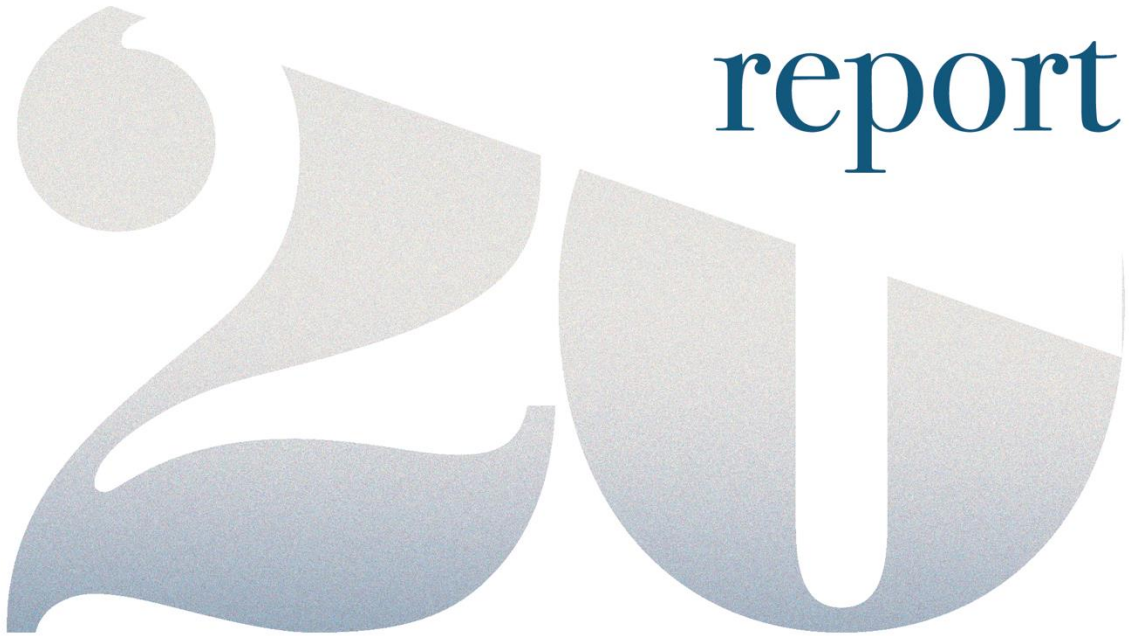




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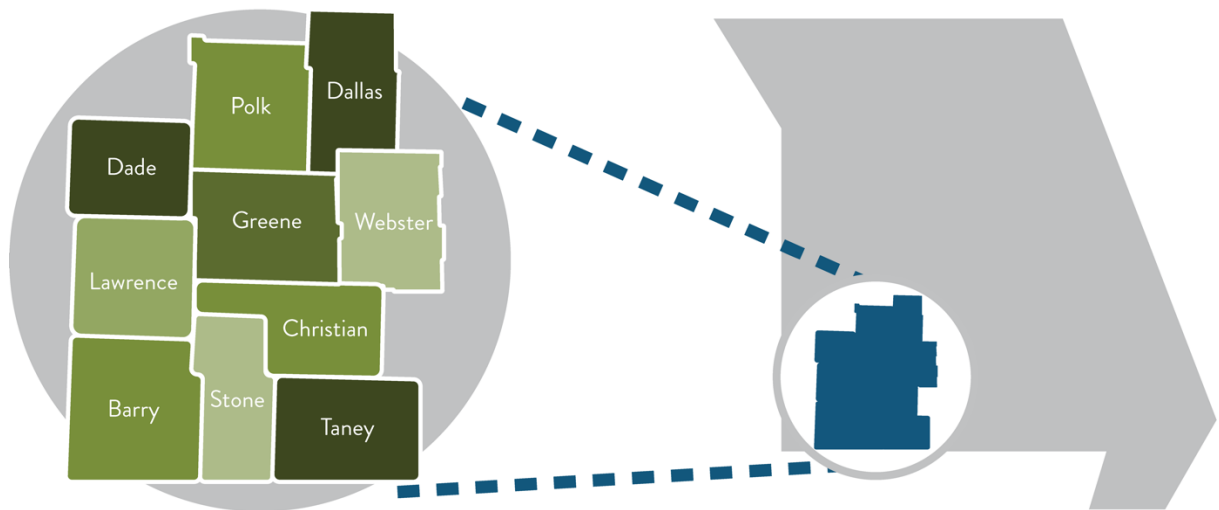


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SMCOG Overview

The Southwest Missouri Council of Governments (SMCOG) is an organization comprised of local governments serving the counties of Barry, Christian, Dade, Dallas, Greene, Lawrence, Polk, Stone, Taney and Webster in southwest Missouri. Organized in 1989 pursuant to Chapter 251 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, SMCOG is one of the State's active regional planning commissions.



