

Twin Cities Area  
Transportation Study  
Combined TAC & Policy Meeting

**June 17, 2019**

# WELCOME

- **Call to Order**
  - Introductions
- **Changes to the Agenda**
- **Public Comment**

# MEETING MINUTES

TAC & Policy  
Combined



## **Approval of Minutes May 20, 2019 Combined Meeting**

Combined minutes can be approved by a single combined TAC/POL motion

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Construction, Manufacturing, and Real Estate

## Rubber parts maker building \$8.3M plant

March 13, 2019 | By Justin Dawes |

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Courtesy Vail Rubber Works

A manufacturer of rubber parts plans to build a new \$8.3-million plant in the region.

St. Joseph-based Vail Rubber Works will construct a 68,550-square-foot manufacturing facility and create 10 jobs, according to Cornerstone Alliance, a Benton Harbor-based economic development organization.

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## Vail Rubber to add manufacturing plant

KYLE BROWN



# AIRPORT UPDATES

Vince Des Jardins



# PUBLIC TRANSIT

## Twin Cities Area Transportation Authority



# Amendments

## 5307 Funded Capital Items

		Fed	State	Total	Comments
1	Wrecker	\$200,000	\$50,000	\$250,000	
2	Two Autos	\$36,800	\$9,200	\$46,000	<b>Cost increase +\$6,000</b>
3	Phone	\$12,800	\$3,200	\$16,000	New project
4	Fence	\$32,000	\$8,000	\$40,000	
5	Bus Camera	\$48,000	\$12,000	\$60,000	
Total 5307		\$329,600	\$82,400	\$412,000	

## Fiscal Year 2019 Operating

5307	State	Local	Total
\$ 890,000	\$780,829	\$321,590	\$ 1,992,419

## 5339 Funded Capital Items

		Fed	State	Total	
1	Facility Camera	\$12,752	\$3,188	\$15,940	New Project
2	Hoist	\$17,600	\$4,400	\$22,000	New Project
3	Awning	\$8,000	\$2,000	\$10,000	New Project
4	Tablets	\$36,000	\$9,000	\$45,000	New Project
5	Signs	\$17,600	\$4,400	\$22,000	New Project
6	Steam Cleaner	\$48,000	\$12,000	\$60,000	<b>Cost Increase +\$45,000</b>
7	Truck	\$32,000	\$8,000	\$40,000	
8	Snow Plow	\$5,600	\$1,400	\$7,000	
Total 5339		\$177,552	\$44,388	\$221,940	





# TCATA 2019 Amendments

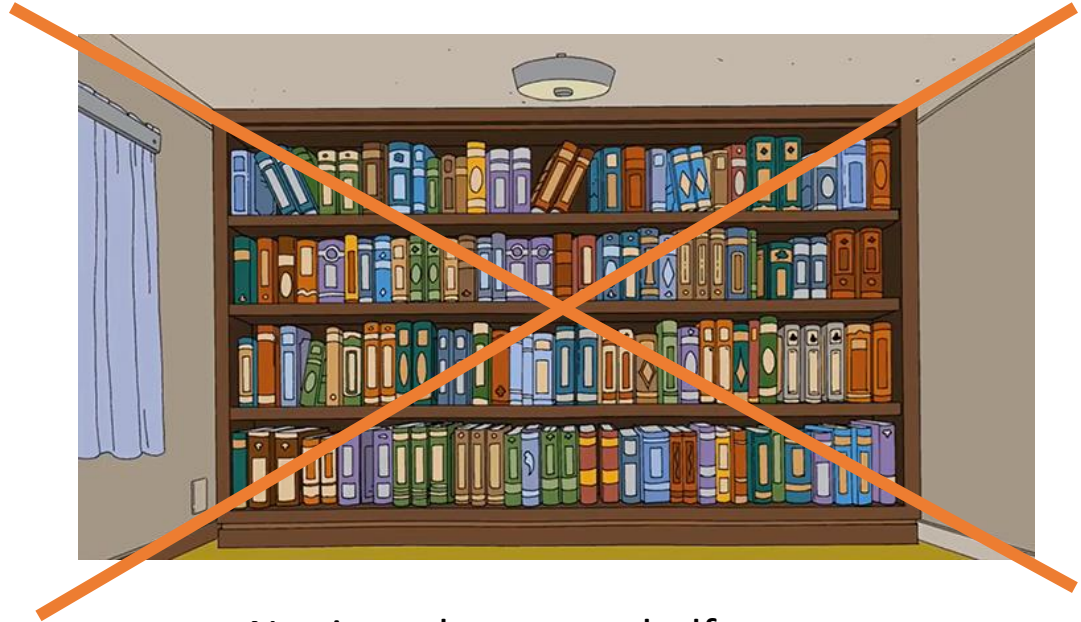
Technical Advisory Committee votes to (recommend/deny) that:

