

Twin Cities Area  
Transportation Study  
Combined TAC & Policy Meeting

**August 19, 2019**

# WELCOME

- **Call to Order**
  - Introductions
- **Changes to the Agenda**
- **Public Comment**

# WELCOME

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Executive Director  
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# MEETING MINUTES

TAC & Policy  
Combined



**Approval of Minutes  
June 17, 2019  
Combined Meeting**

# Staff Report



In the upcoming year we would like to organize educational sessions to:

- Provide education on transportation topics of interest
- Make meetings more engaging and useful
- Help committee members better understand the MPO process

Within in the next two weeks, SWMPC staff will be sending out a survey to TwinCATS committee members to gage what topics are of most interest.

# Staff Report

## Twin Cities Area Transportation Study (TwinCATS)



## MPO Committee Member Resource Handbook

Southwest Michigan  
Planning Commission  
376 West Main Street, Suite 130  
Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022  
(269) 925-1137  
[www.swmpc.org](http://www.swmpc.org)



Created July 2017

- TwinCATS Bylaws
- Transportation Funding Overview (Roadways, Transit & Non-motorized)
- Transportation Definitions
- Project Amendment Policy
- Complete Streets Policy

If you would like a binder please sign the sheet being passed around.

# Schedule for Fiscal Year 2020

Month	Last date for agencies to submit TIP amendments to SWMPC	SWMPC programs amendments in JobNet	Conference call between SWMPC/MDOT	SWMPC sends amendments to the IAWG for Review	IAWG comments returned	TwinCATS meeting Packet posted online	TwinCATS meeting
October 2019						Oct. 14	Oct. 21
November 2019	Nov. 1	Nov. 4	Nov. 5	Nov. 6	Nov. 13	Nov. 11	Nov. 18
December 2019						Dec. 9	Dec. 16
January 2020	Dec. 27	Jan. 2	Jan. 2	Jan. 3	Jan. 10	Jan. 6	Jan. 13
February 2020						Feb. 3	Feb. 10
March 2020	Feb. 28	Mar. 2	Mar. 3	Mar. 4	Mar. 11	Mar. 9	Mar. 16
April 2020	No Amendments					Apr. 13	Apr. 20
May 2020	May 1	May 4	May 5	May 6	May 13	May 11	May 18
June 2020						Jun. 8	Jun. 15
July 2020	Jul 3	Jul. 6	Jul. 7	Jul. 8	Jul. 15	Jul. 13	Jul. 20
August 2020						Aug. 10	Aug. 17
September 2020	Sep. 4	Sep. 8	Sep. 8	Sep. 9	Sep. 16	Sep. 14	Sep. 21

# 2019 NOVEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Request Due	2
3	4 Processing: review, programing, IAWG	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Packet Sent	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Meeting	19 Processing: typing Minutes, JobNet	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



# LAND USE & ZONING UPDATES

- This is an opportunity to share any Community, Land Use, or Zoning changes occurring within your communities.

