

Rural Transportation Planning Meeting

May 23, 2016

4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Southwest Michigan Planning Commission

376 West Main Street, Suite 130

Benton Harbor, MI 49022

The Michigan Department of Transportation's (MDOT) Southwest Region in conjunction with Southwest Michigan Planning Commission (SWMPC) has scheduled a Rural Transportation Planning Meeting. The Southwest Michigan Planning Commission serves Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren Counties. This is an important effort to engage our rural transportation partners in discussions regarding essential pieces of the rural transportation infrastructure.

The need for effective public and stakeholder participation is an important component in the development of MDOT's integrated transportation projects, plans and programs. An overview of MDOT's current Five Year Program (2013 to 2017) will be provided, and it currently can be viewed at www.michigan.gov/mdot5yearplan. This will be an opportunity for you to be involved in providing input for future MDOT project priorities in your area. This meeting can also help in the coordination of local projects with MDOT projects to help reduce the inconvenience to the users of our respective systems.

In addition to useful information on how to connect to MDOT's major planning processes, the SWMPC would like to understand how we can help you accomplish your own local transportation goals. The SWMPC can help you navigate through the various types of transportation funding available. Please complete this survey to help us understand the specific needs you have in your community.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ruraltransportationsurvey>

If you have questions regarding the meeting or would like more information you can contact Jason Latham, MDOT at 269-217-6354, lathamj@michigan.gov or John Egelhaaf, SWMPC at 269-925-1137 ext. 1512, egelhaafj@swmpc.org.