The TwinCATS Policy Committee approve  
the requested 2019 project amendments from TCATA  
as presented

Policy Committee votes to (approve/deny) the recommendation from TAC.

# Special Studies

- Countywide Transit
- Napier Avenue



Not just plans on a shelf

# Road Agency Updates

All local projects have been obligated!

# Election of TAC Chair

TAC Chair Brian Berndt has retired. Tim Zebell is TAC Vice Chair.

## **TAC BYLAWS – SECTION 2.5: OFFICERS**

From among its voting membership, the TAC shall elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair who shall be elected bi-annually at the first TAC meeting of odd numbered calendar years. Said officers shall serve a two-year term.

**In the event that the Chair vacates the position before the two-year term has expired, the Vice Chair shall serve as Chair for the remainder of the term. In the event that the Vice Chair position is vacated prior to expiration of the term, the office shall be filled by a simple majority vote of the voting members at the next TAC meeting following the office being vacated.**

# Election of TAC Chair

## TAC BYLAWS - SECTION 2.6: DUTIES OF THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

The Chair shall preside over all TAC meetings and shall assure that the transaction of business is carried out in an orderly and efficient manner, in accordance with these bylaws. The Chair, with approval of the TAC, may appoint special subcommittees as necessary and shall serve as an ex officio member of any such subcommittee. The Chair shall also have the authority to cancel or reschedule a meeting, pursuant to sections 3.4 and 3.5 of the bylaws.

The Chair shall inform the full TAC and SWMPC staff on any stated conflicts of interest by committee members, pursuant to section 4.2 of the bylaws.

In the event of absence or incapacity of the Chair, the Vice-Chair shall carry out the duties and responsibilities of presiding over the TAC meeting. If both the Chair and Vice-Chair are incapacitated or absent, the TAC shall appoint a temporary acting chair to carry out the responsibilities and activities of the TAC.

New Business

# Transportation Improvement Program

**2020-2023**

# What is the TIP?

- A list of all federally funded surface transportation projects proposed for funding between FY 2020 and 2023
- A list of any “regionally significant” projects (Capacity increasing), even if no federal funding is used
- A financial plan that shows the sources of funding and demonstrates fiscal constraint
- Description of how projects were chosen and how projects contribute toward achieving Performance Targets

