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Improving and Expanding St. Louis-Area Mass Transportation Systems

I have filed a bill in the Missouri Senate that would include public mass transportation systems as allowable projects within [transportation development districts](#) (TDDs). These districts are formed to develop, improve, maintain, and operate transportation-related projects relative to the needs of those within the district's boundaries.

Projects within a TDD may take many forms, including roadways, bus stops, and light rail. My legislation, [Senate Bill 477](#), would amend the Missouri Transportation



St. Louis has several forms of public mass transportation operating under the "Metro" banner, including [MetroBus](#), [MetroLink](#) light rail, and the [Metro Call-A-Ride](#) paratransit system.



MetroBus

Development District Act to include mass transportation systems, which are widely used by citizens in the 5th Senate District and throughout the St. Louis area.

Senate Bill 477 would also create a "Transportation Development District Sales Tax Trust Fund" as a separate account in which designated sales tax revenues generated by these particular types of TDDs would be deposited. This legislation has yet to receive first-round approval in the Senate.

Clean Rivers Healthy Communities Program – Protecting Our Environment Through Sewer Improvements

Those living in the St. Louis area have a serious problem to address regarding our waterways. The Clean Rivers Healthy Communities Program is sponsored by the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD). This program is a multi-billion dollar, multi-decade initiative that sets out to improve the quality of our region's rivers, streams, and creeks.

As one of the largest public infrastructure programs in our area's history, this program works with the public, municipalities, businesses, environmental advocates, legislators, and other citizens to:

- Reduce the amount of sewage that enters into our waterways from sewer overflows during moderate to heavy rainfalls;
- Get more citizens involved in MSD's pollution and stormwater control efforts;
- Support environmentally



MetroLink



Metro Call-A-Ride



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friendly practices that encourage sustainable growth.

Untreated sewage in Missouri's rivers and creeks endangers both the citizens of our state and the environment. Sewer overflows not only smell and look bad, but they also contain harmful bacteria, viruses, parasites, suspended solids, heavy metals, hazardous chemicals, oil, grease, and other pollutants that can be found in household and industrial wastes. Pollutants such as these can make citizens and animals ill, dramatically change the esthetics of a neighborhood, and leave a long-lasting effect on our environment.

So how do we address this problem? Sewer overflows, especially from combined sewers, are perhaps the biggest challenge facing MSD. The best way to get involved is to become part of the solution. Call (314) 768-CRHC (2742) or visit www.cleanriversstl.com. You can also invite a Clean Rivers representative to make a presentation at your neighborhood or organizational meetings.

SLATE Missouri Career Center: Green Jobs

Also known as the St. Louis Agency on Training and Employment, SLATE helps those in the St. Louis area with their employment and job training needs at no cost. The organization works with the Neighborhood Associations and Economic Development Corporations to create opportunities for St. Louis residents to begin receiving the



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many benefits from job placement.

“Green” jobs are becoming more and more popular in the workforce. Large companies, restaurants, banks, and other organizations are starting to “go green.” SLATE is available to help those citizens interested in wanting to work in a variety of industries that are heading down the green path.

Regardless of the job you are looking for, SLATE can help provide individuals with experience they need to land them a great career.

Show Me Healthy Women Program – Protecting Missouri Women from Breast and Cervical Cancer

The Missouri General Assembly is continuing their work to fund essential health initiatives, including the Show Me Health Women Program. This program, which is part of a nation-wide effort aimed at reducing the number of breast and cervical cancer cases each year, provides free breast and cervical cancer screenings to age and income eligible women. Throughout the past two years, the Legislature has been able to increase funding for this program, providing crucial breast and cervical cancer screenings to under-served women across our state.

Show Me Healthy Women services are provided at more than 165 locations throughout Missouri. Physicians’ offices, community health centers, university-based teaching institutions, public and private hospitals, and clinics for



The following links are examples of “Green” jobs:

- [Green Jobs Link 1](#)
- [Green Jobs Link 2](#)
- [Green Jobs Link 3](#)
- [Green Jobs Link 4](#)



According to the [Department of Health and Senior Services](#):

- There are more than 91,000 women in our state who meet the age and income guidelines for the Show Me Healthy Women Program.
- Approximately 4,000 Missouri women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in 2009.
- Statistics reveal that nearly 900 of those women will lose their battle with this devastating disease.

the uninsured participate and support this beneficial program.

I urge those who are eligible to take advantage of this life-saving program. We must help reduce the burden of breast and cervical cancer on those not only affected by these diseases, but those who love and care for these individuals.

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