# AIRPORT UPDATES

Vince Des Jardins



# PUBLIC TRANSIT

## Twin Cities Area Transportation Authority



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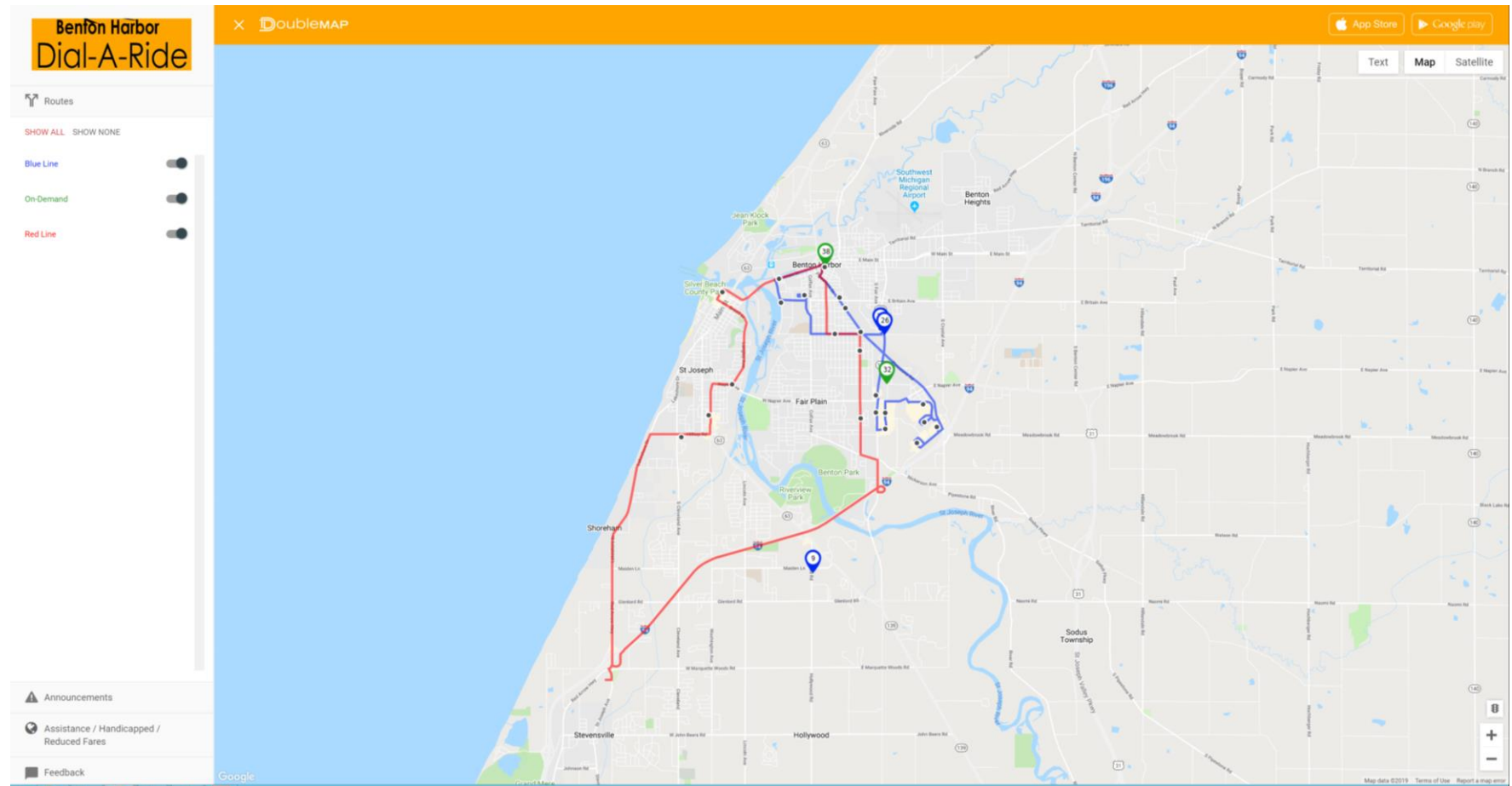
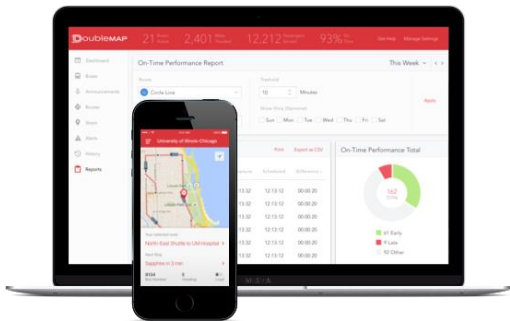


# PUBLIC TRANSIT

## Twin Cities Area Transportation Authority

[bentonharbor.doublemap.com](http://bentonharbor.doublemap.com)

Real time  
bus tracking.