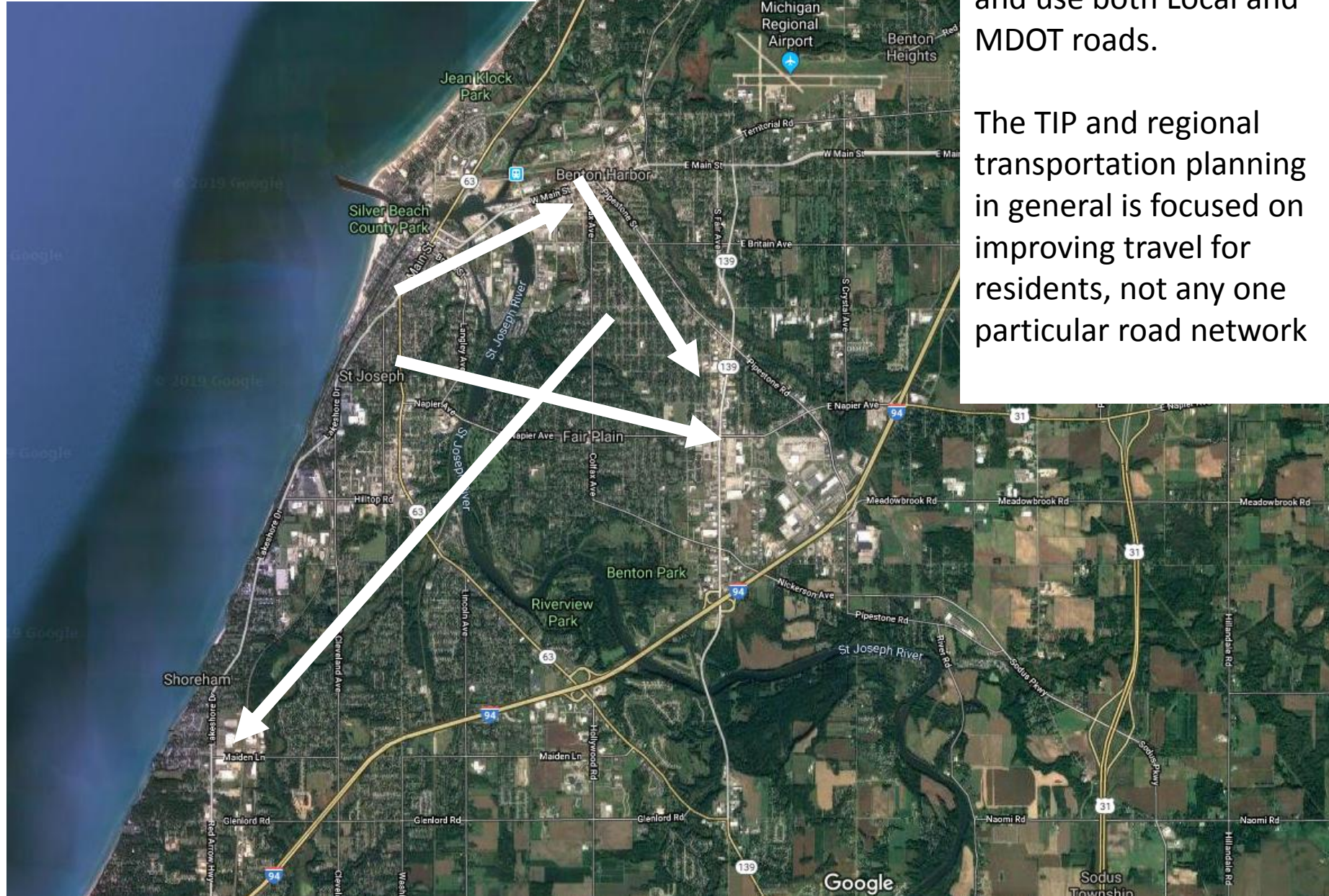


# The Big Picture





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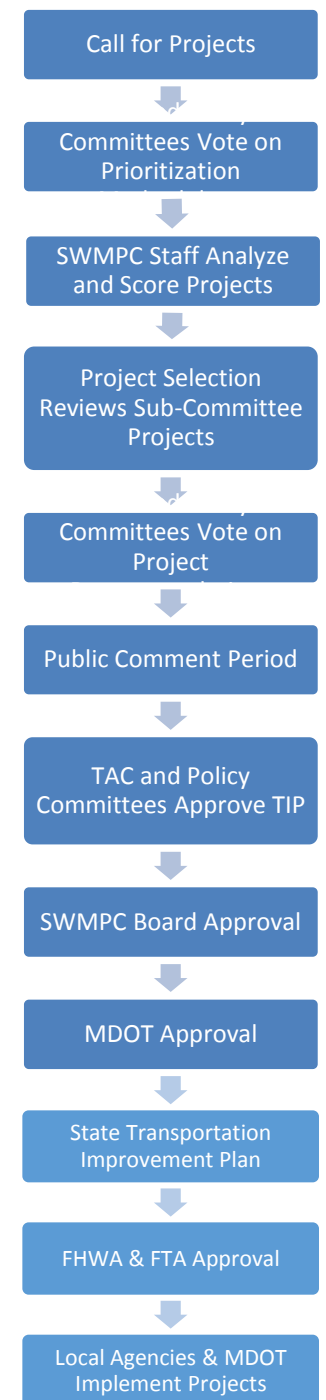


People travel across boundaries everyday, and use both Local and MDOT roads.

