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?

- Federal funds
- Coordinated planning to help jurisdictions target transportation investments wisely.
- Accessibility and Safety in the long term
How the MPO Uses Data
What we’ve seen in Southwest Michigan

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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.