



AGENDA

FULL COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, June 21, 2022, 9:30 a.m.

Cass County Road Commission-Board Room

340 North O'Keefe Street

Cassopolis, MI 49031

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Roseann Marchetti

Pledge Allegiance
Roll Call

2. ACCEPTANCE AND/OR REVISION OF CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Meeting Agenda *
- b. Minutes of Commission Meeting, April 19, 2022 *
- c. Chairman's Report
- d. Treasurer's Report*

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT *Accept

K. John Egelhaaf

4. NATS & TWINCATS UNIFIED WORK PROGRAMS

K. John Egelhaaf

**Approve "...with any minor changes requested by MDOT."*

Resolution 2022-1 To Approve the TwinCATS UWP for FY 2023

Resolution 2022-2 To Approve the NATS UWP for FY 2023

5. PLANNER PRESENTATION

Brandon Kovnat – Associate Planner

The Transportation Improvement Program – Development & Stewardship 2023

**6. 2023-2026 NATS & TWINCATS TRANSPORTATION
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS (TIPs) *Approve**

K. John Egelhaaf

Resolution 2022-3 To Approve the TwinCATS 2023-2026 TIP

Resolution 2022-4 To Approve the NATS 2023-2026 TIP

**7. SELF-CERTIFICATION OF METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING
PROCESS *Approve**

K. John Egelhaaf

Resolution 2022-5 TwinCATS Process

Resolution 2022-6 NATS Process

**8. FORMAL ACCEPTANCE OF CASS COUNTY AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY
RESULTS *Approve**

K. John Egelhaaf

Resolution 2022-7

**9. FORMAL ACCEPTANCE OF BERRIEN COUNTY AIR QUALITY
CONFORMITY RESULTS**

**Approve*
Resolution 2022-8

K. John Egelhaaf

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

11. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

12. ADJOURNMENT

****enclosures***

Next meeting will be held August 16, 2022 at the Cass County Road Commission Board Room.

SWMPC Mission: Our team uses its passion and expertise to connect people, assist communities, and advance cooperative solutions to regional challenges experienced by the communities that created us.



Minutes

Southwest Michigan Planning Commission
FULL COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, April 19th, 2022, 9:30 a.m.

Meeting Held in Person at Cass County Road Commission

MEMBERS PRESENT (in person):

Marchetti, Roseann, Chair, Cass County Commissioner
Doroh, Kurt, Vice Chair, Van Buren County Commissioner
Preston, Linda, Secretary, Cass County Representative
Gundersen, Kristen, Alternate Secretary, Berrien County Representative
Remus, Richard, Alternate Treasurer, Berrien County Representative
Curran, Jim, Berrien County Commissioner
DeLong, Don, Cass County Representative
Dodd, James, Cass County Representative
Freehling, Teri Sue, Berrien County Commissioner
Hanson, Don, Van Buren County Commissioner
Hanson, Sandra, Van Buren County Representative
Meeks, Donnie, Berrien County Commissioner
Pantaleo, Paul, Berrien County Representative
Patterson-Gladney, Gail, Van Buren County Commissioner
Petersen, Jan, Van Buren County Representative
Stauffer, Dick, Berrien County Representative
Torzynski, Robert, Pokagon Band Representative
Tyler, Doug, Cass County Representative
Wood, Gary, Berrien County Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Akinwale, Yemi, Treasurer, Berrien County Representative
Fette, Dan, Berrien County Representative
Newton, Matthew, Van Buren County Representative
Stover, Jim, Berrien County Representative

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Roseann Marchetti called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Maria Vettraino took roll call and a quorum was present.

2. ACCEPTANCE AND/OR REVISION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Marchetti presented the Consent Agenda. R. Marchetti motioned to accept the Consent Agenda with the addition of the Memorandum of Understanding. Teri Sue Freehling moved to **“ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.”** Don DeLong seconded, which carried unanimously by roll call vote.

