



A GREAT AMERICAN STORY

City of Independence Meeting

Rep. Emmanuel Cleaver

TBD

1. **Infrastructure** (Total funding request approximately \$72 million)

- **5.8 miles of Widening of Missouri 7 Highway (\$40 million)**. U.S. Army willing to provide land.
- **Independence Square Streetscapes. (\$12.5 million)** Will improve walkability & mobility use access to the historic Independence Square. National Parks Service Visitor Center to be constructed.
- **Truman Connected (\$11.6 million)** A continuous network of sidewalks, multi-use trails/bike lanes to tie the Harry S. Truman Library to the Truman Sports Complex. This project connects the Independence Square and Englewood Arts District with US 24 Highway & US 40 Highway with over 7 miles of multi-modal infrastructure improvements.
- **US 24 Highway Complete Streets & Safety Improvements. (\$8.1 million)**. Safety & multi-modal improvements along the US 24 Highway Corridor (from Missouri 291 Highway to Sterling). MoDOT has determined that this section of US 24 Highway is the most accident prone in the Kansas City District. The Kansas City Star determined the intersection of 24 Highway/Independence Ave and Sterling Ave is one of the 13 “deadliest in the Kansas City area.”

<https://www.kansascity.com/news/local/article258773618.html>

- **Bistate Sustainable Reinvestment Corridor**

2. **National Parks Service Visitor's Center Update**

3. **Commercial Vehicle Unit Enforcement Funding.** The State of Missouri receives a Federal Grant designed to reduce the number of crashes involving commercial motor vehicles. This program is the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP).

<https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/grants/mcsap-basic-incentive-grant/motor-carrier-safety-assistance-program-mcsap-grant>.

The City of Independence Police Department wishes to operate a Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit. Under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (H.R. 3684) additional funding is being provided to the states. It is expected that the State of Missouri will receive approximately \$53.4 million over five years for this grant through the FAST Act.

Currently, there is discussion at the Department of Transportation about waiving the local match portion of this grant. The City of Independence supports this waiver.

4. **CDBG Funding for the Truman Forest Professional Building**

The City of Independence is seeking CDBG funding for this facility located at 1515 W. Truman Road. The City of Independence is working with Centerpoint Hospital to bring medical and behavioral health services to this facility.

5. **National Frontier Trails Museum National Designation.** Similar to S. Con. Res. 60 sponsored by Sen. Talent in 2006 (109th Congress) designating the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum as "America's National Negro Leagues Baseball Museum."

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/109th-congress/senate-concurrent-resolution/60/text>

The National Frontier Trails Museum is the only museum in the nation that is devoted to telling the story of the Santa Fe, Oregon, and California Trails.

The National Frontier Trails Museum has the largest public research library in the nation devoted to the western trails. The museum is also the location of the national headquarters of the Oregon-California Trails Association, an organization that preserves, maps and marks the trails and educates the public about their impact on American history. The museum also has exhibits that focus on the explorations of Lewis and Clark.