Mission and Governance

Regional planning commissions are extensions of local government, bringing together communities and resources to address issues of mutual concern as well as local needs. Missouri's regional planning commissions are each tailored to meet the needs of the local governments and communities they serve. Missouri's regional planning commissions also work together through a state association, the Missouri Association of Councils of Government, to share experiences and find ways to better serve our local constituencies.

SMCOG is governed by a Board of Directors with representatives from each member local government and citizens representing private sector business and other public service organizations. The Board directs SMCOG's mission and establishes policy guidance for the organization's operations and services. The Board's Executive Committee is responsible for conducting business on behalf of the Board of Directors as may be necessary.

SMCOG has been administered through a unique public/public sector partnership with Missouri State University's Center for Resource Planning and Management since its organization in 1989. The University provides for staffing, administrative services and program delivery on behalf of SMCOG.

Funding for SMCOG's operation and program delivery comes from a variety of sources. City and county members contribute annual dues and some planning funds are provided by state and federal government grants. SMCOG also receives funding from local, state and federal governments for contract services provided to individual communities and the region.

Services

SMCOG serves as a forum for local elected officials and community stakeholders to discuss issues of common concern. The Council provides for coordination of programs addressing issues and needs that cross political boundaries and that are of regional significance, such as economic development, transportation, and emergency management. SMCOG provides staff support that enables its members to access technical assistance, grant writing and administration, research, planning services, and linkages to funding and other resources for local project needs. Services available through SMCOG include:

“Enhancing the quality of our communities through regional cooperation.”

we achieve this by:

- 01 providing staff expertise in planning & community development
- 02 creating networking opportunities to address issues of common concern
- 03 assisting governments in accessing resources
- 04 advocating for the Southwest Missouri Region

OUR SERVICES

Technical Assistance Services

- Grant writing and administration
- Comprehensive plan development and updates
- Specialty planning studies
- Subdivision ordinances
- Zoning regulations
- Community surveys
- Geographic Information Systems and custom mapping
- Transportation Planning
- Parking studies, Traffic counts
- Hazard mitigation planning
- Economic development planning
- Environmental assessments
- Benefit-cost analysis
- Homeland security regionalization services

Information Services

- State Census Data Center affiliate-provide census data and specialty reports
- Workshops and training sessions on topics of local/regional interest and state and federal programs
- Disseminate information on federal and state programs and funding opportunities
- Bi-weekly Local Government Briefings publication
- Planning & Zoning Commission training sessions
- Data gathering and research
- Planning library
- Research on prospective funding for local projects
- Other services available on request

2019 Program Highlights

Community and Economic Development

Fair Grove Senior Center

An application for \$500,000 Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP) tax credits through the Missouri Department of Economic Development and a \$250,000 CDBG application were prepared by SMCOG for the Fair Grove Senior Center in FY16 and were awarded in FY17. Construction is currently underway as SMCOG staff monitor progress and complete regular reports to program agencies.

Engles Memorial Senior Center

SMCOG staff prepared and submitted applications for \$500,000 NAP tax credits and \$350,000 CDBG in FY17 to remodel the existing Engles Memorial Senior Center in Buffalo, MO. Both applications were successfully awarded in FY18 and the project is progressing as anticipated.

