



SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN PLANNING COMMISSION

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Attention: Local Governments / Asset Management Contacts

Re: Upcoming Asset Management Trainings and Other Upcoming Events

The Southwest Michigan Planning Commission would like to make you aware of the following trainings that are available to your agency. These trainings are beneficial to anyone participating in asset management of transportation infrastructure. Training #2 below – PASER training – is **mandatory** for anyone who will participate in the PASER (pavement system evaluation and rating) process in 2011.



1. Investment Reporting Tool training

Tuesday March 1, 2011

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Van Buren ISD Conference Center

490 S. Paw Paw St., Lawrence, MI 49064

Purpose: for local government officials to learn how to use a web-based tool to report investments that have been made in their transportation infrastructure, i.e., road and bridge projects that have been performed in the past year. The purpose of the investment reporting tool is for the Michigan Transportation Asset Management Council to collect data on the fixes being used (and the cost) to maintain Michigan's roads and bridges. For those who have previously attended the training, it will cover new aspects of the software and upcoming changes, including additional options for treatment and surface type.

RSVP by February 22nd to Anna Rahtz or Trevor Thomas at the contact information below. No cost to attend. Refreshments will be provided. For more information contact Trevor Thomas at (269) 925-1137 x. 24.

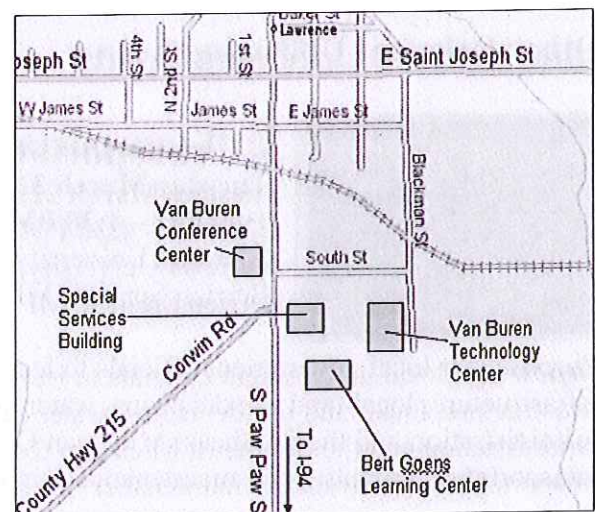
Directions to Van Buren ISD Conference Center:

From I-94:

Take exit 52 (Lawrence) and turn north. Go approx. 1.4 miles to Van Buren ISD Conference Center.

From Red Arrow Hwy. East and West:

Take Red Arrow Hwy. until you get to Paw Paw St. Turn South and go over the railroad tracks to Van Buren ISD Conference Center.



Related Training: The Center for Technology & Training is offering web training on how to use RoadSoft as an alternative method for submitting current and planned road bridge project information to the Transportation Asset Management Council. The online trainings will be held **Thursday February 3, 2011 from 1:00-2:00 PM** and **Monday March 7, 2011 from 10:00-11:00 AM**. To register, contact Michigan's Local Technical Assistance Program at (906) 487-2102.



4. Transportation Funding 201 workshop

Monday March 28, 2011 (Tentative Date)

1:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Andrews University, Lincoln Room (2nd floor of Campus Center)
Berrien Springs, MI

Purpose: to follow up from the Transportation 101 workshop that was held in November 2010. The 201 workshop will recap the major themes from the 101 workshop, including the current funding crisis for transportation projects in the State of Michigan. The workshop will expand on advanced topics, and a panel of state legislators and policy experts will provide a status update on legislative progress and ideas for funding transportation projects.

RSVP by March 21st to Anna Rahtz at the contact information below. No cost to attend. Lunch can be purchased prior to the session in the adjacent cafeteria for \$7. The meeting room will be open for eating lunch before the session begins at 1:30 PM.



5. Save the Date: Michigan Asset Management Conference “Guiding Change”

May 12, 2011

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

GVSU Eberhard Center, Grand Rapids, MI

Please feel free to contact us for more information about any of the above events.

(For information about event #2 – PASER training – please contact the Center for Technology & Training at (906) 487-2102 or ctt@mtu.edu.)

Sincerely,

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Encl: (1) PASER training letter



2011 PASER Training

The Michigan Center for Technology and Training will be conducting annual PASER training on behalf of the Michigan Transportation Asset Management Council (TAMC) for the 2011 data collection season.

Who Needs To Attend?

Anyone who intends to participate in the TAMC PASER condition data collection during 2011 on either the federal aid or non federal aid system, and expects to be reimbursed by the TAMC for their effort, must attend the 2011 PASER Classroom Training Session.

New raters, or others that did not actively rate in 2009 or 2010, must also attend the 2011 PASER Webinar Training.

Note - New raters need to attend the PASER Webinar prior to attending the Classroom Training.

Registration

All participants **MUST** register in advance for the training. Space is limited.

To register contact:

Center for Technology & Training
Phone 906-487-2102
Email – ctt@mtu.edu

Cost for Classroom Session

To cover day of the event facility expenses there will be a registration fee of \$10 for all public agency participants. This fee will not be refunded for no-shows or cancellations within 72 hours of the start of the session. The registration fee, travel expenses and staff time associated with this training time is reimbursable through your agency's planning organization as part of the annual TAMC data collection.

There is a \$20 registration fee for participants from non-Act 51 agencies or private companies. This fee will not be refunded for no-shows or cancellations within 72 hours of the start of the session.

Break refreshments are included.

Agenda for Classroom Sessions

7:30 AM	Registration
8:00 AM	Training Begins
10:00 AM	Break
10:20 AM	Training Resumes
12:15 PM	Adjourn



2011 PASER Training

Dates & Locations for Classroom Sessions

March 15, 2011 Quality Inn 2980 Cook Road West Branch, MI 48661	March 31, 2011 Holiday Inn & Conference Center 1005 Perry Ave. Big Rapids, MI 49307
March 16, 2011 Horizon's Conference Center 6200 State St. Saginaw, MI 48603	April 12, 2011 Knights of Columbus Hall 2573 Wilkinson Road Gaylord, MI 49735
March 17, 2011 Cleary University-Livingston Campus 3725 Cleary Dr. Howell, MI 48917	April 13, 2011 Delta CRC 3000 32 nd Ave. North Escanaba, MI 49829
March 29, 2011 Kalamazoo CRC 3801 E. Kilgore Road Kalamazoo, MI 49001	April 14, 2011 Country Village Banquet & Conference Center 1020 Country Lane #187 Ishpeming, MI 49849
March 30, 2011 Lansing Community College-West Campus 5708 Cornerstone Dr. Lansing, MI 48917	

Dates & Times for Webinar

Sessions (2 ½ hour session)

March 1, 2011	1:00 PM
March 3, 2011	9:00 AM
April 6, 2011	9:00 AM

**Additional PASER training session & webinar for NEW EMPLOYEES ONLY will be scheduled in late May.