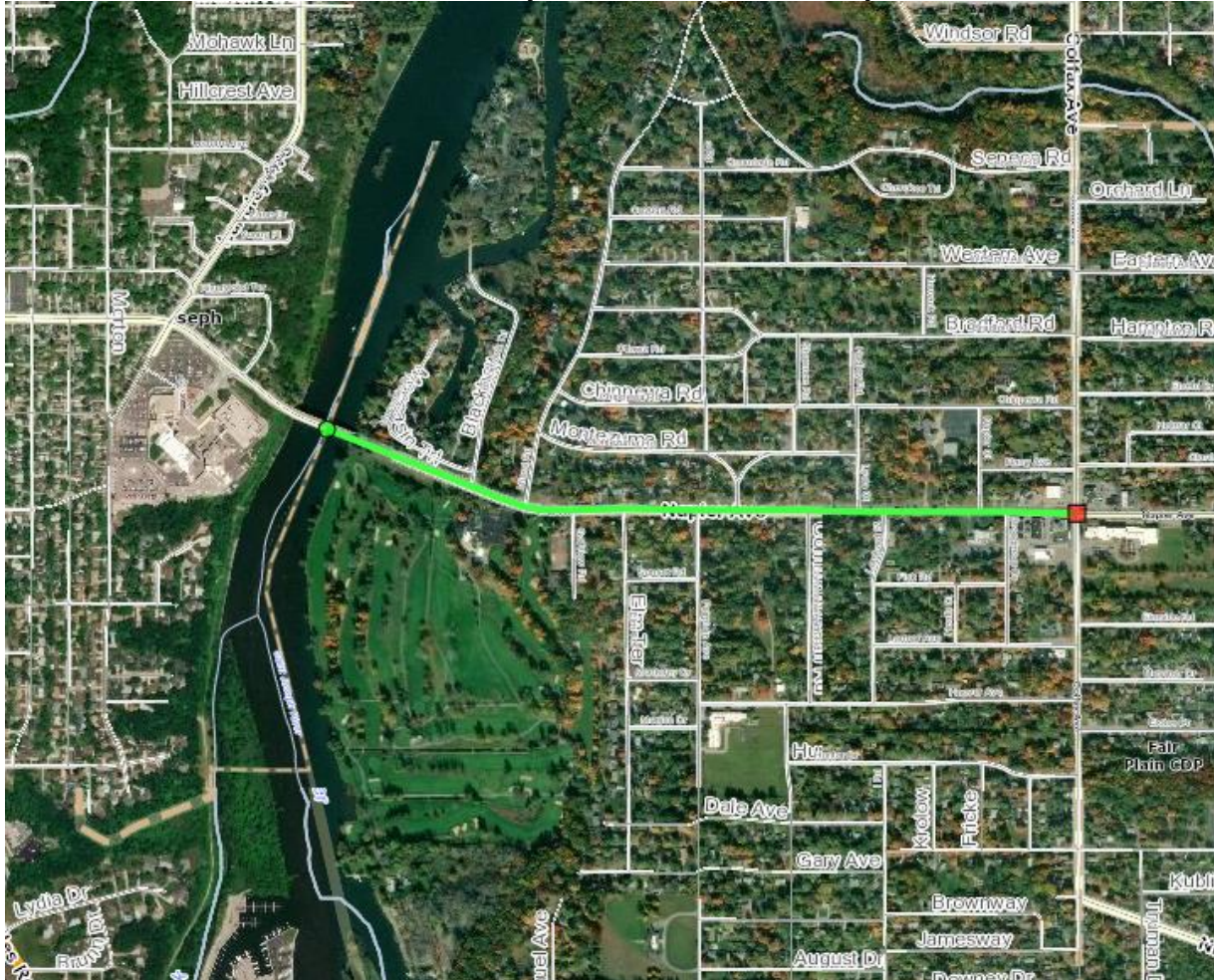


# Project Updates



# Napier Avenue

Berrien County Road Department



**Limits:** St. Joseph River to Colfax Ave.

**Length:** 0.942 miles

**Work Type:** Road Rehabilitation

	Federal	Local	Total
<b>Amount</b>	\$537,500	\$118,800	\$656,300

Construction Start Late September

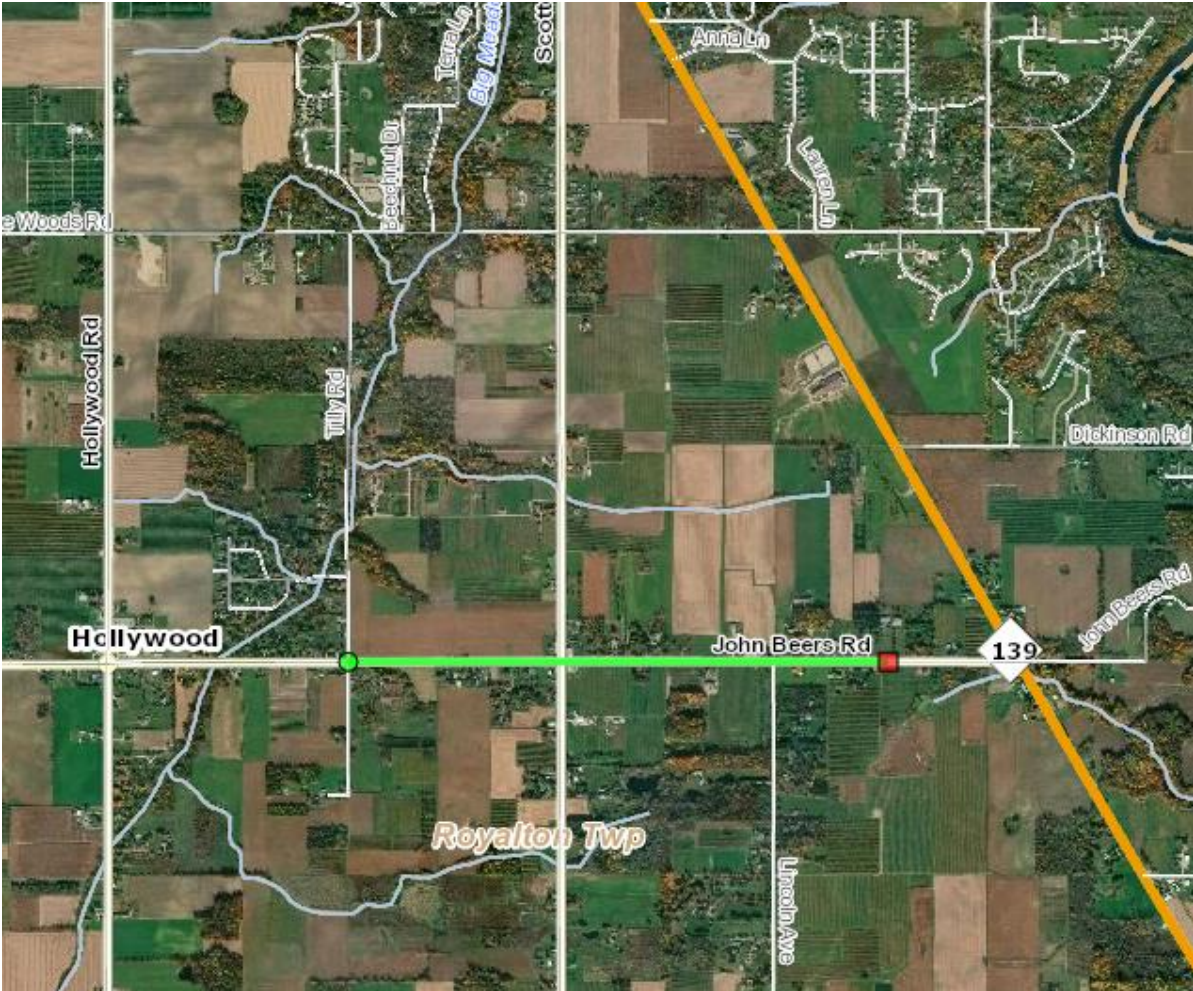
Final Estimate: \$695,970

Final Bid Award: \$704,446



# John Beers Road

Berrien County Road Department



Limits:	Yellow Creek to Eidson Road
Length:	1.23 miles
Work Type:	Construct 5 feet paved shoulders and resurface

	Federal	Local	Total
