2027 Policy Priorities

MRT
MISSOURIANS FOR RESPONSIBLE TRANSPORTATION

The policy platform is intended to serve as the guiding document for Missourians for Responsible Transportation on the policy and advocacy fronts.

Guiding Principles

In general, the guiding principles of MRT's policy platform are as follows:

- Clear, demonstrable alignment with MRT's mission and/or elements of the strategic plan
- Informed by key external partners
- Shaped and approved by members of the leadership team

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Federal Priorities

Support advocacy efforts on federal transportation legislation

- Alignment: Safety, Connected Communities
- Informed: On this work, MRT plans to take cues primarily from the League of American Bicyclists, Smart Growth America, and the national Safe Routes Partnership

MRT and our local partners worked together to advocate for key provisions in the last piece of major federal transportation legislation. As the next version of this policy takes shape, there will be critical opportunities for MRT and our partners to shape what the final version looks like.

Support efforts to build rapport with Missouri congressional legislation

- Alignment: Safety, Economic Development
- Informed: On this work, MRT plans to take cues from members of the leadership team

Due to anticipated turnover among members of the Missouri congressional delegation (including the retirement of House Transportation & Infrastructure committee chairman and Missouri 6th District congressman Sam Graves) as well as continued uncertainty about the boundaries of congressional districts, MRT and our local partners need to look for opportunities to establish and build productive working relationships with the incoming members of Missouri's congressional delegation. While local organizations will take the lead, MRT will support those efforts in addition to working to strengthen the relations with the two Missouri senators.





The mission of Missourians for Responsible Transportation is to be the leader in fostering strong communities by aligning advocacy efforts for streets, roads, and trails that work for all Missourians.



State Priorities

Driver's Education

- Alignment: Safety, Healthy Outcomes
- Informed: MRT plans to continue working in close contact with AAA Missouri and Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety (MCRS)

Missouri holds some of the worst driver's license exam outcomes of any state in the country. Over the last couple of years, MRT has worked with a driver's education coalition to raise awareness around the issue, but also to push for stronger legislation around the issue in the state legislature. MRT hopes to build upon these efforts by pushing for the inclusion of teaching elements that more effectively cover aspects of walking and biking safety as well.

Strengthening State-Level Active Transportation Planning

- Alignment: Safety, Economic Development, Healthy Outcomes, Connected Communities
- Informed: MRT will explore opportunities for informing key decisions and continuing education for agency staff

Missourians for Responsible Transportation has worked to inform decision makers about how to use the planning process to build a statewide system that better supports the needs of people who walk, roll, and bike. The next step in those efforts is working with MoDOT staff to identify ways to embed those principles into the agency's regulations and procedures. This includes (but isn't limited to): better data gathering and analysis, updates to key policy guidance, and continuing education opportunities around active transportation for MoDOT staff and leadership.

Stop Super Speeders

- Alignment: Safety
- Informed: On this work, MRT plans to follow the lead of Families for Safe Streets

Intelligent Speed Assistance is a technology that helps to prevent drivers from going over the posted speed limit. The technology has been around for some time, but recent developments have enabled it to be used more widely. This has enabled several states to pursue "Stop Super Speeders" legislation which enables the technology to be used in a targeted manner for drivers that consistently and recklessly drive over the speed limit. MRT is exploring opportunities to advance similar legislation in Missouri.

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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.