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Egelhaaf invited the board members to ask for further detail on any portion of the report.

On the topic of the Regional (COVID 19) Recovery Strategy - regarding the potential value of adding more daycare and housing, Chair Marchetti shared that Christine Whitmire received a grant to investigate childcare in Cass County. Director Egelhaaf stated that he and Jill Plescher are working with U of M to try to understand the economic impacts of incentivizing the addition of daycare, so that other people can work.

Paul Pantaleo wondered about the closing of Palisades and possible lawsuits. Director Egelhaaf talked about the closing of Palisades and that Holtec will soon own the plant. Kurt Doroh brought up the U of M study and how he found it interesting that the data showed jobs being lost, such as restaurant and retail positions. Doroh stated that they did not have data post COVID. Director Egelhaaf stated that unfortunately there is not a lot of reliable data. Egelhaaf also shared that the point of the study is to find out what we can do in the economy to mitigate the loss of these important jobs. Dick Stauffer shared that he read in the Herald Palladium how Palisades needs a lot of renovations. Gail Patterson-Gladney asked about the 10 year break of federal funding and if that can be made into a quicker process. Director Egelhaaf talked about the closure fund that Entergy has built over time for the disassembly and safe storage of waste post closure. Egelhaaf stated that Holtec is saying that this fund is not big enough to complete the closure without a break but there will be effort to try and rebuild the economy from the moment the Strategy is completed and the Recovery Specialist is engaged.

Linda Preston moved to **“ACCEPT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT.”**
Gail Patterson-Gladney seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

4. AUDIT REPORT – 2021 Audit Presentation

Patrick Sage of Kruggel Lawton, CPAs, presented and explained the audit report, stating that SWMPC's financial health is as expected and a positive cash flow shows good operations. Sage encouraged the Board to reach out if they ever have any questions or concerns. Chair Roseann Marchetti opened the floor for questions. There were none.

Kurt Doroh moved to **“APPROVE THE AUDIT REPORT AS PRESENTED.”** Gail Patterson-Gladney seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

5. 2022 OVERAL WORK PROGRAM

Director Egelhaaf presented and gave a brief overview of the 2022 Overall Work Program.

Gail Patterson-Gladney moved to **“APPROVE THE 2022 OVERAL WORK PROGRAM.”** Sandra Hanson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

6. 2022 SWMPC BUDGET REVISION

Director Egelhaaf discussed the reasoning for this budget revision, including issues with QuickBooks and waiting on revenue information for multiple environmental projects. Egelhaaf stated that this revision shows a clearer picture of revenue and projected expenses. He explained that the April revision shows less in revenue due to the completion of the Galien Master Plan and the difference in unallocated funds is due to a higher expense for contractual services – offsite.

Rich Remus moved to **“APPROVE THE 2022 SWMPC BUDGET REVISION.”** Kurt Doroh seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

7. (NEW ITEM) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Director Egelhaaf read through and explained the Memorandum of Understanding with MACOG. Chair Marchetti will sign this memorandum if the Board agrees. Dick Stauffer asked if the South Bend agency is much bigger than ours, in which Director Egelhaaf replied yes. Rich Remus asked if we saw this last year, again Egelhaaf responded yes. Dick Stauffer asked if we have had to resolve any conflicts. Director Egelhaaf replied that in the past there were moments where we got close but never had to officially step in.

Linda Preston moved to **“APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.”** Gail Patterson-Gladney seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