Amount	\$335,000	\$74,415	\$409,415

Final Estimate: \$345,212  
Final Bid Award: \$437,046



# Napier Avenue – East of US-31

## Berrien County Road Department



<b>Limits:</b>	US-31 East to Township line
<b>Length:</b>	1.63 miles
<b>Work Type:</b>	One course hot mix asphalt overlay

STBG- Rural	State D	Local	Total
<b>\$474,324</b>	\$123,471	\$22,205	\$620,00

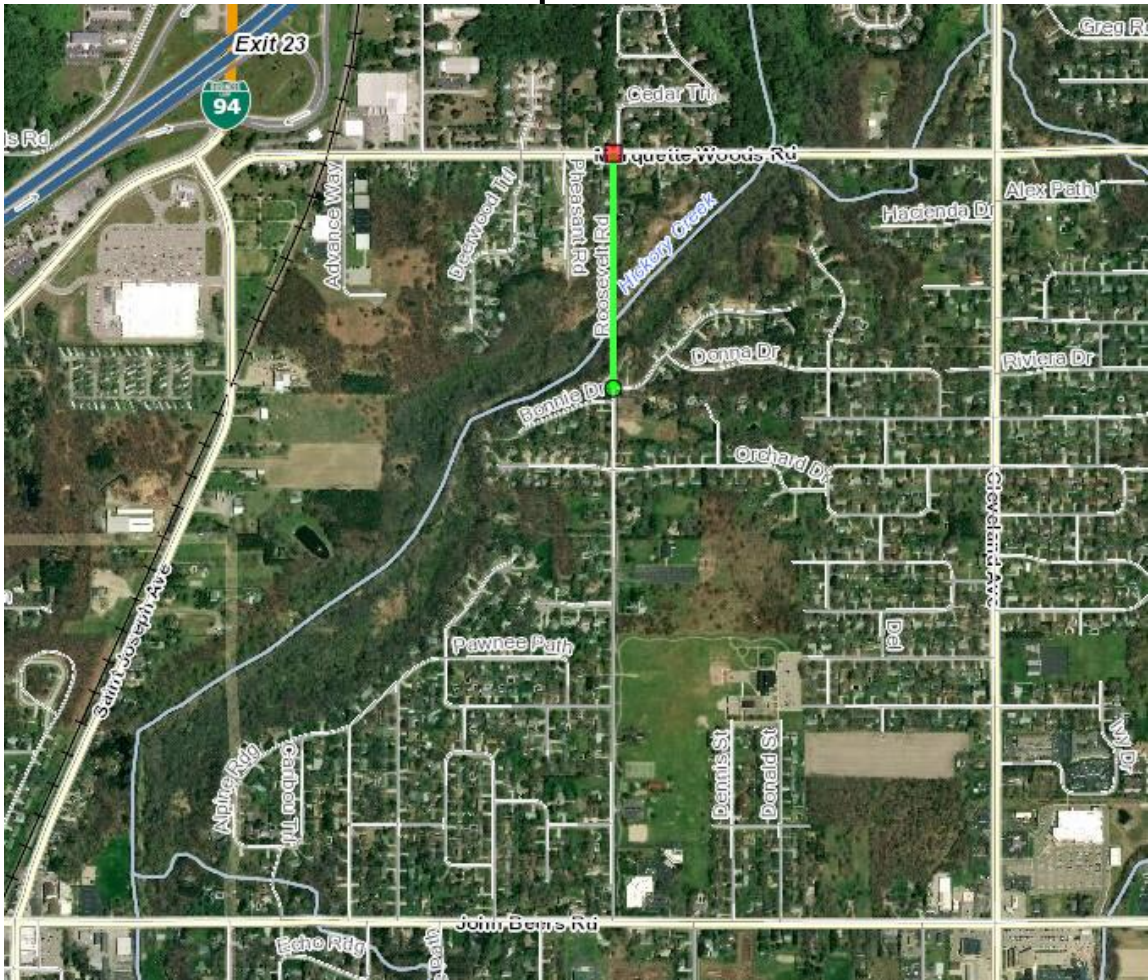
Final Estimate: \$637,637

Pending Award: \$758,856



# Roosevelt Path

## Lincoln Township



<b>Limits:</b>	Hidden Pines Trail to Marquette Woods
<b>Length:</b>	0.3 miles
<b>Work Type:</b>	Build a non-motorized path