Economic Development Planning

SMCOG provides technical and advisory assistance on economic development planning to its member communities and area organizations. During the year some of the activities undertaken in support of promoting economic development opportunities in the region included:

- SMCOG successfully secured a \$12,000 grant, jointly-funded by EDA and CDBG through MACOG, to conduct an economic development/disaster recovery and resiliency study for Stone County/Table Rock Lake Chamber of Commerce.
- SMCOG attended regular meetings of the Springfield Downtown Community Improvement District to learn best practices and associated challenges in operating a CID. This information is crucial when assisting other jurisdictions on establishing a CID for their community.
- SMCOG served on the Governments Liaisons Committee of the Springfield Contractors Association to better understand issues facing commercial, industrial, and utilities contractor in the region.
- SMCOG staff attended the EDA Denver Regional Conference for economic development, and has worked closely with EDA staff to restore annual EDA Planning Partners funding for fiscal year 2020.
- SMCOG continued to serve on the executive board of the RMI, Inc., which functions as a certified lender of SBA 504 Small Business Loans.
- SMCOG continued its agreement with the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce to collect field data, 3 times per year for the Cost of Living Index Price Reports which in turn the Chamber provides to the National Council for Community & Economic Research. This information is used to attract new residents and businesses to the area.
- SMCOG continued a working partnership with the Ozarks Workforce Development Board and staff is a member of the WDB's Planning and Oversight Committee.
- SMCOG routinely distributed information via email to the membership on funding opportunities, program changes and training/educational opportunities related to economic and community development.
- SMCOG maintained and actively participated in the Missouri Association of Council of Governments (MACOG) to support all economic development efforts and legislation.
- Staff participated in the Taney County Partners for Progress.

- SMCOG partnered with the Show Me Christian County Economic Development Organization.

Homeland Security Regionalization

SMCOG serves as the administrative and fiscal agent for the Region D Homeland Security Regionalization Program for the 18 counties of Barry, Barton, Cedar, Christian, Dade, Dallas, Greene, Hickory, Jasper, Lawrence, McDonald, Newton, Polk, St. Clair, Stone, Taney, Vernon, and Webster. SMCOG continues to provide administrative services to the Region D RHSOC and procurement services for the Homeland Security Regional Grants awarded to jurisdictions in Region D.

The FY14 Homeland Security Regionalization Grant of \$487,712.41 was closed out in August 2016. During the majority of the year, activity focused on FY15 grant procurement which will be completed August 31, 2017. The Region D FY16 Grant award in the amount of \$310,600.74 was received in September 2016 with procurement of services for regional jurisdictions starting in December.

Since the Homeland Security Grant Program decreased funds drastically in FY11, the emphasis has been on sustaining previous purchases first before acquiring any new equipment or capability. As a result, FY16 projects were the same as FY15 projects, to continue communications sustainment; Chemical, Bomb, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive (CBRNE) sustainment; and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Incident Support Team and Structural Collapse training. The RHSOC met several times throughout the year to discuss various issues within the Region and the State, be advised of the purchasing status, re-appropriate funding and determine the projects for the FY15 grant application.

The following table summarizes the Region D Homeland Security Regionalization Grant Program funds that have been allocated to the region and administered by SMCOG.

	<i>SHSP Funding</i>	<i>Funds Remaining</i>	<i>Funds Expended</i>	<i>Percent Expended</i>	<i>M&A</i>	<i>Total Funding</i>
<i>FY06</i>	\$1,645,383. 37	-	\$1,645,383. 37	100%	\$50,886.96	\$1,696,270. 33
<i>FY07</i>	\$895,559.2 9	-	\$895,559.2 9	100%	\$27,697.71	\$923,257.0 0
<i>FY08</i>	\$1,085,240. 90	-	\$1,085,240. 90	100%	\$30,434.28	\$1,115,675. 18

<i>FY09</i>	\$895,559.2 9	-	\$895,559.2 9	100%	\$27,643.13	\$923,202.4 2
<i>FY10</i>	\$842,666.9 7	-	\$842,666.9 7	100%	\$35,110.48	\$877,777.4 5
<i>FY11</i>	\$307,105.1 7	-	\$307,105.1 7	100%	\$12,796.05	\$319,901.2 2
<i>FY12</i>	\$221,176.8 5	-	\$221,176.8 5	100%	\$9,215.15	\$230,392.0 0
<i>FY13</i>	\$269,178.0 7	-	\$269,178.0 7	100%	\$14,167.27	\$283,345.3 4
<i>FY14</i>	\$479,689.5 7	-	\$479,689.5 7	100%	\$21,895.97	\$487,712.4 1
<i>FY15</i>	\$349,520.8 5	\$0.00	\$349,520.8 5	100%	\$18,385.50	\$367,906.3 5
<i>FY16</i>	\$348,011.5 7	\$116,755.9 7	\$231,255.6 0	66%	\$16,567.63	\$247,823.2 3
<i>FY17</i>	\$337,951.6 8	\$316,624.2 5	\$21,327.43	6%	\$4,162.82	\$25,490.25
<i>Totals</i>	\$7,676,944. 27	\$433,380.2 2	\$7,243,564. 05		\$272,313.8 0	\$7,515,877. 85