8. PLANNER PRESENTATION “US Census 2020 – A Guided Tour”

Director Egelhaaf introduced SWMPC’s GIS Specialist Jill Plescher. Plescher showed different types of maps she has created and illustrated how much detail can be seen with online mapping. She talked about the open data platform in which she can put the GIS data online for people to download. Plescher then brought up the new 2020 Census and explained what that data meant for her, which includes downloading new TIGER files. Chair Marchetti asked if an average person can go to the TIGER files. Plescher responded that the TIGER files are only for people working with GIS software. Plescher stated that she has been working with the population data and it shows a decrease in population from 2010 to 2020. A discussion on possible reasons for this decrease in population ensued. Plescher shared 2020 Census data release dates and resources. Gary Wood was curious about the housing data and if it is broken up into occupied vs unoccupied households. Chair Marchetti opened up the floor to ask Jill Plescher any questions on her presentation. Linda Preston asked where she can find Plescher’s maps. Plescher showed how to find the maps she has created. Rich Remus asked about croplands maps and how often they are updated. Plescher responded that they are updated each year. Gail Patterson-Gladney asked if she worked with the Department of Public Health for COVID-19 data. Plescher responded no, they looked at data downloaded from the state.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

10. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Chair Roseann Marchetti opened up the floor for discussion. Director Egelhaaf gave a reminder to fill out their Board profile and per diem forms. Gary Wood introduced himself as a new Board member. Linda Preston shared that she has been appointed by the governor to the State Boundary Commission. Chair Marchetti talked about Todd Gustafson (with Kinexus) and his email regarding his trip to Poland to volunteer. Donnie Meeks stated this would be his last meeting but hopes to be on the Board as a citizen. Teri Sue Freehling asked that Jill Plescher's presentation would be shared with the Board. Freehling then gave an update on what Berrien County has been working towards regarding the Broadband initiative. Kurt Doroh shared that he and Chair Marchetti received the Commissioner Academy Award.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Gail Patterson-Gladney moved to adjourn the meeting. Teri Sue Freehling supported the motion. The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



K. John Egelhaaf, AICP

Date: April 19, 2022

Southwest Michigan Planning Commission

Balance Sheet

As of May 31, 2022

	May 31, 22
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1010 · Petty Cash	65.00
1020 · Checking	413,536.19
1060 · CD	82,010.29
Total Checking/Savings	495,611.48
Accounts Receivable	
1100 · Accounts Receivable	60,174.45
Total Accounts Receivable	60,174.45
Other Current Assets	
1499 · Security Deposit - 376 W. Main	11,220.00
Total Other Current Assets	11,220.00
Total Current Assets	567,005.93
Fixed Assets	
1350 · Furniture and Equipment	42,229.00
1360 · Accumulated Depreciation	-38,640.00
Total Fixed Assets	3,589.00
TOTAL ASSETS	570,594.93
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
2000 · Accounts Payable	-6,619.05
Total Accounts Payable	-6,619.05
Other Current Liabilities	
2400 · Payroll Liabilities	
2430 · Health Insurance	383.67
2438 · HSA	12.95
2480 · State Withholding	1,268.32
2490 · Michigan UIA Payable	4.31
2495 · Benton Harbor withholding	157.78
2400 · Payroll Liabilities - Other	3,510.38
Total 2400 · Payroll Liabilities	5,337.41
Total Other Current Liabilities	5,337.41
Total Current Liabilities	-1,281.64
Long Term Liabilities	
2260 · Accrue Annual Leave	29,827.45
2290 · SJ Watershed Escrow	1,207.99
2300 · NATS-FHWA-Escrow	2,591.54
2310 · NATS-FTA-Escrow	13,901.33
2320 · TCATS-Escrow	19,397.05
2340 · EDA Escrow	409.09
Total Long Term Liabilities	67,334.45
Total Liabilities	66,052.81
Equity	
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	395,206.60
Net Income	109,335.52
Total Equity	504,542.12
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	570,594.93

Southwest Michigan Planning Commission
Profit & Loss Budget Performance
January 2 through May 31, 2022

