

### Education

The Platte County EDC . . . . .

1. supports legislation that mandates standards, accreditation, accountability and transparency criteria for all publicly funded schools.
2. supports maintaining the current Foundation Formula and fully funding it.
3. supports establishment of a visiting scholar teaching certificate, i.e. business professionals in education.
4. supports local control, i.e. employees compensation, class size, curriculum etc.

### Transportation

The Platte County EDC . . . . .

1. supports the recommendation(s) of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Transportation Taskforce chaired by Representative Kevin Corlew.
2. **supports efforts to resolve Missouri's crisis in transportation infrastructure.** Supports new and innovative ways to fund all modes of transportation throughout the state and region. This includes upgrade of roads, highways, waterways, rail, public transit and air travel in efficient and cost-effective manner.
  - a. supports legislation that includes a user fee. i.e. tolling, use tax (by miles travelled), increased fuel/diesel tax.
3. supports state funding for replacement of **the Buck O'Neil (Broadway) Bridge** in conjunction with federal and local assistance.

### Economic Development

The Platte County EDC . . . . .

1. supports fully funding (at 2016 levels) the Missouri Partnership which serves as a critical partner in our business attraction efforts.
2. supports updating Missouri's tax system in order for the state to fully compete for business.
3. supports tax credits for key economic development initiatives.
4. supports the effort to retain Fort Leavenworth as the brain center of U.S. armed services.
5. supports legislation which allows Community Improvement Districts to cover more than one jurisdiction i.e. Platte & Clay Counties, Kansas City & other Platte County communities.
6. supports our state association, MEDC, in its high priority item for a training hybrid to expand and fund the workforce training model which would enhance Missouri's incentive offering for new and expanding businesses.
7. believes the prevailing wage floor hurts our smaller communities' public projects. We encourage legislation that waives the prevailing wage requirement for projects of a certain size i.e. <\$1 million.
8. supports legislation that would eliminate the use of incentives where jobs move across the Stateline but only if Kansas does so as well.
9. supports the reauthorization of Missouri Works as a statutory incentive (NOT discretionary only).

### Federal Legislation

The Platte County EDC . . . . .

1. supports funding for infrastructure projects i.e. highways, roads, bridges, and airports.
2. supports reenacting legislation for project specific funding, i.e. **the Buck O'Neil (Broadway) Bridge**
3. supports retaining Downtown Economic Stimulus Authority (USDESA) legislation.
4. opposes legislation that would curtail tax-exempt financing used by states, municipalities and 501(c)3 organizations.