



CALENDAR

The Region XII Council of Governments Newsletter

December 2023

December

20 - **MIDF** 3:00 PM, Virtual 25 & 26 - Christmas Observed;

January

- New Year's Day;
- 10 RDC Loan Review Comm. 11:30 AM, COG Training Room
- 11 Executive Board Meeting 12:30 PM, COG Training Room

February

- RPA XII TAC
 - **RDC Loan Review Comm.** 11:30 AM, COG Training Room
- **Executive Board Meeting** 12:30 PM, COG Training Room **COG Housing** 1:30 PM, COG Training Room
- 19 Presidents Day; Office Closed
- 22 City Managers Meeting 11:00 AM, COG Board Room

EXECUTIVE BOARD

John Muir, Chair Greene Co. Supervisor

Ranell Drake, Vice Chair Sac Co. Supervisor

Stephanie Hausman, Treasurer Carroll Co. Supervisor

Rick Thompson, Secretary Audubon Co. Supervisor

Dave Muhlbauer Crawford Co. Supervisor

Steve Smith Guthrie Co. Supervisor

Region XII Surface Transportation Projects

Region XII COG is preparing the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). These funds are available to any city or county in Region XII (Audubon, Carroll, Crawford, Greene, Guthrie or Sac Counties).

Region XII has approximately \$4,200,000 in Surface Transportation Block Grant funds (STBG) available Projects that are eligible include roadway for projects. construction and reconstruction, operational improvements, safety programs, and traffic management and control. STBG funds can also be used for transit projects and other rideshare projects. Roadways that are eligible for funding must be



Carroll County N33, Asphalt Resurfacing

classified as a major collector of higher on the federal functional classification system. The STBG Application is available <u>HERE</u>. Federal Functional Classification Maps can be viewed HERE.

The sponsoring governmental agency must provide at least 20% of the total project cost in cash. Applications are due by 4:00 PM on January 26, 2024.

Region XII Transportation Alternatives Projects

Region XII Transportation Alternatives applications will be accepted through January 26, 2024 until 4:00 PM. Region XII has approximately \$1,400,000 in regional transportation alternatives funds available for projects. Funding for these projects may not be available until federal fiscal year 2025 or later depending upon the amount requested. These projects may include recreational trails, highway turnouts, overlooks, safe routes to schools and historic preservation of transportation related



Riverside Park Trail, Coon Rapids

structures. (Please see the application form for a full list of eligible projects). The sponsoring agency must provide at least 20% of the total project cost). Click HERE to access the application.



THE REVIEW

New Western Iowa Transit Staff

Region XII COG is excited to announce the hiring of five new transit drivers. Bill Cramer was hired at the end of July. Cramer was previously a custodian for Audubon County and maintenance man for the Friendship Home in Audubon. Jane Gross was hired at the end of September and previously worked at Waspy's Truck Stop in Templeton. Jeff Lee joined Western lowa Transit in September. In his previous life, Lee worked in banking. Gerald Raymond was hired at the beginning of November. Raymond joins WIT after being a middle school principal for many years. Mark Weidemeier was hired at the end of September and he preivously worked as a direct support professional with handicapped individuals. Welcome to the new drivers, and be sure to wave as vou see them out and about!





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Winter Driving Tips from Western Iowa Transit

-Allow yourself extra drive time in adverse weather conditions

-Test your battery, battery power drops as temps drop

-Keep your gas tank half full or more at all times -Have winter tires with deeper tread

-Check wiper blades and defrost system

-Keep essentials such as water, phone charger, blanket & warm clothes in the vehicle

-If you don't need to be out driving, stay home

Region XII Partnership Program

The COG's Partnership Program is an opportunity for private, non-government businesses and organizations to become a part of the COG's mission to provide various needed services to the region's cities and counties. Partners listed below. For more information, contact Rick Hunsaker at rhunsaker@region12cog.org. This list is up to date as of December 12, 2023.

PLATINUM MEMBERSHIP - \$2,000 Monogram Quality Foods, Denison

GOLD MEMBERSHIP - \$1,000

Availa Bank, Carroll Dakota Business Finance, Sioux Falls

SILVER MEMBERSHIP - \$500

Bank Iowa, Denison Bauer Built, Paton Greene County Medical Center, Jefferson Guthrie County REC, Guthrie Center Holmes Murphy & Associates, Waukee Home State Bank, Jefferson Iowa Corn Processors, Glidden Iowa State Bank, Sac City Landmands Bank, Audubon Mid-Iowa Insurance & Real Estate, Carroll Raccoon Valley Electric Cooperative, Glidden United Bank of Iowa, Carroll West Central Iowa Rural Water Association, Manning Western Iowa Power Cooperative, Denison

BRONZE MEMBERSHIP - \$250

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December 2023 Grant Update

Upcoming Grants

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Keep your SAM.Gov registration current and Get your UEI Number Now!

The System for Award Management (SAM.gov) is an official website of the U.S. Government. There is no cost to use SAM.gov. Eventually, SAM.gov will offer a single login to navigate the federal award lifecycle. Today, you can use this site to register to do business with the U.S. Government and update, renew, or check the status of your entity registration, or get a Unique Entity ID. Check out a short video from the General Service Administration to register with SAM.gov by clicking <u>HERE</u>.

If your organization is going to apply for a receive federal grants, you must obtain a Unique Entity ID. Click <u>HERE</u> to learn more about the UEI number and how to obtain a UEI number.

If you have questions about the SAM registration or about the UEI, contact Lauren Mortensen at Region XII COG at 712-775-7814 or lmortensen@region12cog.org.

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