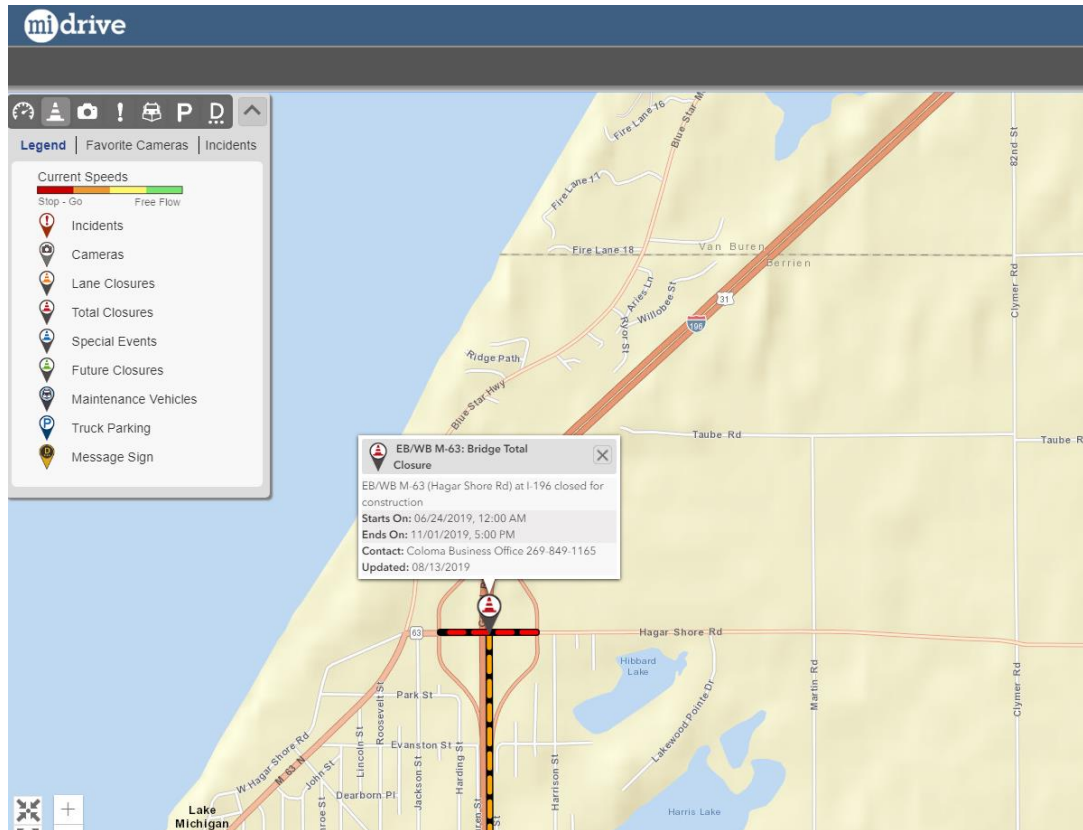
	Federal	Local	Total
<b>Amount</b>	\$672,112	\$309,888	\$982,000

Activity	Estimated Date	Actual Date
Project Application Submitted to MDOT	5/10/2019	5/10/2019
Grade Inspection Package to MDOT	5/10/2019	5/10/2019
Grade Inspection Meeting Scheduled	6/12/2019	6/10/2109
Final Plan and Estimate to MDOT	7/26/2019	
Project Obligated	9/01/2019	
Project Letting	10/04/2019	
Construction Start	12/01/2019	
Project Completion	7/30/2019	

Finalizing meetings with property owners for granting permits and easements. Working on final MDEQ permits. Waiting for SHPO response. Reviewing plans with Water/ Sewer Authority to coordinate portion of the trail over Hickory Creek interceptor.

# MDOT Bridge Projects

## M-63 & I-196 in Hagar Shore



Built: 1962

Condition (0-9)