Transportation Planning Program

SMCOG's transportation planning program is conducted through a cooperative agreement with the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT). Each year SMCOG provides transportation planning coordination for the areas within its ten-county region outside of the Springfield metropolitan area which is served by the Ozarks Transportation Organization (OTO). The transportation planning program conducted by SMCOG includes the development and maintenance of the jurisdiction's regional transportation plan, identification and prioritization of transportation system needs, coordination with MoDOT and dissemination of information on transportation issues to the SMCOG membership, and technical and advisory assistance to local governments. Work program activities completed during FY18 are listed below. SMCOG received a grant for \$64,705 in federal transportation funds through MoDOT and provided \$16,176 in local match.

Planning Support Activities

- Participated in Planning Partners meetings for the Southwest MoDOT District.
- Participated in MoDOT Statewide Planning Partners meeting.
- SMCOG staff facilitated Board/TAC meetings where members were informed of the pertinent federal and state legislation dealing with transportation issues and services.

- Staff attended meetings with communities and MoDOT to gather public input on possible transportation solutions.
- Staff participated in the Taney County Transportation Advisory Board.

General Transportation Planning Activities

- Worked with the TAC and other local stakeholders to continue to provide information on MoDOT’s transportation planning activities.
 - Worked with the OTO on the LCB (Local Coordination Board) and the BPAC (Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee) and attended Technical Committee meetings.
 - Attended meetings with the Ozarks Clean Air Alliance.
 - SMCOG informed member communities of MoDOT’s programs and other Transportation funding opportunities such as TAP, TEAP and cost-share, along with other federal programs such as LWCF and RTP.
 - Assisted communities in planning for interchange improvements with MoDOT, and advised communities on funding/financing options for local roads.
 - SMCOG staff facilitated two regional transportation prioritization processes with the TAC during FY18.
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- SMCOG completed and adopted a regional Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan update in FY18. The project was funded by a \$20,000 Federal Transit Administration grant and \$5,000 in local match.

Hazard Mitigation Planning

Hazard mitigation planning is a proactive effort to assess risks and identify actions that can be undertaken to mitigate the impacts of disaster events on life and property. Federal statute requires that local governments develop and adopt hazard mitigation plans to be eligible for certain federal disaster mitigation funding programs and it is required that these plans be updated every five years. During the year, SMCOG submitted the Lawrence, Taney, Stone, and Polk County Hazard Mitigation Plans to FEMA for approval and began the next round of five-year plan updates for Dallas and Dade Counties. The funding for each plan are outlined below:

<i>County</i>	<i>Federal Funds</i>	<i>Local Match</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Lawrence</i>	\$19,200	\$6,400	\$25,600
<i>Taney</i>	\$22,000	\$7,334	\$29,334
<i>Stone</i>	\$22,000	\$7,334	\$29,334
<i>Polk</i>	\$20,200	\$6,733	\$26,933
<i>Dallas</i>	\$20,200	\$6,733	\$26,933

SMCOG also prepared and submitted a Notice of Interest (NOI) on behalf the Village of Bull Creek and the City of Monett to submit an NOI for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). Both projects seek federal funding for property buyouts within the floodplain.

Low Water Crossing Inventories

SMCOG also completed a Low Water Crossing inventory for Dade, Dallas, and Polk Counties. Over 900 structures were mapped and assessed on a number of features. SMCOG facilitated a prioritization process with each county's Commission to identify high priority crossings that may be replaced with new structures to help mitigate the impacts of future flood events.

This project was paid for by a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for disaster resiliency. SMCOG partnered with TREKK Design Group to develop a streamlined process for the inventory using mobile software and tablets.

