

Niles-Buchanan-Cass Area Transportation Study (NATS)

Policy Committee

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Purpose of TAC

The Purpose of the Policy Committee shall be to provide guidance, direction and necessary approvals with respect to all aspects of the continuing, comprehensive and cooperative transportation planning process carried out by the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization, Southwest Michigan Planning Commission (SWMPC), responsible for coordinating the transportation planning process in the NATS area. Deliberations, findings, and approvals of the Policy Committee shall be made after due consideration of recommendations of the NATS Technical Advisory Committee, and when necessary, shall be then recommended to the SWMPC.

*Ex-officio means nonvoting member

Committee Members:

Chair: John LaMore, Berrien County Commission

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