

Education

The Platte County EDC

1. supports legislation that mandates standards, accreditation, accountability and transparency criteria for all publicly funded schools.
2. supports local control of publicly elected school boards (i.e. employees compensation, class size, curriculum etc).
3. supports fully funding the Foundation Formula, and prioritize the closure of the current transportation shortfall.
4. supports school districts to develop career pathways, internships, and apprenticeships aligned to local workforce needs, including dedicated funding for career and technical center cooperatives and innovation centers.
5. will continue to monitor movement toward a pre-K funding mechanism.

Transportation

The Platte County EDC

1. 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.
2. supports **funding for the Buck O'Neil Bridge**.
3. will continue to monitor equity of GO Bonds.
4. will continue to advocate for PIAC.

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. supports legislation that would eliminate the use of incentives where jobs move across the Stateline but only if Kansas does so as well.
8. supports the reauthorization of Missouri Works as a statutory incentive (NOT discretionary only).
9. supports legislation for the Talent Retention Act, which would require employers to provide notification of mass layoffs.
10. **supports the Missouri Department of Economic Development's Best in the Midwest initiative.**
11. supports legislation for the creation, operation and maintenance of a metropolitan park and recreation district.
12. **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.**
13. supports SB 97, a modification to the Chapter 100 tax abatement program to ensure that tax revenues from those projects do not violate the Hancock Amendment when their abatement period ends.
14. **will continue to monitor KCMO's efforts to develop a Housing policy.**

Federal Legislation

The Platte County EDC

1. supports funding for infrastructure projects (i.e. highways, roads, bridges, and airports).
2. supports 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.