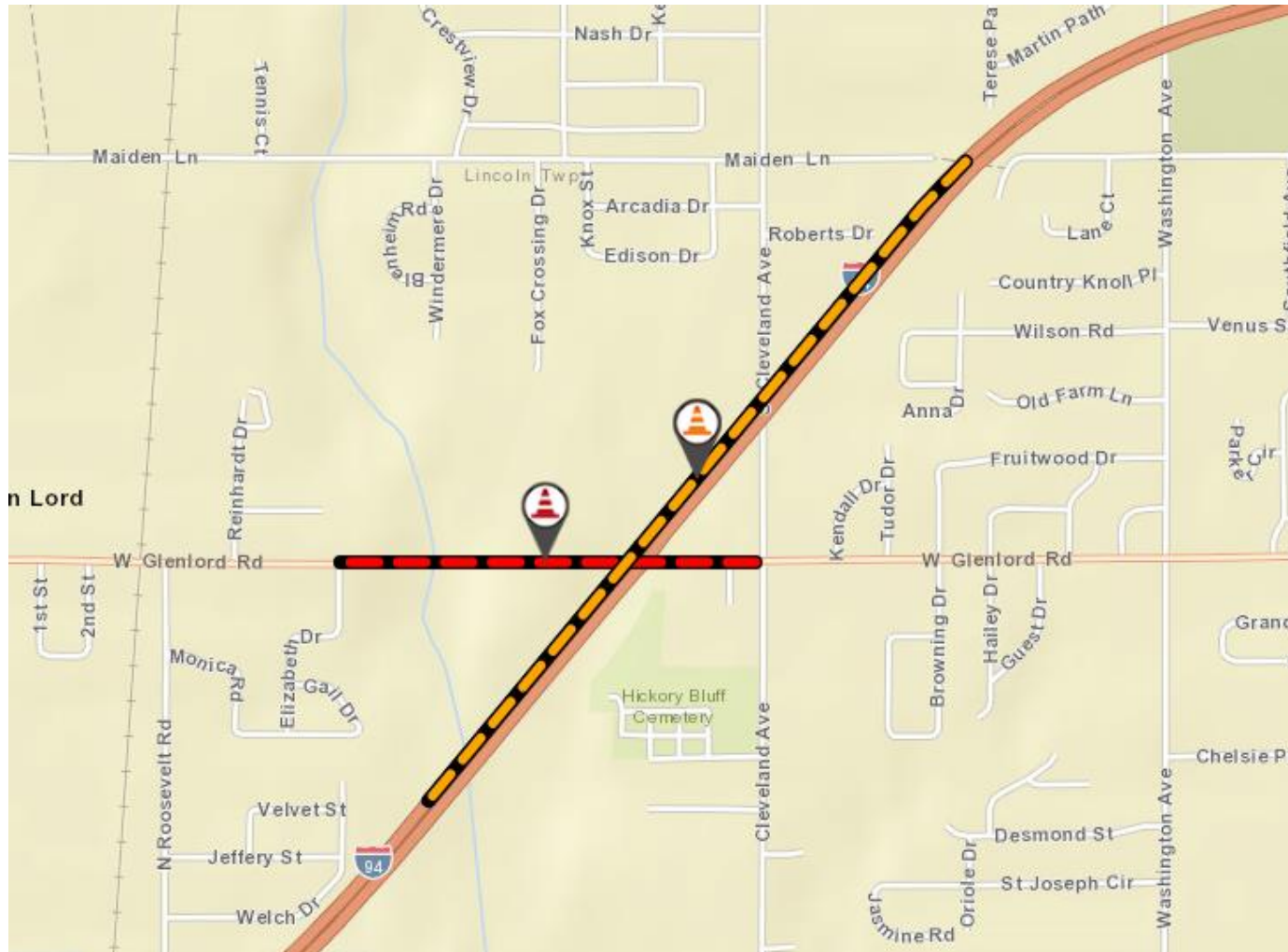
Superstructure: 3 – serious

Work Type: Complete Replacement



# MDOT Bridge projects

Cleveland & Glenlord Bridges over I-94 in Lincoln Twp.