Floodplain Buyouts

SMCOG continued to administer a floodplain buyout in downtown Monett. The project includes acquisition and/or demolition of four (4) residential, commercial, and government properties; the project is jointly funded by CDBG and SEMA. Acquired properties will be deed-restricted as open space in perpetuity.

SMCOG continued to administer a floodplain buyout in the Village of Bull Creek. The project includes acquisition and demolition of fifteen (15) residential properties; the project is jointly funded by CDBG and SEMA. Acquired properties will be deed-restricted as open space in perpetuity.

Watershed Planning

SMCOG was awarded a sub-grant from MoDNR/EPA to complete the James River Watershed Management Plan. SMCOG subcontracted with James River Basin Partnership (JRBP), Ozarks Water Watch (OWW), and the Ozarks Environmental and Water Research Institute (OEWRI) at Missouri State University to complete nutrient and sediment modeling, surveying, and analysis for the plan. Although work was delayed due to a transition at MoDNR in funding sources, the project is anticipated to be completed by December 31, 2020 with a federal project budget of \$168,111.11.

Housing

SMCOG hosted a regional housing forum in May 2019. As a result, staff began investigating opportunities for a regional housing needs assessment for interested communities. Staff is investigating funding opportunities to include an outside consultant, or a collaboration with Missouri State University.

2020 Census

SMCOG coordinated a Regional Complete Count Committee to facilitate outreach and education services concerning the 2020 Census for rural communities, in collaboration with

existing Local Complete Count Committees. SMCOG applied for a \$34,000 Missouri Foundation for Health grant to facilitate these activities.

Other Projects/Programs/Accomplishments

SMCOG maintained a website at www.SMCOG.org.

SMCOG distributed the SW Missouri Local Government Briefings, to provide current information relevant to local governments and stakeholders about news, grants, jobs, and other announcements. Currently, 348 individuals subscribe to the publication which can also be viewed on the www.SMCOG.org website.

SMCOG staff continued to assist FEMA with their Long Term Recovery Team following the December, 2015 and April, 2017 floods.

SMCOG worked on a Comprehensive Plan update for the City of Buffalo.

SMCOG partnered with the senior practicum class, under Dr. Krista Evans, to complete a Comprehensive Plan update for the City of Willard. The plan focuses on infill residential development, and enhancement of the downtown in connection with the Frisco Highline trailhead.

SMCOG staff began work on a Comprehensive Plan update for the City of Strafford.

Financial Statement

Southwest Missouri Council of Governments

July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2019

	<i>Revenues</i>
Project Revenue	\$ 389,364.32
SMCOG Membership Dues	\$ 43,275.01
SMCOG Associate Dues	\$ 3,250.00
Cash Receipts	\$ 2,025.00
State Grant	\$ 8,8901.18
Services	\$ 0.00
Indirect Revenue	\$ 43,591.09
Indirect Carryforward	\$
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<i>\$ 490,406.60</i>
<i>Expenses</i>	

Salaries & Wages-permanent FT	\$	98,095.69
Fringe Benefits	\$	35,472.65
Part-Time/Student Wages	\$	68,132.93
Fringe Benefits	\$	36,191.26
<i>Total Personnel Expense</i>	\$	247,966.54
<i>Operating Expenses</i>		
Supplies & Equipment	\$	6,761.75
Equipment Repair/Maintenance	\$	469.21
Total Travel	\$	18,774.69
Printing, Binding & Photos	\$	233.23
Advertising & Promotions	\$	2,574.73
Telephone	\$	2,791.41
Postage	\$	919.71
Dues & Subscriptions	\$	6,135.77
Facility Rental	\$	50.00
Food Service & Supplies	\$	1,797.53
Other Professional Services	\$	46,897.38
Indirect Transfer to MSU	\$	79,890.00
<i>Total Operating Expenses</i>	\$	167,295.41
<i>Total Expenses</i>	\$	415,261.95
Interfund Transfer	\$	30,000.00
<i>Fiscal Year Net Income/Loss</i>	\$	105,144.65

Board of Directors
Southwest Missouri Council of Governments *2018-2019*

Executive Committee

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Secretary/Treasurer – Todd Wiesehan
Past-Chair – Steve Childers
 Allen Kunkel
 Chris Berndt
 Nancy Edson
 Dennis Pyle