	Jan 2 - May 31, 22	YTD Budget	Annual Budget	% of Annual Budget
Income				
4000 · Federal Grant	351,398.18	373,130.02	895,512.02	39%
4010 · State Grant	9,540.20	50,708.38	121,700.00	8%
4020 · County Contribution	59,112.00	24,969.19	59,926.00	99%
4030 · Local Match	64,398.00	87,544.60	210,106.98	31%
4040 · Local Contract	50,212.07	43,136.25	103,527.00	49%
4050 · Other Fee Income	0.00			
4080 · In-Kind	0.00			
4090 · Donations	0.00			
4100 · Interest Income	18.77	500.00	1,200.00	2%
4900 · Gain/Loss on Sales of Assets	0.00			
Total Income	534,679.22	579,988.44	1,391,972.00	
Cost of Goods Sold				
50000 · Cost of Goods Sold	0.00			
Total COGS	0.00			
Gross Profit	534,679.22	579,988.44	1,391,972.00	38%
Expense				
6000 · Direct Expenses				
6200 · Salaries	135,488.30	163,333.44	391,999.99	35%
6220 · Payroll Taxes	10,364.90	12,413.35	29,792.04	35%
6230 · Pension Expenses	4,403.43	7,136.81	17,128.40	26%
6240 · Employee Insurance	54,148.33	50,714.09	121,713.90	44%
6300 · Mileage & Travel	1,726.72	3,547.94	8,515.00	20%
6310 · Meals	50.39	870.81	2,090.00	2%
6315 · Lodging	0.00	364.56	875.00	0%
6320 · Telephone	0.00			
6330 · Printing	0.00	193.75	465.00	0%
6340 · Postage	0.00	54.19	130.00	0%
6410 · Dues & Subscriptions	512.40	3,197.94	7,675.00	7%
6420 · Supplies & Materials	517.23	2,252.50	5,406.00	10%
6430 · Computer Services	1,010.00	6,646.69	15,952.00	6%
6440 · Advertising	0.00	316.69	760.00	0%
6500 · Conferences & Training	3,294.43	337.50	810.00	407%
6520 · Rent & Janitorial	0.00			
6530 · Local Cash in-kind	0.00			
6540 · Contractural Svcs-OnSite	2,800.00	15,208.31	36,500.00	8%
6550 · Contractural Svcs-OffSite	110,079.81	157,193.38	377,264.00	29%
6610 · Equipment	0.00	3,000.00	7,200.00	0%
6620 · Equipment Rental	0.00			
6630 · Equipment Maintenance	0.00	14.56	35.00	0%
6710 · Legal Services	0.00			
6715 · Audit Services	6,250.00			
6720 · Accounting Services	0.00	3,750.00	9,000.00	0%
6730 · Insurance Corporate	0.00	666.69	1,600.00	0%
6740 · Depreciation	0.00			
6950 · General Commission Expenses	1,015.97	145.81	350.00	290%
6960 · Commissioner Mileage	603.68	708.31	1,700.00	36%
6970 · Commissioner Per Diem	1,450.00	833.31	2,000.00	73%
6980 · Bank Fees	247.25	93.75	225.00	110%
6985 · Contingency	0.00			
6990 · Pass Thru	0.00			
6000 · Direct Expenses - Other	0.00			
Total 6000 · Direct Expenses	333,962.84	432,994.38	1,039,186.33	

Southwest Michigan Planning Commission
Profit & Loss Budget Performance
January 2 through May 31, 2022