The TIP and regional transportation planning in general is focused on improving travel for residents, not any one particular road network

# Development Process

- Began with the Call for Projects in October 2018
- Project Review/Selection subcommittee December 2018
- TwinCATS TAC & Policy Committee Approval of Projects January 2019
- MDOT & TCATA Projects Approved February 2019
- Reconciliation of FY 2020 May 2019



# Funding Sources

- Funding comes from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
- TIP includes 13 different federal funding sources
- Only one, STBG-urban, is subject to a TwinCATS project selection process
  - For the others, project selection happens outside TwinCATS purview
  - However, final approval does lie with TwinCATS
- Local and state match also show in the TIP

# Surface Transportation Block Grant

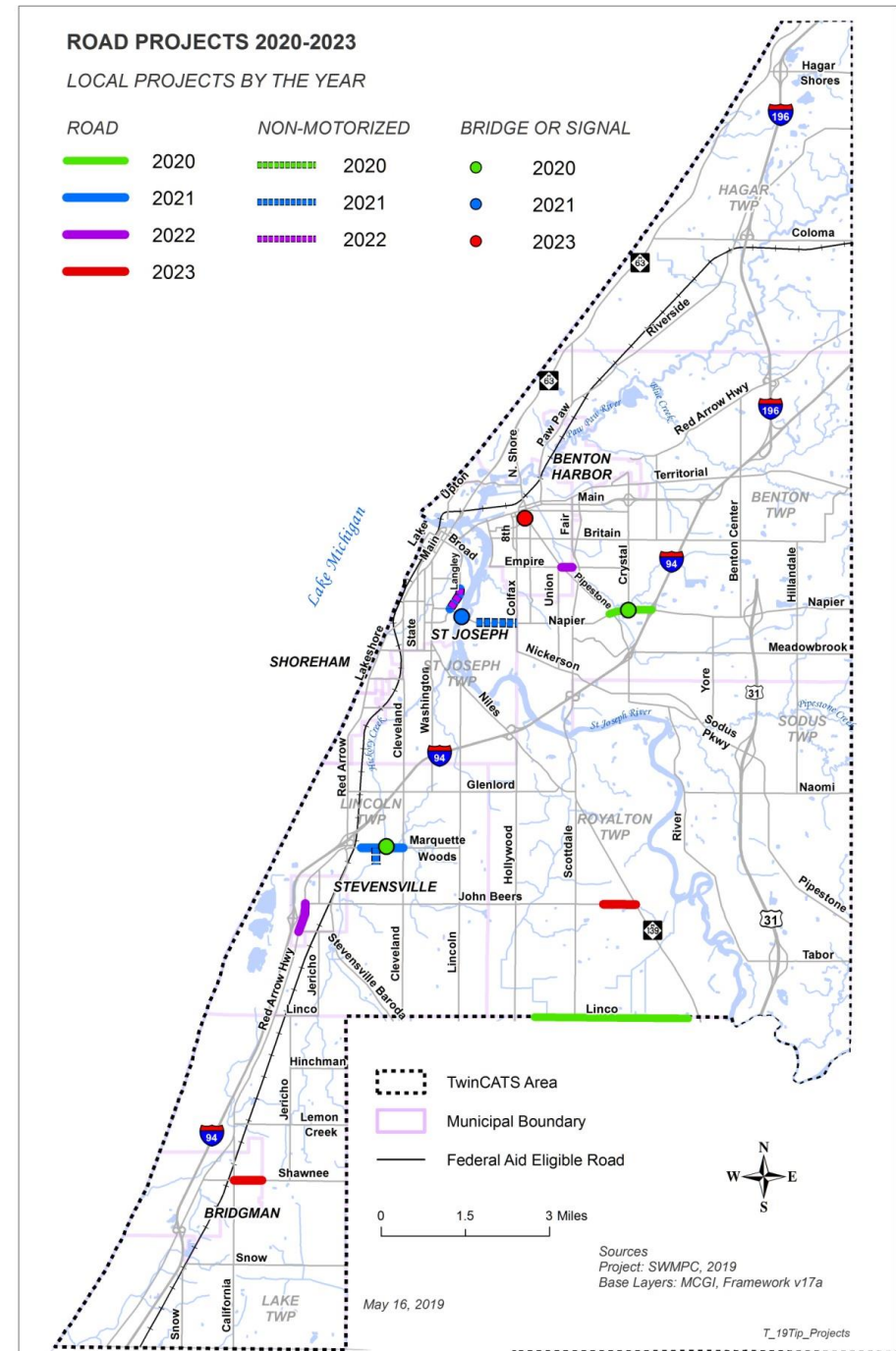
- Only source allocated to TwinCATS directly
- Responsibility of TwinCATS Committees to choose projects
- Projects require a minimum local match of 18.15%

