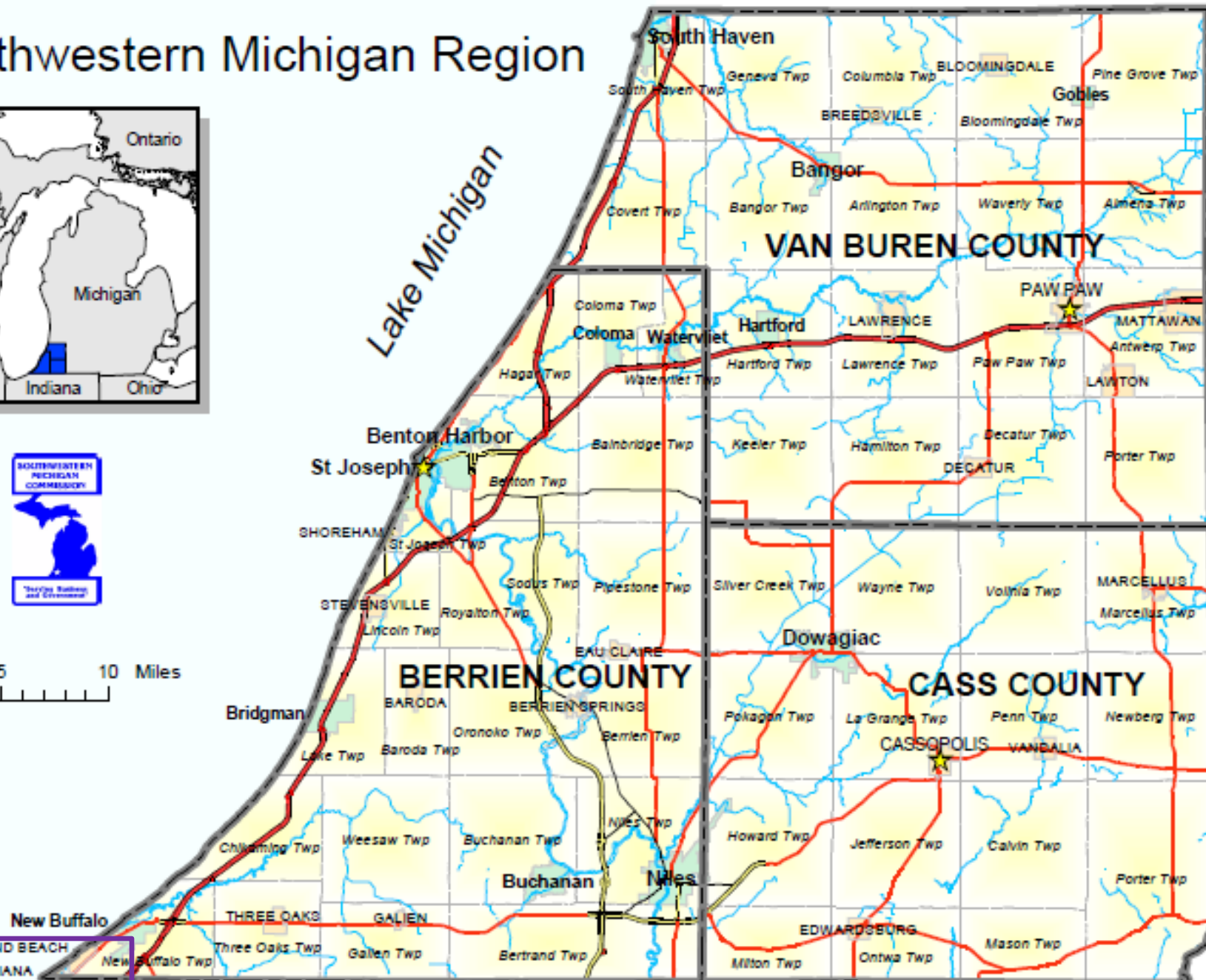


A map showing the state of Michigan in the center, surrounded by Wisconsin to the west, Illinois to the southwest, Indiana to the south, Ohio to the southeast, and Ontario to the northeast. The Great Lakes are visible to the north and east of Michigan.



Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs): What are they?

- Made up of elected and appointed officials from municipalities and community organizations.
- MPOs have their roots in Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1962
- MPOs are tasked with transportation planning:
 - Cooperative
 - Continuing
 - Comprehensive