	Jan 2 - May 31, 22	YTD Budget	Annual Budget	% of Annual Budget
7000 · Indirect Expenses				
7200 · Salaries-Indirect	42,913.90	63,288.39	151,892.08	28%
7220 · Payroll Taxes-Indirect	4,280.46	5,147.80	12,354.72	35%
7230 · Pension Expenses-Indirect	9,075.24	4,049.47	9,718.63	93%
7240 · Employee Insurance-Indirect	9,944.52	18,900.08	45,360.08	22%
7300 · Mileage & Travel-Indirect	0.00	32.19	77.20	0%
7310 · Meals-Indirect	59.94			
7315 · Lodging-Indirect	0.00			
7320 · Telephone-Indirect	883.00	1,144.61	2,747.12	32%
7330 · Printing-Indirect	0.00	4.99	11.99	0%
7340 · Postage-Indirect	1,640.99	567.89	1,363.02	120%
7410 · Dues & Subscriptions-Indirect	352.00	572.39	1,373.75	26%
7420 · Supplies & Materials-Indirect	2,504.88	2,536.82	6,088.41	41%
7430 · Computer Services-Indirect	9,774.39	15,652.96	37,567.02	26%
7440 · Advertising-Indirect	0.00	22.71	54.49	0%
7500 · Conferences & Training-Indirect	0.00	13.72	32.90	0%
7520 · Rent & Janitorial-Indirect	29,100.00	33,664.26	80,794.21	36%
7530 · Local Cash In-kind-Indirect	0.00			
7540 · Contract Svcs-OnSite-Indirect	32.98			
7550 · Contract Svcs-OffSite-Indirect	2,967.02			
7610 · Equipment-Indirect	1,862.98	228.23	547.71	340%
7620 · Equipment Rental-Indirect	0.00	49.50	118.73	0%
7630 · Equipment Maintenance-Indirect	0.00	39.32	94.27	0%
7710 · Legal Services-Indirect	0.00			
7715 · Audit Services-Indirect	3,050.00			
7720 · Accounting Services-Indirect	1,589.08	2,105.45	5,053.01	31%
7730 · Insurance Corporate-Indirect	256.50	1,435.62	3,445.53	7%
7740 · Depreciation-Indirect	0.00			
7950 · General Commission Exp-Indirect	0.00			
7960 · Commissioner Mileage-Indirect	0.00			
7970 · Commissioner Per Diem-Indirect	0.00			
7980 · Bank Fees-Indirect	0.00	37.58	90.15	0%
7985 · Contingency	0.00			
7990 · Pass Thru-Indirect	0.00	0.10	0.10	0%
7000 · Indirect Expenses - Other	0.00			
Total 7000 · Indirect Expenses	120,287.88	149,494.08	358,785.12	
9000 · Payroll Expenses				
9010 · Contract Service	0.00			
9020 · Salaries & Wages	0.00			
9040 · FICA Taxes	0.00			
9060 · Medicare Taxes	0.00			
9080 · Michigan UIA Taxes	0.00			
9200 · Mileage, meals, and lodging	0.00			
9220 · Supplies	0.00			
9240 · Accrued Leave Adjustment	0.00			
9250 · Accrued Payroll Adjustment	0.00			
9000 · Payroll Expenses - Other	0.00			
Total 9000 · Payroll Expenses	0.00			
99900 · Indirect Costs	0.00			
9999 · RPI Deferred Income	0.00			
Total Expense	454,250.72	582,488.46	1,397,971.45	
Net Income	80,428.50	-2,500.02	-5,999.45	



SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN PLANNING COMMISSION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Southwest Michigan Planning Commission

FROM: K. John Egelhaaf

DATE: June 13, 2022

RE: Staff Report for the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission June 21, 2022

Administrative Update

- A. Planner Jerri Burdue Elevated to Senior Planner
 - a. He manages our Economic Development Administration planning projects
 - b. Also instrumental in other projects
 - i. Housing Diagnosis Story Map
 - ii. Broadband Story Map
- B. Two Summer Seasonal Employees This Year
 - a. Luke Gruchot – University of North Carolina
 - i. Geographic Information Systems mapping
 - b. Matthew LaJeunesse – Teacher at Community Day Charter Public School (New Hampshire)
 - i. Copywriter
 - 1. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
 - 2. COVID 19 Regional Economic Resiliency Strategy
 - 3. Long Range Transportation Plans (TwinCATS, NATS)
 - ii. Former Colleague of Jerri Burdue at AmeriCorps

