



2026 Policy Priorities



In 2018, Missourians for Responsible Transportation (MRT) was established by four Missouri organizations: Trailnet, Local Motion, BikeWalkKC, and Ozark Greenways. Together, our network of more than 40 transportation professionals helps MRT address transportation challenges and opportunities statewide.

Call for MoDOT to Develop a Missouri Statewide Active Transportation Plan

MRT supports a statewide active transportation plan (SATP) as part of MO Dept. of Transportation's (MoDOT) 2026 Long-Range Transportation Plan update, which guides transportation policy through 2050.

The proposed SATP would **address gaps in safety, funding, connectivity, and policy** for vulnerable road users and provide guidance for multimodal transportation planning across Missouri. MRT is encouraging advocates and stakeholders to submit comments in support of a SATP.



Scan or click the QR code to access more information about how to get involved

Drivers Education Requirement Legislation

The Missouri Driver's Education Coalition has introduced legislation requiring driver's license applicants to complete an online road safety course before taking the road skills test.

Course Description: online road safety course of at least 5 hours including topics of: hazards of distracted and impaired driving; crash prevention; safe driving; and law enforcement procedures.

Development and Delivery: Department of Public Safety will create course and Department of Revenue monitor course and ensure accessibility.

Fees and Fund Creation: Upon course completion, a fee (not to exceed \$20) may be charged. Fees collected will fund the Driver Safety Education Fund. **Legislation would take effect on August 28, 2028.**

**Additional and paired legislation pending.*

MO Amendment 1 - Renewal of Parks, Soils & Water Tax

MRT is joining advocates, farmers, families, conservationists, and small-town businesses in support of renewing the State Parks, Soil, and Water Conservation Sales Tax.

This **one-tenth-of-one-percent** statewide sales tax **provides stable funding** for Missouri state parks, historic sites, and soil and water conservation programs. **Amendment 1 does not create a new tax**, it renews the existing tax, most recently approved by Missouri voters with nearly 80% statewide support. The tax must be renewed every 10 years and will expire in 2028 without voter approval in 2026.

Where does the money go?

50% supports Missouri state parks and historic sites

50% supports soil and water conservation

Support Local and Intercity Transit

MoDOT is conducting a Statewide Intercity Bus Needs Assessment to evaluate current service, identify gaps, and better connect rural and urban communities with affordable long-distance transportation.

Intercity bus service is often the only option for Missourians without access to a personal vehicle playing a critical role in accessing everyday needs. **MoDOT is collecting input** from the public, transit agencies, and bus providers through a survey to **inform future planning and funding decisions.**

The results will help guide how Missouri addresses rural access, and **strengthens statewide mobility through targeted policy and investment decisions.**



Scan or click the QR code to access more information, including the survey