

# Break Out Session Goals



1. Review accuracy of non-motorized facilities
2. Give input on desired/planned non-motorized facilities
3. Prioritize Facilities



# 7-County Non-Motorized Plan

## Focus: Berrien County

### Connecting Communities One Trail At A Time

#### Southwestern Michigan Bicycle Travel Information



**COUNTIES OF**  
Berrien, Cass, Van Buren, Allegan, Barry  
Calhoun, St. Joseph, Kalamazoo, Branch

## Southwest Michigan Non-Motorized Transportation Plan – 2019



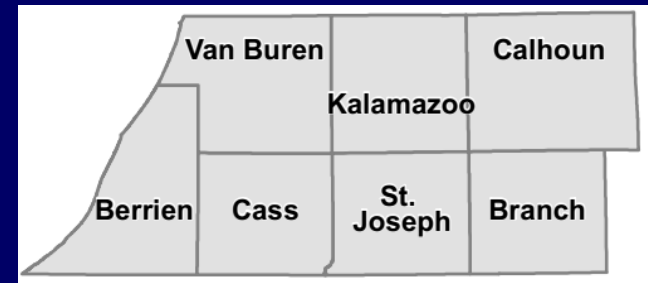
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St. Joseph, and Van Buren Counties



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# What Is The Scope?



- **Transportation Focus - MDOT Funding**
  - biking and pedestrian facilities
- **Scale – 7 counties**
  - Cannot show everything!
- **Focus on Regional Connections**
  - Local plans/projects that tie into regional efforts



# Facilities

- On Road Facilities

- Paved Shoulder  
(4 foot minimum)

- Bike Lane  
(5 foot minimum)

- Shared Lane  
Marking/Sharrows

- Bike Routes





- **Off Road Facilities**  
(10 foot minimum)

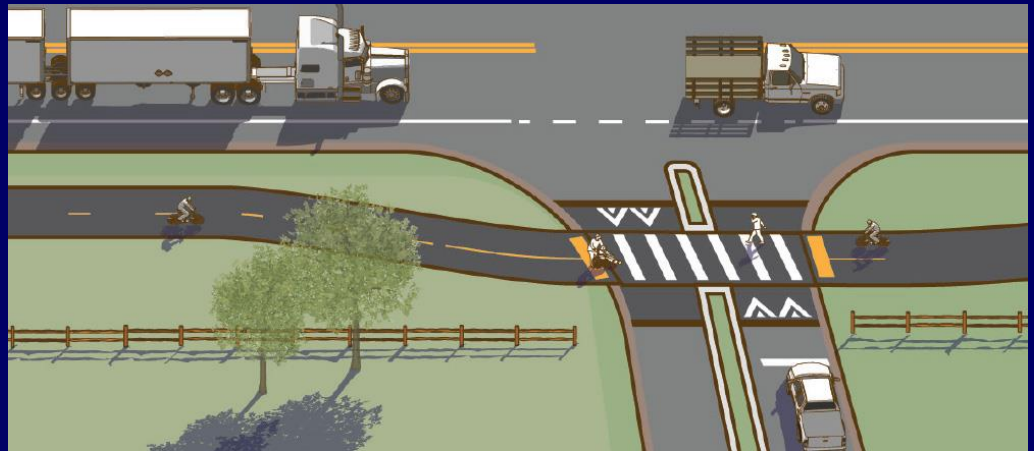


- Shared Use Path

Improved – paved or crushed fines

Unimproved – gravel or dirt

- Side Path



# Marking on Your Maps

- **Existing Facilities**

- Shared Use or Side Path – BLUE

- Paved Shoulder/Bike Lane – BLACK

- **Planned or Desired Facilities**

- On Road - PURPLE

- Off Road – GREEN

PRIORITY – ORANGE



# Report Out

# Moving Forward – Tips for Success

- Champion / Organizer
- Find a Feasible Route
  - who has jurisdiction?
- Build Partnerships
  - Involve Local Government Officials
- Seek out Resources
  - (SWMPC, Be Healthy Berrien, Road Department, MDOT, NPS, etc)
- Build Public Support
- Understand Funding Options
  - Be Prepared to Raise Money





# Low Cost Fixes

- Add signage (bike route signs)
- Add pavement markings
  - “sharrow” symbols, bike lane markings, crosswalk markings, etc.
- Restripe Roads
- Add Bike Racks or Bike Repair Station (downtowns and destinations)





# What's Next?

- Public input sessions will be held in the remaining counties
- SWMPC will put information into a GIS
- Analyze gaps
- Finalize regional priorities
- You can track progress on the website:  
<https://www.swmpc.org/nonmortorizedmap.asp>

# Thank You