Cleveland bridge built: 1960

Glenlord bridge Built: 1960

Work Type: Rehabilitation –  
Deep Overlay, Substructure & Beam Repairs

# MDOT Bridge projects

## Cleveland Over I-94 in Lincoln Twp.

July 2017



Today



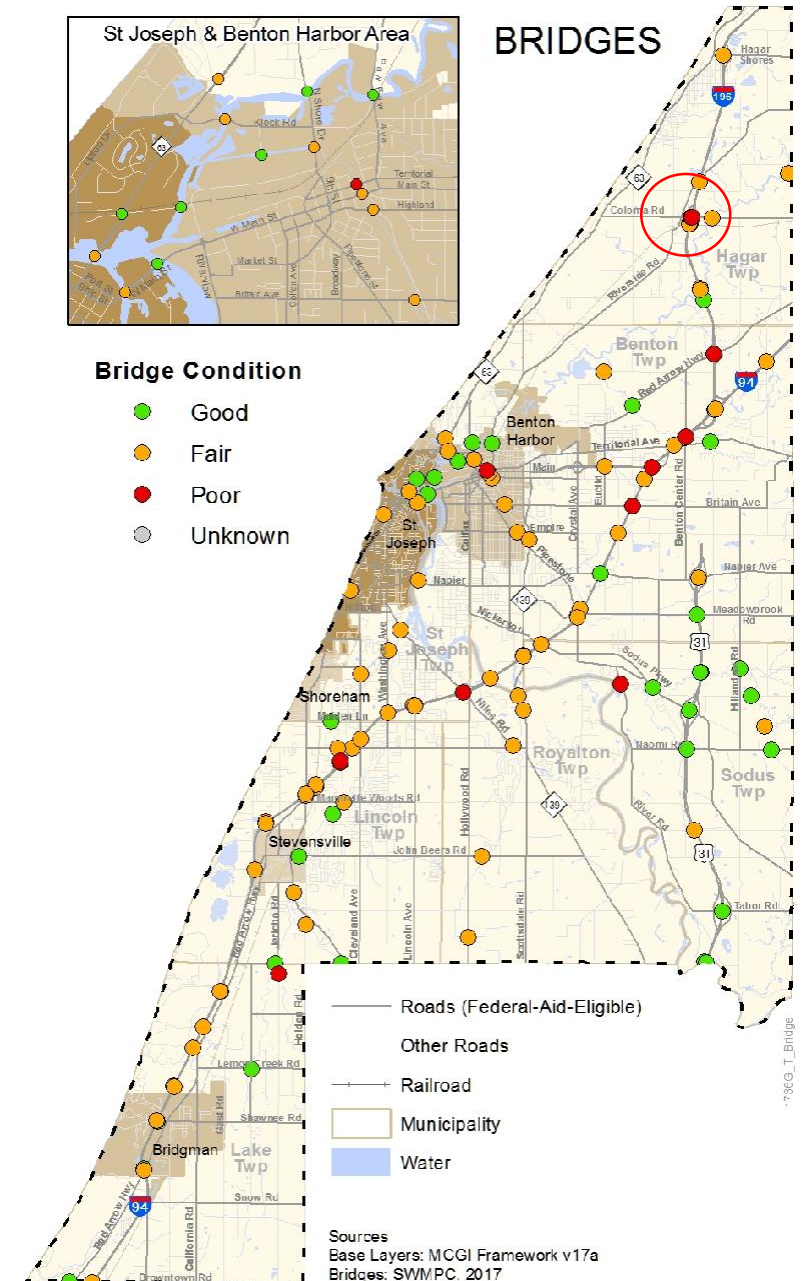
# Improved Bridge Conditions

One bridge in serious condition replaced

- M-63 over I-96

Four bridges in fair condition received maintenance:

- Cleveland over I-94
- Glenlord over I-94
- I-94 over St. Joseph River
- M-63 over St. Joseph River



New Business

# FY 2020 Unified Work Plan Budget Revision

	Federal	Match	Total
CPG Funds	\$182,918	\$40,562	\$223,480
CPG Funds Special Projects	\$30,000	\$6,652	\$36,652
Total	<del>\$182,918</del> \$212,918	<del>\$40,562</del> \$47,214	<del>\$223,480</del> \$260,132

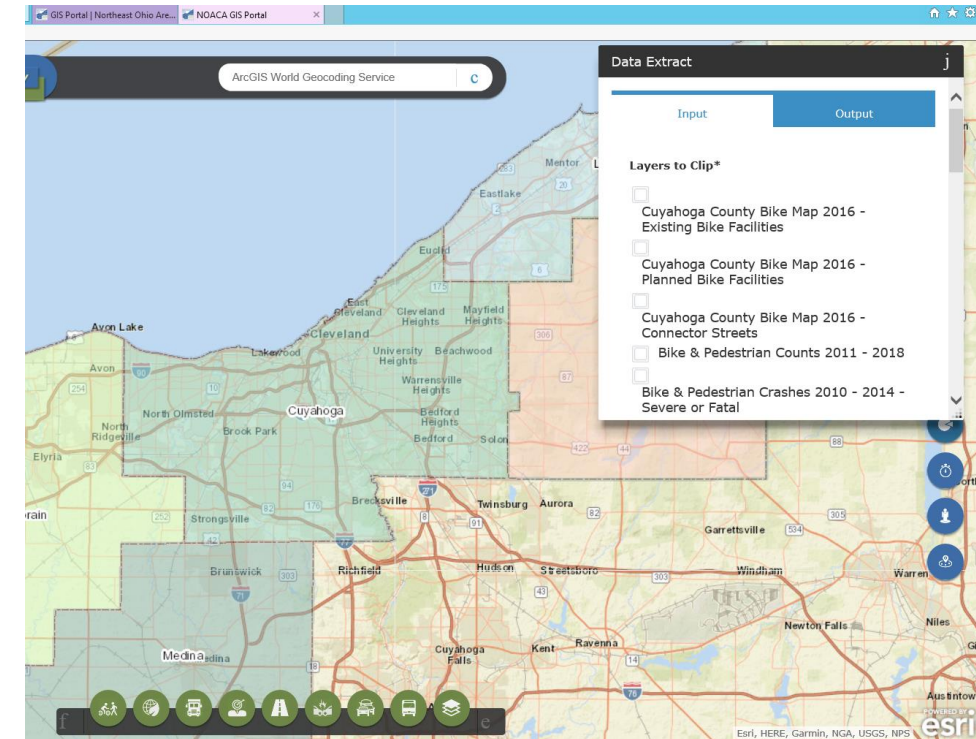


# Digital Outreach – Website Redesign

**Objective:** Redesign and replace SWMPC's website with intuitive and familiar navigation mechanisms and prominently feature high-priority or targeted content for various website users.