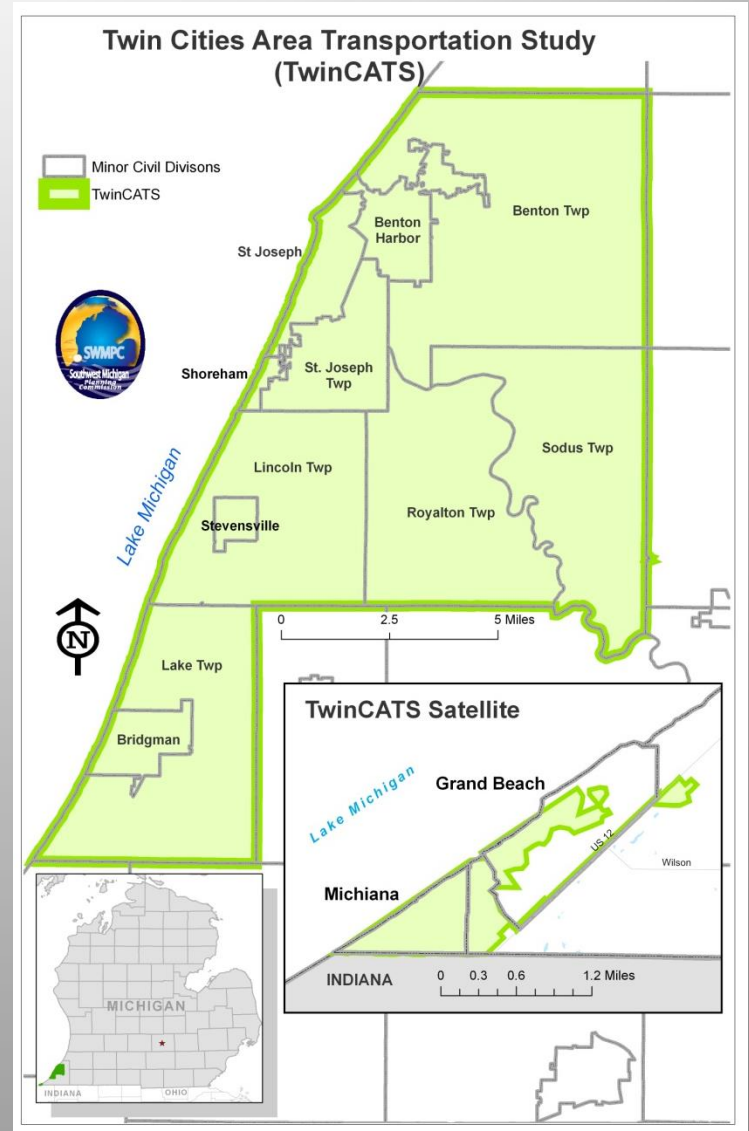


TwinCATS MPO

Two working committees:

- Technical Advisory Committee
- Policy Committee

Monthly meetings



Why have an MPO? Why do Transportation Planning?



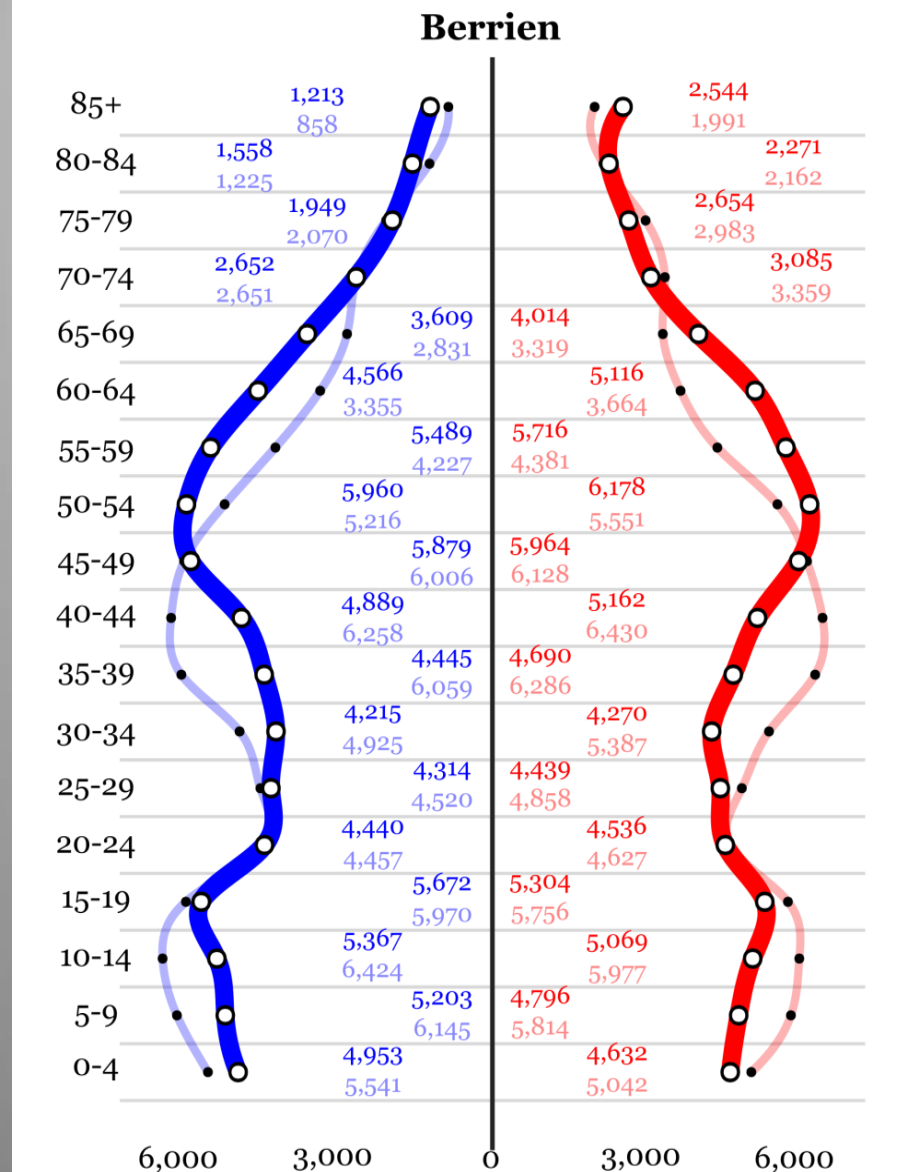
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- Federal funds
- Coordinated planning to help jurisdictions target transportation investments wisely.
- Accessibility and Safety in the long term

How the MPO Uses Data



Figure 4.3.1 Population Age Group Comparisons, 2000 and 2010



What we've seen in Southwest Michigan



Photo source: Don Campbell/ Herald Palladium Staff 2013



Geneva Township. Photo Source: FOX17 News.



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZMf3YmOfgak>

Public Comment in Action



What happens to your comments?

- SWMPC staff and our project partners will present these comments to the TAC and Policy Committees.
- Committees will discuss how to incorporate these comments into future prioritizations.