

Forum seeks input on transportation

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ST. JOSEPH - The Transportation for Michigan - or Trans4M - coalition will host a community forum from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph City Hall, officials announced.

Subjects will include roads, buses, rail, bicycles, bridges and "walkable" cities, organizers said. The forum, part of a series under way across the state, will generate ideas, which will go to Gov. Rick Snyder, legislators and policy makers.

Kathryn Gray, Trans4M coordinator, said Snyder last year said "he wanted to start a statewide conversation to help guide transportation policy and make it a vital component of our economic recovery." The forums will tell the governor what residents want, she said.

"It's important to hold this community conversation in Southwest Michigan to ensure our voice is heard and that all types of transportation possibilities are discussed," said Kris Martin, with the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission.

Forums already have been held in several other Michigan cities.

People may visit www.trans4m.org for updated information.