



# Southwest Missouri Council of Governments

*Enhancing the quality of our communities through regional cooperation*

Serving Barry, Christian, Dade, Dallas, Greene, Lawrence,  
Polk, Stone, Taney, & Webster Counties

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Southwest Missouri Council of Governments (SMCOG) is updating its Public Transit Human-Services Transportation Coordination Plan (TCP), which covers Barry, Christian, Dade, Dallas, Greene, Lawrence, Polk, Stone, Taney, and Webster counties. The regional TCP will be the guiding document for FTA Section 5310 grant funding.

Public input from human service agencies, transportation providers, and transportation users was sought via online survey and public meetings over the past 6-8 months. SMCOG staff has reviewed the survey results and public input provided and identified 9 regional needs pertaining to public transit for persons with disabilities, individuals with low incomes, and senior citizens. In order to address these needs, staff has developed 5 strategies. These needs and strategies are provided below.

#### Human Service/Transportation Provider Needs:

- Additional funds for new vehicles
- Increased number of staff and volunteers
- Monetary support for low income users
- Increased flexibility for short term notice

#### User Needs

- Increased service on weekends and evenings
- Increased service to medical destinations
- Lower consumer cost for transportation services
- Expand travel to rural areas
- Increased travel to grocery shopping and shopping destinations

#### Strategies:

- Sustain, at a minimum, the current service levels
- Encourage funding of OATS and other rural transit providers
- Increase mobility services in SMCOG region
- Educate general public about current transportation services
- Increase collaboration efforts in order to support mobility services

SMCOG is now hosting a second round of public meetings to confirm that the needs identified are accurate, and assist in prioritizing strategies. We hope you can join us to help provide input and your feedback. A list of meeting times is located on the back of this page.

If you have any questions, please contact either Bailey DeJonge at [Dejonge928@live.missouristate.edu](mailto:Dejonge928@live.missouristate.edu) or Megan Clark at [MeganClark@missouristate.edu](mailto:MeganClark@missouristate.edu).

Thank you,  
Megan Clark  
Southwest Missouri Council of Governments

# County Meeting Schedule

Below are the scheduled meeting times and locations.

## Barry & Lawrence Counties

Thursday, January 25, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Monett Senior Center  
405 Dairy St, Monett, MO 65708

## Christian County

Monday, January 22, 1:00 p.m. – 2 p.m.  
Clever City Hall  
304 Clarke Ave, Clever, MO 65631

## Dade County

Monday, February 12, 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
Dade County Senior Center  
58 N Allison Ave, Greenfield, MO 65661

## Dallas County

Thursday, January 11, 10:30-11:30 a.m.  
Engels Memorial Senior Center  
103 S Maple, Buffalo, MO 65622

## Greene County

Thursday, January 11, 1:30-2:30 p.m.  
Fair Grove City Hall  
81 S Orchard Blvd, Fair Grove, MO 65648

## Polk County

Thursday, January 18, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Polk County Senior Center  
1850 W. Broadway, Bolivar, MO

## Stone County

Tuesday, January 9, 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.  
Kimberling Area Senior Center  
63 Kimberling Hills Blvd, Kimberling City, MO 65686

## Taney County

Tuesday, January 9, 12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.  
Branson Senior Center  
201 Compton Dr, Branson, MO 65616

## Webster County

Wednesday, February 7, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
Marshfield Senior Center  
427 W. Washington, Marshfield, MO 65706