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January 3, 2022

January Membership Meeting

The City Of Overland will host the October Membership meeting at Frank Munsch Community Center 9225 Lackland Road Overland, MO 63114. ([MAP](#)) Doors will open at 6:30.

St. Louis Lambert International Airport is a key component to the future economic growth of the St. Louis Region. Last month it was announced that for the first in nearly two decades, non-stop flights to Frankfurt, Germany, on Lufthansa Airlines will depart from Lambert Field and Spirit Airlines is adding direct flights to Cancun, Mexico.

Rhonda Hamm-Niebruegge, Director of Airports at Lambert International Airport will be our quest speaker. Rhonda is responsible for the operation, sustainability, growth, and economic development for the airport. The airport

currently has 550 employees, a \$190 million dollar budget and owns 4000 acres of land. While Director, Rhonda has overseen the renovation of the historic Yamasaki Terminal 1, the rebuild of flight activity after the loss of a single hub carrier and managed through the destruction of an F4 tornado that hit the iconic Terminal in 2011. St. Louis Lambert International Airport finished 2019 with the highest number of enplanements in 16 years, almost topping the 16 million passenger count.

Through Rhonda's leadership Lambert International Airport is seeing growth in revenue and increases in the number of airlines serving St. Louis. As they look to the future, the airport is updating their Airport Layout Plan (ALP). The ALP serves as the primary planning tool for forecasting aviation activity for an airport. The study uses this forecast as a guide in reviewing existing and future terminal, airside and landside improvements. It is anticipated the FAA Draft Submittal will go public next summer. Rhonda will update on the stages of the planning process and other exciting news happening at the Airport.



2022 Legislative Session

January 5, will be the first day of the 2022 Legislative Session. As of December 29, there have been 696 House bills and 375 Senate bills prefiled. For a complete list of bills we are currently reviewing go to; [LEGISLATIVE UPDATE](#).

Below is the calendar for the Legislative Session:

- January 5, 2022 – First day of the 2022 Legislative Session
- January 17, 2022 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No Session
- January 19, 2022 – 2022 State of the State Address – 3:00 pm
- February 21, 2022 – Presidents’ Day – No Session
- March 1, 2022 – Last day to file House and Senate bills
- March 14-18, 2022– Spring Break – No Session
- April 18, 2022 – Easter Break – No Session
- May 6, 2022 – State budget must be finalized per the Constitution – 6:00 pm
- May 13, 2022 – Last day of Session per the Constitution – 6:00 pm
- July 1, 2022 – First day of Fiscal Year 2023
- July 14, 2022 – Last day for the Governor to sign or veto bills
- August 28, 2022 – Date most legislation takes effect (unless another date is specified)
- September 14, 2022 – Veto Session - Noon

SPIRE Gets Extension to Operate Pipeline



The [Spire STL Pipeline](#) serving St. Louis-area natural gas customers will be allowed to keep operating through the winter.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission issued the [order](#) on December 3, as the pipeline's temporary authorization to operate was coming to a close.

The commission's order grants Spire STL a temporary certificate to operate while it determines the long-term fate of the pipeline, which serves Spire Missouri's customers in the St. Louis area. Its initial certificate to operate was vacated last summer. [READ MORE...](#)

Affiliate Open House



More than 110 members attended the Affiliate Open House in November including several elected officials from the St. Charles County. 29 affiliates showcased their businesses. Due to the overwhelming support and positive feedback the Executive Board is planning to make this an annual event.

Below is a list of the affiliates that participated this year:

Acumen Consulting

Ameren

CAA

Charles Crane Agency

CHGO

CVR

D&H

FGM Architects

MO Department of Conservation

MSD

Navigate Building Solutions

PGAV Planners

Republic Services

STL Community Credit

STL Realtors

Simmons Bank

General Code

Spectrum

GRG

Stifel Nicolaus

Greater STL Inc.

Veregy (CTS)

i5 Group

Waste Connections

JEMA

Weis Design Group

Mo American Water

Wood Engineering

Spire

Missouri Municipal League

The Annual MML Legislative Conference scheduled for February 15-16 in Jefferson City. For more information and to register go to; [2022 Legislative Conference](#).

2022
**Legislative
Conference**
**February
15-16, 2022**
**Capitol
Plaza Hotel**

The poster features a large, stylized '2022' on the left side. The main text is in a bold, blue font. The background is a grayscale image of the Missouri State Capitol building, with a teal and blue geometric shape in the bottom right corner.

Treasury Extends ARPA Report Deadlines

Non-entitlement cities (population below 50,000) will need to submit their first report on the expenditures of ARPA funds by April 30, 2022, the original was October 31, 2021. The first report will cover the period between the award date and March 31, 2022.

Treasury will provide further instructions at a later date, including updates to existing guidance as well as a user guide to assist recipients to gather and submit information through Treasury's online portal. Be sure to visit [Treasury's website](#) as well as [AWC's ARPA webpage](#) for the latest information.



MoDOT SUES TO ENFORCE 'STANDS APPROPRIATED' LANGUAGE

The Missouri State Highways and Transportation Commission is suing the state

in an effort to enforce its constitutional authority to spend State Road Fund revenue without a legislative appropriation. The commission wants to provide raises for state Department of Transportation employees to combat high turnover rates, but the legislature hasn't approved an appropriations increase for that purpose.

The Missouri Constitution generally prohibits state agencies from spending money without a legislative appropriation specifying the amount and purpose of the spending. However, MoDOT is unique in that it has a constitutionally dedicated funding source in the State Road Fund, the revenues of which the constitution says "shall stand appropriated without legislative action."

Despite this language, the General Assembly traditionally appropriates money from the road fund each year, just as it does from other revenue sources under its direct control. The commission, which is the independent governing authority for MoDOT, sued the Missouri Office of Administration on Dec. 3 after the agency ignored the commission's requests to approve monetary transfers from the Road Fund pursuant to the "stands appropriated" provision for the purpose of increasing worker pay.

A similar case – though one with an important distinction – already is pending before the state Supreme Court. In that case, the Missouri Conservation Commission claims it has the constitutional authority to spend revenue from a dedicated state conservation sales tax without a legislative appropriation. Unlike with the Road Fund, however, there is no constitutional language that says the conservation sales tax revenue "shall stand appropriated without legislative action."

No hearing date has yet been set in the Road Fund case, *Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission v. Kenneth Zellers*.



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