	STBG Urban	
FY	Available	Programmed
2020	\$956,000	\$956,000
2021	\$1,047,017	\$1,047,017
2022	\$995,000	\$995,000
2023	\$1,015,000	\$1,015,000



# Projects on Locally Maintained Roads

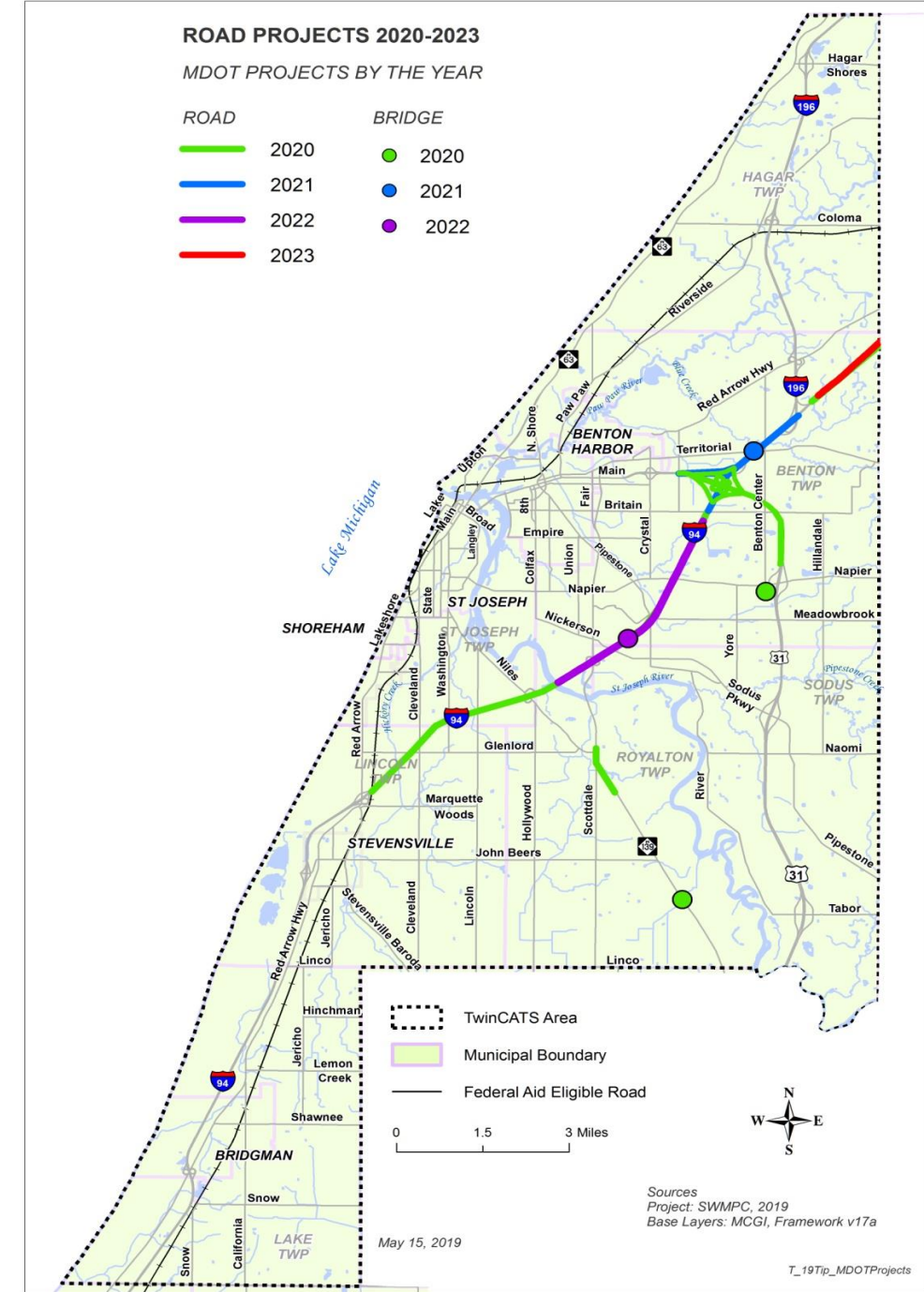
Year	Jurisdiction	Road	Federal Funds
2020	Benton Township	Napier Avenue	\$471,000
2021	St. Joseph Township	West Napier Avenue	\$734,000
2021	Lincoln Charter Township	S Roosevelt Rd - CMAQ	\$189,604
2021	City of St. Joseph	Langley Avenue	\$722,017
2021	Lincoln Charter Township	Marquette Woods Road	\$325,000
2022	City of St. Joseph	Langley Ave	\$100,000
2022	City of Benton Harbor	Empire Avenue	\$339,000
2022	Village of Stevensville	Red Arrow Highway	\$656,000
2022	St. Joseph Township	W Napier Ave - CMAQ	\$393,858
2023	City of Benton Harbor	Pipestone St	\$218,517
2023	Benton Charter Township	Napier Avenue	\$256,000
2023	Royalton Township	John Beers Road	\$224,000
2023	Lincoln Charter Township	Marquette Woods Rd. (ACC)	\$50,000
2023	City of Benton Harbor	Empire Avenue (ACC)	\$45,000
2023	City of Bridgman	Lake Street	\$440,000