Project Updates

- A. Regional Broadband
 - a. Membership on Both Berrien and Van Buren County Broadband Taskforces (Egelhaaf)
 - b. Attended Two Broadband Conferences in May
 - i. Broadband Communities Summit – Houston, TX
 - ii. Merit Annual Broadband Conference – Dearborn
 - c. Collaborating w/Southcentral Planning Council on MEDC Application to be the Regional Broadband Coordinator in Prosperity Region 8
 - i. Application due June 30th
- B. Pokagon Band Hazard Mitigation Plan
 - a. Hazard Mapping Completed
 - b. Public Engagement Meetings Beginning
- C. Paw Paw River Water Trail
 - a. Wayfinding Signs Installation Underway
 - i. Collaboration w/VB Road Commission for Signs on Bridges Over the Paw Paw

SWMPC Staff Report – June 21, 2022

D. Regional Food Branding Project

- a. Design Process Done
- b. Implementation Next
 - i. Invitation to Submit for Upton “Big Idea” Grant
 - 1. Due June 20, 2022
 - 2. Presentation to Upton Foundation on July 2nd

E. Extension from US Dept. of Commerce Econ. Development Administration for Regional Resiliency Plan

- a. Due Date Moved From June 30 to December 30
- b. Now the Regional Resiliency Plan and the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Due Dates will Match
 - i. Lots of synergies available to the SWMPC now

F. Palisades

- a. State Efforts to Reverse Closure Continue
- b. Due Date for Application to the Feds for Supplemental Funding Extended
 - i. End of June?
- c. Plant Sale and License Transfer to Holtec Now Complete
 - i. Any restart will involve negotiations with Holtec and any potential new owner
 - ii. Acquisition of new fuel
 - iii. Hiring of new/prior staff

Unified Work Plan

Twin Cities Area Transportation Study

DRAFT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Prepared By:

Southwest Michigan Planning Commission

In Cooperation With:

Twin Cities Area Transportation Study

Technical Advisory & Policy Committees

FISCAL YEAR 2023

October 1, 2022-September 30, 2022



RESOLUTION 2022-1

TO APPROVE THE TWIN CITIES AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023

WHEREAS, the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission (SWMPC) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Twin Cities Area Transportation Study (TwinCATS) according to the provisions of 23 U.S.C. 134, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the SWMPC has designated the Twin Cities Area Transportation Study (TwinCATS) Policy Committee, the Committee responsible for the development of a Unified Planning Work Program (UWP) for the designated MPO planning area; and

WHEREAS, the TwinCATS Policy Committee has approved the Unified Planning Work Program (UWP) for the designated MPO planning area; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2023 Unified Planning Work Program has been developed pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 134, as amended, and Section 8(f) of the Federal Transit Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission approves the Twin Cities Area Transportation Study Unified Planning Work Program for Fiscal Year 2023.

Roseann Marchetti, Chair
Southwest Michigan Planning Commission

Date

Unified Work Plan

Niles-Buchanan-Cass Area Transportation Study

DRAFT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Prepared By:

Southwest Michigan Planning
Commission

In Cooperation With:

Niles-Buchanan Cass
Area Transportation Study
Technical Advisory & Policy Committees

FISCAL YEAR 2023

October 1, 2022-September 30, 2023



RESOLUTION 2022-2

TO APPROVE THE NILES BUCHANAN CASS AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023

WHEREAS, the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission (SWMPC) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Niles Buchanan Cass Area Transportation Study (NATS) according to the provisions of 23 U.S.C. 134, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the SWMPC has designated the Niles Buchanan Cass Area Transportation Study (NATS) Policy Committee, the Committee responsible for the development of a Unified Planning Work Program (UWP) for the designated MPO planning area; and

WHEREAS, the NATS Policy Committee has approved the Unified Planning Work Program (UWP) for the designated MPO planning area; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2023 Unified Planning Work Program has been developed pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 134, as amended, and Section 8(f) of the Federal Transit Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission approves the Niles Buchanan Cass Area Transportation Study Unified Planning Work Program for Fiscal Year 2023.

