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**SW MICHIGAN TRANSIT BID OPENING: FEBRUARY 1**

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The Southwest Michigan Planning Commission will be holding a public bid opening for the Berrien County Transit Consolidation Feasibility Study.

The bid opening will be held:

Tuesday, February 1, 2011

5:00 PM

Southwest Michigan Planning Commission, conference room

Vincent Place, 7th floor

185 E. Main St.

Benton Harbor, MI 49022

A consultant will be contracted to complete the study from May 2011 through September 2013. The purpose of the Study is:

To streamline transit service, simplifying and improving access to transit use for riders;

To achieve service efficiencies and economies;

To provide a central focus on transit for Berrien County; and

To create a robust transit system to meet the growing and changing needs of the residents of Berrien County.

For more information about the study please see [http://swmpc.org/transit\\_study.asp](http://swmpc.org/transit_study.asp).

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**THINK GREEN: Please consider the environment before printing.**

**Stories of the Week**

**Front Page**

- 2011 Miss Benton Harbor Prince/Princess of Benton Harbor Contest - Jan. 29
  - Message from Mayor Wilce L. Cooke:
  - NOTICE OF NOMINATING PETITION DEADLINE: 2011 School Board Election
  - NOMINATE YOUR "LOCAL" BLACK HISTORY MONTH HERO!
  - NOMINATE YOUR "LOCAL" WOMAN
  - SW Michigan Transit Bid Opening: February 1
- City of Benton Harbor News**
- 2011 City of Benton Harbor Meeting Schedule
  - BH City Notice Listings

**Community**

- Proos presents special tribute to Neil Vernasco
- Invest In Our Youth!
- Volunteers Neded at PUSH

**Education**

- Snyder Appoints to University Boards: Western, Ferris and Michigan Tech
- Enroll Today for your GED
- Scholarship Applications Available
- THE POWER OF YOUNG MINDS!

**Government**

- EPA Should Consider Flexibility and Cost-Effectiveness

**Health**

- Berrien County Preschool/Daycare Immunization Report Certificate of Excellence
- Free Weight Loss Seminars in St. Joseph and Niles
- Lakeland Hosts Advanced Insulin Management Support Group in St. Joseph
- Quality of Life You Expect at Orchard Grove
- GET READY @ the WORKOUT COMPANY

**History**

- Lest We Forget Meets February 2

**Youth Page**

- Benton Harbor Public Library
- WEE DISCOVER @ Curious Kids Museum
- ASTRONOMY OVERNIGHT AT SILVER BEACH CENTER FEBRUARY 4

**Jobs: Misc.**

- BARTER: InDesign Graphic Design Service for FREE Office Space

**Jobs: Drivers**

- DRIVERS NEEDED

**Princella Tobias**

- Support Diversity!



Benton Harbor, MI

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**16°F**  
Mostly Cloudy  
Feels Like: 0°F  
Humidity: 62%  
Wind: E at 18 mph  
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**This Week's Poll**

Should the State audit other organizations receiving funding for Benton Harbor

- YES.
- NO.
- Only if over \$100,000
- The State should clean up State-business first.
- I do not care.

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