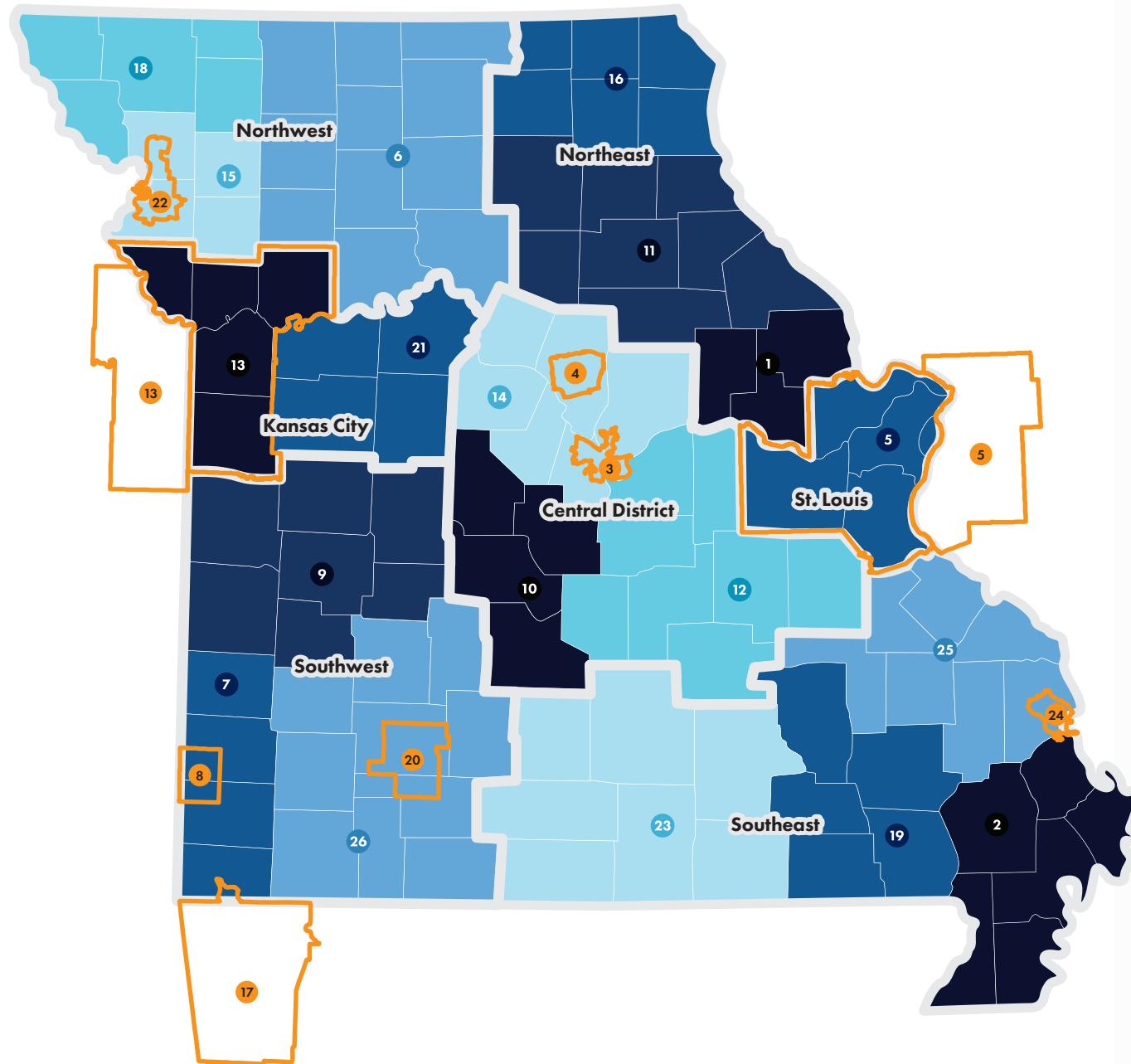
Their boards include local leaders, elected officials, and business owners. Planning Partners gather input from citizens and regional stakeholders to identify transportation needs. MoDOT works with regions to prioritize needs using performance data and funding forecasts - moving the highest priorities into the STIP.

Together, this collaborative process ensures Missouri's transportation system reflects local priorities, uses resources wisely, and delivers safe, reliable travel for everyone.

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MISSOURI REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSIONS AND METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS



Key

9 Metropolitan Planning Organizations

19 Regional Planning Commissions

* = organizations functioning as both RPC and MPO.

Planning Partners

1. Boonslick Regional Planning Commission
2. Bootheel Regional Planning & Economic Development Commission
3. Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
4. Columbia Area Transportation Study Organization
5. East-West Gateway Council of Governments*
6. Green Hills Regional Planning Commission
7. Harry S Truman Coordinating Council
8. Joplin Area Transportation Study Organization
9. Kaysinger Basin Regional Planning Commission
10. Lake of the Ozarks Council of Local Governments
11. Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments
12. Meramec Regional Planning Commission
13. Mid-America Regional Council*
14. Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission
15. Mo-Kan Regional Council
16. Northeast Missouri Regional Planning Commission
17. Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission
18. Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments
19. Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission
20. Ozarks Transportation Organization
21. Pioneer Trails Regional Planning Commission
22. St. Joseph Area Transportation Study Organization
23. South Central Ozark Council of Governments
24. Southeast Metropolitan Planning Organization
25. Southeast Missouri Regional Planning & Economic Development Commission
26. Southwest Missouri Council of Governments