



September 1, 2021

September 23 Membership Meeting

The City of Brentwood will host the September 23 membership meet at the Brentwood City Hall, [2348 So. Brentwood Blvd](#), Brentwood, MO. 63144.

Tom Blair, PE, MoDOT District Engineer-St. Louis will present an update on regional highway projects and discuss the impact of the new gasoline tax which will start being collected October 1, 2021.

Tom Blair manages more than 700 MoDOT team members tasked with maintaining and operating the state transportation system in the St. Louis region. The district includes the City of St. Louis, St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson and Franklin counties, making it part of the 7th largest transportation system in the nation.

In his 25-year tenure at MoDOT he has developed a unique blend of best practices from past projects while planning for future transportation needs. Tom's expertise in regional mobility was critical to the success of projects such as the award-winning rebuilding of I-64. In 2015, he received national industry and media acclaim for leading MoDOT's Road to Tomorrow team. The team explored innovative and technological opportunities for generating transportation revenue in Missouri.

Tom embraces MoDOT's cornerstones of safety, service and stability as the foundation for delivering a transportation system that is safe for families and viable for business and commerce. As a champion and spokesperson on transportation needs and operations, Tom prioritizes his availability to citizens, public officials and industry partners.

He oversees the district's \$250 million investment in the region and about 150 projects annually. This includes approximately \$10 million in snow removal and mowing and the operation of a 24/7 transportation management and emergency response center.

Tom earned his undergraduate degree in civil engineering from Iowa State University and a master's in engineering management from Missouri S & T. He has served in multiple leadership positions within the local ITE chapter (TEAM STL), including as president in 2013.





Municipal League Reception

If you are attending the MML Annual Conference in September, Metro League President Terry Briggs and the Executive Board would like to invite you to a complimentary reception on Monday, September 27, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm in the Grand Hall at the Union Station Hotel. The event is open to all League Members and affiliates. Please mark you calendar, we hope to see you there.

Remembering 911

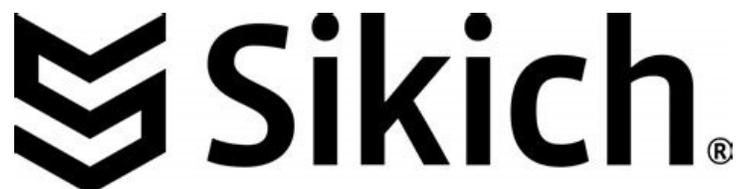
This September 11 will mark 20 years since the terrorist attacks on the US that claimed more than 3,000 lives. Art Hill in Forest Park will once again be adorned with "Flags of Valor." There will be more 7,000 flags placed at Art Hill in honor of those victims of 911. Volunteers are need to help place the flags starting at 6:30 AM on Saturday the 4th of September. For more information on how you can help or sponsor a flag go to, FLAGS OF VALOR at: <https://flagsofvalorstl.com/our-story/>.



Municipal Park Grants

Round 22 of the annual Municipal Park Grant program closed on Friday, August 27. There were 26 applications submitted requesting \$9.7 million. The Park Grant Commission allocated \$6.9 million for the round, which may be amended.

It is anticipated the Advisory Boards review process will be completed by the end of September and the final awards by the Commission to be announced by the middle of October.



Fundamentals of Planning and Zoning

[The Chancellor's Certificate in Fundamentals of Planning and Zoning](#) is a seven-module course taught by senior practitioners that covers local government planning practices, processes and issues. Offered by the University of Missouri-St.Louis (UMSL), East-West Gateway and the American Planning Association's St. Louis chapter, the program is designed for municipal and county planning and zoning commissioners, elected officials, municipal staff, and members of the public. Online registration is now open. Modules are held weekly on Thursdays from 6-9 p.m., October 14th to December 2nd (no class on November 25th), at the J.C. Penney Conference Center on UMSL's campus, Room 202. The registration fee for the full course is \$400 and \$75 for individual modules.



MoDOT Engineering Assistance Program

The Missouri Department of Transportation is seeking projects to be funded with Traffic Engineering Assistance Program (TEAP) funds. The Traffic Engineering Assistance Program (TEAP) allows local public agencies (LPAs) to receive engineering assistance for studying traffic engineering problems. Typical traffic engineering related projects include: corridor safety and/or operational analysis, intersection(s) safety and/or operational analysis, speed limit review, sign inventory, pedestrian/bike route analysis, parking issues, and other traffic studies. For more information go to: <https://www.modot.org/node/23455>

Annual Prayer Breakfast St. Louis Area Police Chief Association

The St. Louis Area Police Chiefs Association (SLAPCA), would like to invite you to the 29th Annual Police Officer Memorial Prayer Breakfast. This program not only honors the fallen police officers from the Greater St. Louis metropolitan area, but also provides a platform for people of all faiths to show their respect for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the performance of their law enforcement duties. Many police officers, local political leaders, law enforcement leaders and business leaders attend this event.



This year's event will be held on Tuesday, September 21st, 2021, at the St. Charles Convention Center starting at 8:00 a.m. Tickets for the event are \$20 a piece or \$120 per table (6 people). Reservations can be made with Chief Dave Wolf at dwolf@olivettemo.com.