# MDOT Projects

Includes only the major projects beyond 2020

- Major reconstruction of I-94.
- Connection of US-31 to I-94
- Rebuilding the I-94/Main St Interchange
- Most MDOT maintenance/ preventative maintenance projects are not programed in the TIP yet
  - These will be 100% state funded OR,
  - Will be programed later



# Transit

- Includes all the funding for the Twin Cities Area Transportation Authority.
- Shows both operating and capital expenses
- Unlike for roads, the TIP includes all of TCATA's estimated revenue & expenses for the next four years

	2020	2021	2022	2023
Transit Funding	\$1,504,646	\$1,475,845	\$1,285,184	\$1,470,500

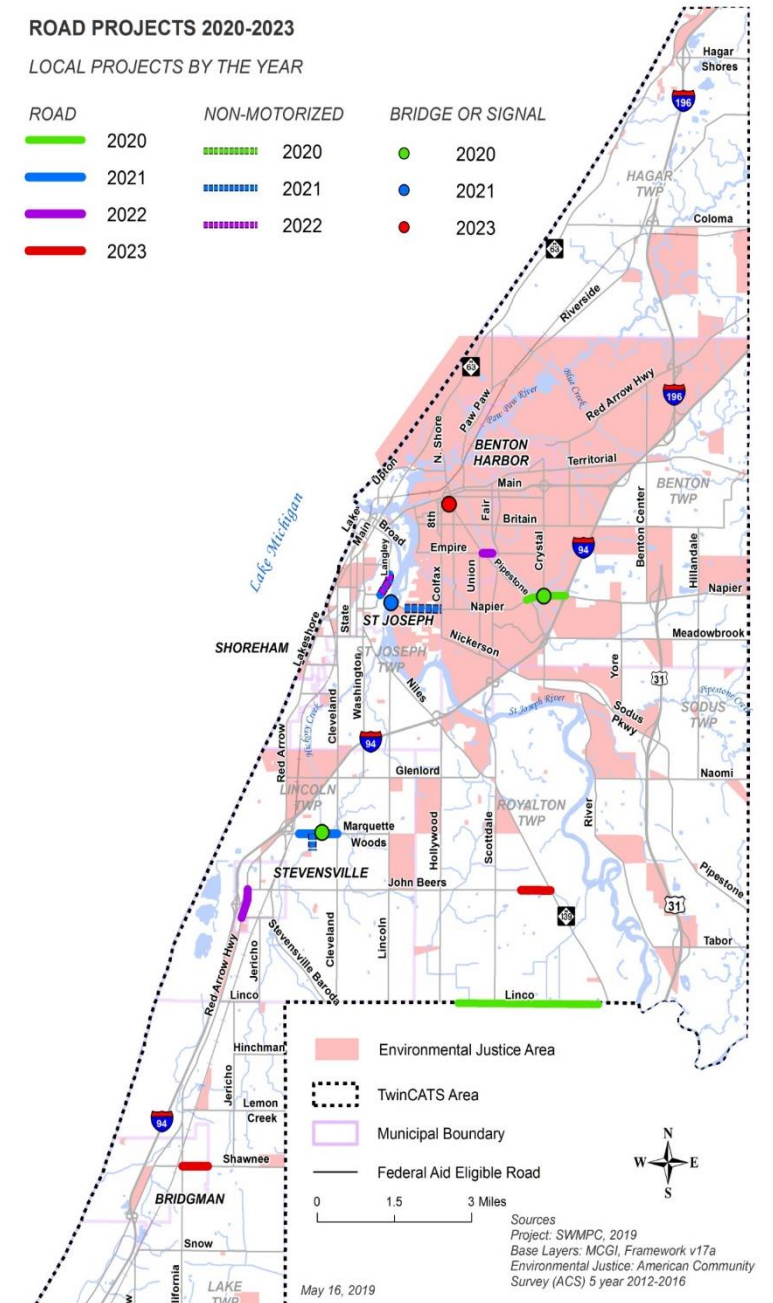


# Environmental Justice

- To avoid, minimize, or mitigate disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects, including social and economic effects, on minority populations and low-income populations.
- To ensure the full and fair participation by all potentially affected communities in the transportation decision-making process.
- To prevent the denial of, reduction in, or significant delay in the receipt of benefits by minority populations and low-income populations.

# Environmental Justice

- Preservation projects are not expected to cause any harm to any group.
- Outreach was done to ensure the public had opportunities to make comments before decisions were made.
- Projects are fairly spread out in a manner that benefits minority and low-income residents roughly equally as much as the rest of the population



# Air Quality

Air Pollution Sources

		
<b>Stationary Sources</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Industrial, refineries, and electric utilities</li></ul>	<b>Area Sources</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Dry cleaners, paints, and solvents</li></ul>	<b>Non-Road Sources</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Boats, aircraft, trains, and construction equipment</li></ul>
		
<b>On-Road Mobile Sources</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Commuter rail and vehicles expected to be on roadways such as cars, trucks, and buses</li></ul>		

Berrien County is Non-attainment for the ozone standard

Conformity analysis was published for the 2045 Long Range Plan

The TIP does not contain any new capacity projects not already in the LRP

# Public Participation

- Developed new webpage for 2020-2023 TIP with news and announcements to feature efforts such as:
  - Call for projects
  - Project selection criteria
  - Evaluation of each project and score
  - Proposed and selected projects
  - Air quality conformity
  - Opportunity for public comment
