

Niles-Buchanan-Cass Area Transportation Study (NATS)

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

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Purpose of TAC

The purpose of the Technical Advisory Committee shall be to provide technical advice to the NATS Policy Committee in all aspects of the continuing, comprehensive and cooperative transportation planning process carried out by the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission (SWMPC), the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) responsible for coordinating the transportation planning process in the Niles-Buchanan-Cass Urban Area as it relates to NATS. Such advisory services shall be provided in cooperation with SWMPC staff level transportation planning activities for the NATS area.

*Ex-officio means nonvoting member

Committee Members:

Chair: Joe Ray, City of Niles-Public Works

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