Roseann Marchetti, Chair
Southwest Michigan Planning Commission

Date

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM



TWIN CITIES AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

SERVING THE
BENTON HARBOR – ST. JOSEPH URBANIZED AREA

DRAFT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

FY 2023-2026

Adopted by the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission on



RESOLUTION 2022-3

TO APPROVE THE TWIN CITIES AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (TwinCATS) FISCAL YEARS 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission is the state-designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Benton Harbor –St. Joseph Urbanized Area; and

WHEREAS, the Twin Cities Area Transportation Study (TwinCATS) is responsible for the development of a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Metropolitan Planning Organization; and

WHEREAS, the TIP is required by both the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration; and

WHEREAS, the TwinCATS Fiscal Years 2023-2026 TIP has been developed and certified in accordance with the requirements of 23 CFR 450 in cooperation with state and local officials, with opportunities for public involvement, review and input; and

WHEREAS, the TwinCATS FY 2023-2026 TIP meets the principles and intent of Environmental Justice; and

WHEREAS, the Federal and non-federal programmed expenditures in the TwinCATS FY 2023-2026 TIP are constrained with the amount of revenues expected to be available during the four-year period;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this the 21st day of June, 2022, that the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission finds the TwinCATS FY 2023-2026 TIP consistent with the goals of the TwinCATS 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan, fiscally constrained, conforms with Air Quality Standards and hereby approves the FY 2023-2026 TwinCATS Transportation Improvement Program.

Roseann Marchetti, Chair
Southwest Michigan Planning Commission

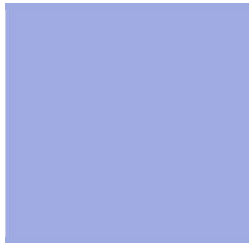
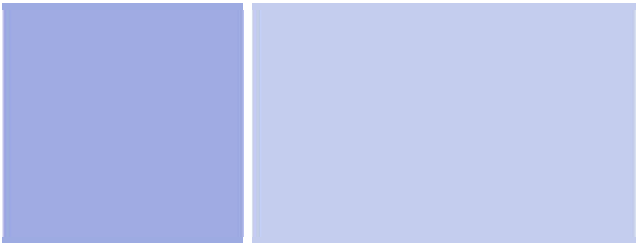
Date

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

2023-2026

Niles Buchanan Cass Urbanized Area

DRAFT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT





RESOLUTION 2022-4

TO APPROVE THE NILES-BUCHANAN-CASS AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (NATS) FISCAL YEARS 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission is the state-designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Niles – Buchanan – Cass Urbanized Area; and

WHEREAS, the Niles-Buchanan-Cass Area Transportation Study (NATS) is responsible for the development of a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Metropolitan Planning Organization; and

WHEREAS, the TIP is required by both the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration; and

WHEREAS, the NATS Fiscal Years 2023-2026 TIP has been developed and certified in accordance with the requirements of 23 CFR 450 in cooperation with state and local officials, with opportunities for public involvement, review and input; and

WHEREAS, the NATS FY 2023-2026 TIP meets the principles and intent of Environmental Justice; and

WHEREAS, the Federal and non-federal programmed expenditures in the NATS FY 2023-2026 TIP are constrained with the amount of revenues expected to be available during the four-year period;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this the 21st day of June, 2022, that the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission finds the NATS FY 2023-2026 TIP consistent with the goals of the NATS 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan, fiscally constrained, conforms with Air Quality Standards and hereby approves the FY 2023-2026 NATS Transportation Improvement Program.