Incorporate:

- Survey capabilities
- Interactive maps (ESRI online)
- Optimize Google searches
- Integrate social media
- ADA compliance for visually impaired users

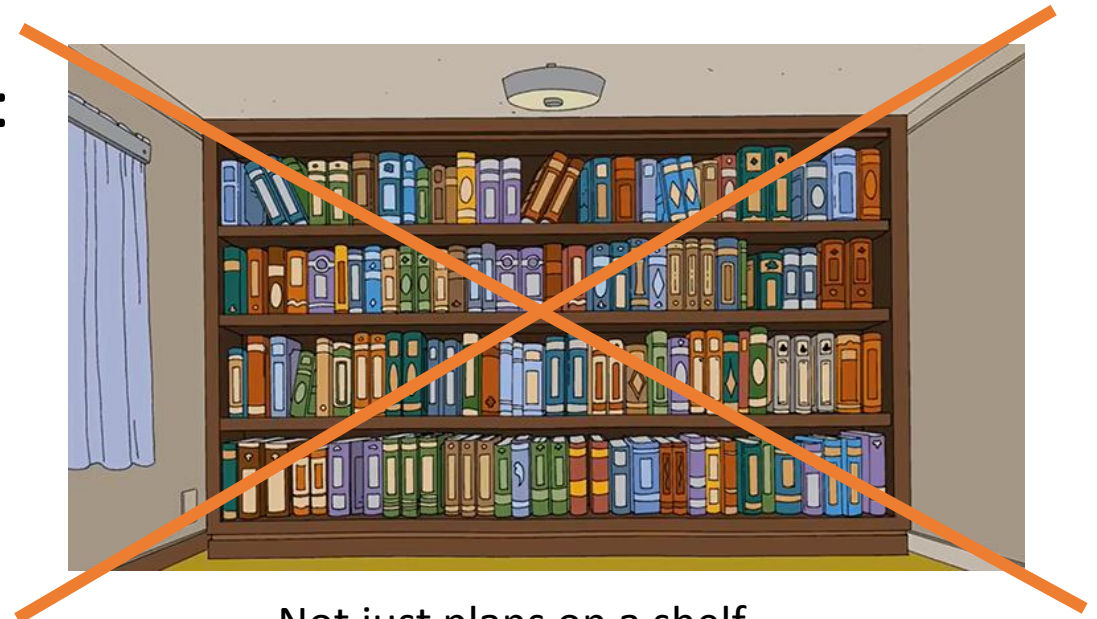


# Multi-Modal Project Assistance

**Objective:** Provide assistance to local agencies and units of government in completing planning studies and implementing projects and programs which relate to transportation, particularly multi-modal and transit issues in Berrien County.

Work with local jurisdictions to advance:

- Long Range Plan
- Napier Avenue
- ConncetBerrien
- Twin Cities Harbor Study



Not just plans on a shelf



# FY 2020 UWP Amendment

Technical Advisory Committee votes to (recommend/deny) that:

The TwinCATS Policy Committee approve  
the revised budget and additional work items in the  
TwinCATS FY 2020 Unified Work Program

Policy Committee votes to (approve/deny) the recommendation from TAC.

# State and Federal Updates



# Privilege of the Floor / Public Comment

**Next meeting is:**

**September 16, 2019, 9:30 AM**

**Kinexus (Michigan Works!)**

**Lighthouse Room**

**Third Monday of the month**

# MDOT - 2019 MDOT Project Updates

Name	Limits/Location	Work Description	Status
<b>I-94</b>	under Glenlord Road and Cleveland Avenue	Deep Overlay, Substructure Repair, Beam Repair,	Construction in progress.
<b>M-139</b>	at Tanglewood/Anna and M-43 at 16th Ave.	Install passing flares.	Construction in progress.
<b>M-63</b>	over St. Joseph River	Epoxy overlay, scour, mechanical & electrical	Construction starts September 5 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>I-94 BL</b>	over St. Joseph River in Benton Harbor	Epoxy overlay, joints, mechanical, electrical	Construction starts September 5 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>M-139</b>	Hinchman Road to north of the St. Joseph River	Mill and One Course Hot Mix Asphalt Overlay	Construction in progress.
<b>M-139</b>	Over Buckhorn Creek, north of Rocky Weed Rd.	Culvert Replacement and Road Reconstruction	Design in progress.
<b>Various</b>	Cantilevers W017-C, W023-C, W024-C, W029-C, W034-C, W043-C, W135-C, & W0136	Cantilevers Replacement Project	Design in progress. Dec 2019 Let.
<b>M-60 E</b>	Signal Corridors in Berrien, Cass, and Kalamazoo Counties	Traffic Signal Modernizations; connected vehicle installations.	Design in progress. June 2020 Let.
<b>I-94</b>	I-94 from I-196 to US-131 - VanBuren County	Variable Advisory Speed Limit System along I-94 in Van Buren Co.	Design in progress. Feb 2021 Let.