Committees

Technical Planning:
January 9th 9:00am

Outcome Management:
TBD

Steering:
TBD

Public Engagement:
TBD

Sub-Committees

Environmental Best Practices:
January 15th 9:00am

Scenario Planning:
January 18th 1:30pm

Data Portal:
TBD

Housing:
TBD

Transit Oriented Development (TOD):
TBD

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St. Louis Regional Data Exchange Public Launch

Saint Louis University is ready to debut the data portal as a key information exchange element of the Regional Plan for Sustainable Development. The data portal, called the St. Louis Regional Data Exchange, will provide broad access to valuable information, data and mapping capabilities for the St. Louis region. It aims to be a data resource for a wide variety of people – academics, non-profits, community officials, GIS specialists and interested citizens. Not only does the Data Exchange allow people access to information, data professionals can also share their data with others in the region, making this a true open source tool. In the broadest possible sense, the bigger goal is for the democratization of data; thus work is now underway to create a data taskforce that will oversee the St. Louis Regional Data Exchange beyond the term of the HUD grant to ensure continuation of this important data utility for the region.

Economics of Building Around Light Rail Luncheon

Join Citizens for Modern Transit (CMT) on February 6th to find out why building around light rail makes sense economically for the St. Louis region. This lunch will be a great opportunity for local leaders, businesses, non-profits and citizens to hear why building around light rail is important to this region and why it should be a top priority for St. Louis. The featured guest will be Transit Oriented Development expert Dena Belzer, President of Strategic Economics. Ms. Belzer specializes in connecting regional economic and demographic growth trends to real estate development activity and local policy initiatives. She is an expert on Transit Oriented Development, fostering mixed-use districts, and local-serving retail attraction. She has helped to establish best practices for Transit Oriented Development in multiple communities as well as writing extensively on the topic.

Registration for the luncheon is $35 for CMT members; $45 for non-members. Registrations due by Jan. 31, 2013. Register online at www.cmt-stl.org or by check to CMT, 911 Washington, Ste. 200, St. Louis, MO 63101. Table sponsorships are available for $500 (10 seats). Please contact Kim Cell at (314) 231-7272 for more information.

Committees

**Steering:**
February 21st 2:00pm

**Technical Planning:**
April 3rd 9:00am

**Outcome Management:**
TBD

**Public Engagement:**
TBD

Sub-Committees

**Housing:**
February 19th 9:30am

**Environmental Best Practices:**
February 26th 8:30am

**Scenario Planning:**
March 8th 1:30pm

**Data Portal:**
TBD

**Transit Oriented Development (TOD):**
See open house info above

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**TOD Station Area Planning Open Houses**

As part of the Regional Plan for Sustainable Development project, East-West Gateway and its partners have been working to develop station area plans for the following stations: Emerson Park/Jackie Joyner-Kersee, Fairview Heights, North Hanley, Rock Road and Union Station. The second round of more detailed meetings will be held for the first three stations (Emerson Park / JJK, Fairview Heights, and North Hanley) the week of February 18th. The initial meetings for the Rock Road and Union Station will be held during the week of February 25th).

Meetings will include:

- A brief discussion of what is meant by “transit oriented development” and what it could mean around the selected station areas
- Review of more detailed alternatives of potential design options for the station areas around the Emerson Park/ Jackie Joyner-Kersee, Fairview Heights and North Hanley stations, building on input provided by the public at the first round of meetings in December (each on specific dates).
- The potential to create new development for areas around the Rock Road and Union Station Metrolink stations (each on specific dates).

For more information about these meetings or the overall St. Louis Regional TOD Study, please contact Paul Hubbman paul.hubbman@ewgateway.org or visit www.stlouistod.com.

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**Speakers Bureau Training: March 14th**

Do you find it challenging to speak about the RPSD with your colleagues and friends because you work on a discrete piece of a bigger planning effort? Are you a member of one or more communities in our region - perhaps a professional organization, a faith- based group, a social group or others? To help you become more comfortable with talking about the RPSD, we will be conducting a training session for you on March 14th to prepare you for future speaking engagements. Vector Communications, East-West Gateway’s Public Awareness Campaign consultant, will lead the training session and will also provide you with materials to assist you when you go speak to various groups, including a presentation, script, and FAQ. In addition, Vector will be arranging speaking engagements for at least 25 organizations that the members of the Speakers Bureau will have an opportunity to sign up for to give a presentation. This training will help give you a more complete picture of the project, while at the same time giving you the tools necessary to help spread the word about the important work you’re doing to make the St. Louis region a great place to live.

**Date:** March 14, 2013

**Time:** 2:30pm to 4:30pm

**Location:** Regional Arts Commission, 6128 Delmar Blvd, St. Louis, MO

Space is limited. Please RSVP to jennifer.howland@ewgateway.org by March 1st.

Note: This event was originally scheduled for January 24, 2013.
**Committees**

**Technical Planning:**
April 3rd 9:00am

**Outcome Management:**
April 4th 9:00am

**Steering:**
May 2nd 1:30pm

**Public Engagement:**
TBD

**Sub-Committees**

**Housing:**
TBD

**Environmental Best Practices:**
TBD

**Scenario Planning:**
TBD

**Data Portal:**
TBD

**Transit Oriented Development (TOD):**
TBD

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**All Committee Meeting #2: March 27th**

As we move into the final year of the planning process, we will be seeking input from committees, individuals and organizations in a variety or ways. As standing committee members your insights are especially valued. In order to gather your input, we have planned two All-Committee meetings during the month of March. The first meeting was held on March 5th. During that meeting, over 40 committee members discussed the draft vision and goals statements, as well as considered potential objectives to include in the regional plan. We received valuable suggestions and feedback on these important elements of the regional plan. We are compiling the feedback collected on March 5th and merging it with feedback from the results of the Community Planning Area meetings, the project deliverables, and additional recommendations of committee members.

On March 27th, we will review the revised vision and goal statements, refine objectives, and begin discussing potential implementation opportunities. Please join us – whether you attended on March 5th or not. Thank you!

**Date:** March 27, 2013  
**Time:** 1:00pm to 4:00pm  
**Location:** Il Monastero, 3050 Olive St, St. Louis, MO

Please RSVP to jane.suozzi@ewgateway.org by March 25th.

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**Trailnet’s TravelGreen Program**

Trailnet’s TravelGreen program has started out 2013 with exciting, well-attended programming. In January, we kicked off a new season of Trailnet on Tap, our monthly speaker series designed to bring experts on sustainability issues straight to St. Louis city neighborhoods. January’s topic was Biking on a Budget with over 30 guests attending. After taking a hiatus in February to make way for Trailnet’s political candidate forum, the next Trailnet on Tap session is slated for March 27, featuring future plans for Great Rivers Greenway’s River Ring Trail System.

In addition to a fresh season of Trailnet on Tap, January 16th marked the inaugural Arch Women brown bag lunch meeting, a new TravelGreen program that strives to empower women through active transportation. Our second meeting, addressing safety while bicycle commuting, took place on February 20th. For both sessions, we had over 20 women attend. The next meeting will be held on March 20, where we will discuss how to balance looking professional after biking to work.

For the second year, the TravelGreen program held the Shift Your Commute February Challenge. Bike commuters create an account, log bike-commuting miles to and from work, and are eligible for prizes each week of the month. The February Challenge supplement our May and September Challenges, providing a way to keep bike commuters motivated through the cold winter season. This year 104 individual riders competed for prizes by logging over 1000 trips throughout February.