- Interactive maps featuring proposed and selected projects
- Press Releases - print news articles/radio interviews
- Emails to interested parties
- Legal notices in newspaper
- 3 meetings open to the public

# Public Comments

General Comment - Evaluate all 4-lane undivided roads in Berrien County to be "Road Dieted" to 3-lanes with the center lane being a dedicated left turn lane to balance the needs of all roadway users. This would allow space for striped bike lanes and sidewalks and where applicable, a separate pedestrian/bike path. FHWA recommends that road diets can be successful for 24 hr. traffic volume counts of up to 20,000 vehicles per day. -Eric Mallen

# Public Comments

I recognize the funding limitations, but I was depressed reading this document. I was depressed to see that there were no plans to repave residential streets, which are largely falling apart. I was disappointed that repaving/improvement projects largely don't include improvements to non-motorized vehicles/walking. I especially hope this is taken into account with the work being done on Langley in St. Joseph - making it more walkable and bike friendly would be great for locals and tourists alike, as it is a main artery to downtown. I am always extremely disappointed in the lack of public transportation options, which would increase economic opportunities for those without cars and have enormous positive environmental impacts. - Anonymous



# 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program

Technical Advisory Committee votes to (recommend/deny) that:

The TwinCATS Policy Committee approve  
the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program

Policy Committee votes to (approve/deny) the recommendation from  
TAC.

# Budget Revision – Unified Work Program

Work Element	2019 UWP Budget	Proposed 2019 UWP Amendment
1.0 (160) Program Administration	\$55,824	\$75,190
2.0 (170) Data Collection, Analysis and Reporting	\$55,824	\$31,621
3.0 (180) Transportation Planning	\$33,494	\$63,953
4.0 (190) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)	\$78,153	\$52,531
Total	\$223,295	\$223,295





# 2019 Budget Revision – Unified Work Program

Technical Advisory Committee votes to (recommend/deny) that:

The TwinCATS Policy Committee approve  
the TwinCATS 2019 budget revision in the  
Unified Work Program

Policy Committee votes to (approve/deny) the recommendation from TAC.

# State and Federal Updates



# Privilege of the Floor / Public Comment

**Next meeting is:**

**July 15, 2019, 9:30 AM**

**Kinexus (Michigan Works!)**

**Lighthouse Room**

**Third Monday of the month**