2017- 2018 GOVERNMENTAL MEMBERS

NAME	GOVERNMENT	POSITION
Bill Wagner	Ash Grove	Alderman
Jon Holmes	Aurora	City Manager
Cherry Warren	Barry County	Presiding Commissioner
Chris Hopkins	Billings	Treasurer
Tracy Slagle	Bolivar	Assistant City Administrator
Joel Hornickel	Branson	Planning & Development Director
Ken Smith	Branson West	City Administrator
Jason Umbarger	Buffalo	City Councilman
Steve Walenski	Cassville	City Administrator
Todd Wiesehan	Christian County	Planning Director
Ed Westerman	Clever	Citizen Representing Mayor
Collin Brannan	Crane	Mayor
Randy Daniel	Dade County	Presiding Commissioner
Hollie Elliott	Dallas County	Economic Development Director
Dana Louderbaugh	Fair Grove	City Clerk
Angela Leist	Forsyth	City Finance Director
James Ortwein	Freistatt	Mayor
Luke Davis	Fremont Hills	Mayor
John Coones	Galena	Mayor
Chris Coulter	Greene County	County Administrator
Rick Ziegenfuss	Hollister	City Administrator
Ryan Mcginness	Indian Point	Chairman
Jerry Harman	Kimberling City	City Administrator
Brian Daugherty	Lawrence County	Citizen Representing Commission
Homer Ellis	Lockwood	Mayor
Doris Rapp	Marionville	Mayor

John Benson	Marshfield	City Administrator
Mandi Carr	Mccord Bend	Chairman
Christa Adams	Miller	Citizen Representing Mayor
Dennis Pyle	Monett	City Administrator
Dana Melilli	Morrisville	Mayor
Max Springer	Mt. Vernon	City Administrator
Steve Childers	Ozark	City Administrator
Richard Harralson	Pleasant Hope	Mayor
Rick Davis	Polk County	Citizen Representing Commission
David Cameron	Republic	City Administrator
Harriet Leenerts	Rockaway Beach	Planning & Zoning Commission Chair
Nancy Edson	Rogersville	City Administrator
Jerry Montgomery	Seligman	Mayor
Nate Stapp	Sparta	Mayor
Dennis Wood	Stone County	Presiding Commissioner
Steve Bodenhamer	Strafford	City Administrator
Mike Scofield	Taney County	Presiding Commissioner
Debra Glass	Urbana	Mayor
Joseph Heck	Verona	Mayor
Tina Horn	Walnut Grove	City Clerk
John Tiedeman	Washburn	Mayor
Stan Whitehurst	Webster County	County Clerk
David Shockley	Wheaton	Mayor
Brad Gray	Willard	City Administrator

2017 Associate Members

Amanda Bybee	Trekk Design Group
Eric Degruson	Allgeir Martin
Carl Carlson	Olsson & Asssociates
Gail Melgren	Tri-State Water Coalition

2017-18 Non-Governmental Representatives

Chris Berndt	Sw Mo Emergency Support Organization
Bill Monday	O'bannon Bank
J. Howard Fisk	Fisk Limousines
Starr Kohler	Sw Mo Office On Aging
Allen Kunkel	Missouri State University
Cy Murray	White River Valley Electric
Justin Coyan	Springfield Regional Economic Partnership
Cindy Stephens	Ozarks Technical Community College
Yolanda Lorge	Grupo Latinoamericano
Alice Wingo	Community Foundation Of The Ozarks

Jonas Arjes	Taney County Partnership
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2017 EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Jay Wasson	State Senator - District 20
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Bob Dixon	State Senator - District 30
Ron Richard	State Senator - District 32
Mike Cunningham	State Senator - District 33
Mike Kelley	State Representative - District 127
Mike Stephens	State Representative - District 128
Sandy Crawford	State Representative - District 129
Jeffrey Messenger	State Representative - District 130
Sonya Anderson	State Representative - District 131
Crystal Quade	State Representative - District 132
Curtis Trent	State Representative - District 133
Elijah Haahr	State Representative - District 134
Steve Helms	State Representative - District 135
Kevin Austin	State Representative - District 136
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Davey Rusch *Dade County Alt.*

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Steve Seaton *Stone County Alt.*

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Visit our websites for information on programs and services, upcoming meetings, current news items, regional data and contact information for SMCOG members.

SMCOG Website

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