Roseann Marchetti, Chair
Southwest Michigan Planning Commission

Date



RESOLUTION 2022-5

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS CERTIFICATION (for Nonattainment and Maintenance Areas)

In accordance with 23 CFR 450.334, the Michigan Department of Transportation, the Twin Cities Area Transportation Study (TwinCATS), and the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission, the Metropolitan Planning Organization for Benton Harbor-St. Joseph Michigan urbanized area, hereby certify, as part of the TIP submittal, that the transportation planning process is addressing the major issues in the metropolitan planning area and is being conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements of:

- I. 23 U.S.C. 134 and 135, 49 U.S.C. 5303 and 5304, and this part;
- II. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d-1) and 49 CFR part 21;
- III. 49 U.S.C. 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment or business opportunity;
- IV. Section 1101(b) of the FAST Act (Pub. L. 114-357) and 49 CFR part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in USDOT funded projects;
- V. 23 CFR part 230, regarding the implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts;
- VI. The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) and 49 CFR parts 27, 37, and 38;
- VII. The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101), prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance;
- VII. 23 U.S.C. 324, regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender; and
- IX. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 CFR part 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities.

Roseann Marchetti, Chair
Southwest Michigan Planning Commission

Date

Todd White, Administrator
Bureau of Transportation Planning

Date



RESOLUTION 2022-6

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS CERTIFICATION (for Nonattainment and Maintenance Areas)

In accordance with 23 CFR 450.334, the Michigan Department of Transportation, the Niles-Buchanan-Cass Area Transportation Study (NATS), and the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission, the Metropolitan Planning Organization for South Bend, IN - MI urbanized area, Michigan urbanized area, hereby certify, as part of the TIP submittal, that the transportation planning process is addressing the major issues in the metropolitan planning area and is being conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements of:

- I. 23 U.S.C. 134 and 135, 49 U.S.C. 5303 and 5304, and this part;
- II. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d-1) and 49 CFR part 21;
- III. 49 U.S.C. 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment or business opportunity;
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- VII. The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101), prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance;
- VII. 23 U.S.C. 324, regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender; and
- IX. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 CFR part 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities.

Roseann Marchetti, Chair
Southwest Michigan Planning Commission

Date

Todd White, Administrator
Bureau of Transportation Planning

Date



RESOLUTION 2022-7

TO ACCEPT THE CASS COUNTY TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY DETERMINATION REPORT FOR THE 1997 OZONE NAAQS

WHEREAS, on May 16, 2007 the United States Environmental Protection Agency has designated Cass County as Attainment/Maintenance for the 1997 8-hour ozone standard; and

WHEREAS, The Southwest Michigan Planning Commission Board is the designated regional planning agency for Cass County; and

WHEREAS, per the court decision in South Coast II, beginning February 16, 2019, transportation conformity determinations for the 1997 ozone national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) are required for areas that are in attainment for the 2008 and 2015 NAAQS but were in maintenance when the 1997 ozone NAAQS was revoked; and

WHEREAS, United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) transportation conformity rules establish the criteria and procedures for determining whether Metropolitan Long Range Transportation Plans (LRTP), Transportation Improvement programs (TIPS), and federally supported highway and transit projects conform to the State Implementation Plan (STIP) (40 CFR Parts 51.390 and 93 subpart A); and

WHEREAS the Transportation Conformity Determination Report for the 1997 Ozone NAAQS, published by the Michigan Department of Transportation on May 11, 2022, documents that the Niles—Buchanan-Cass-Area Transportation Study (NATS) 2023-2026 TIP, 2045 LRTP and the federally funded projects in rural portions of Cass County, meet the federal transportation conformity requirements;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission accepts the results of the Cass County Transportation Conformity Determination Report for the 1997 Ozone NAAQS.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION AND THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BY A VOTE OF THE SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN PLANNING COMMISSION ON JUNE 21, 2022

Roseann Marchetti, Chair
Southwest Michigan Planning Commission

Date



RESOLUTION 2022-8

TO APPROVE THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY ANALYSIS FOR THE BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN 2015 OZONE NAAQS NONATTAINMENT AREA

WHEREAS, on August 3, 2018, United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) designated Berrien County as a Nonattainment Area for the 2015 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS); and

WHEREAS, The Southwest Michigan Planning Commission Board is the designated regional planning agency for Berrien County; and

WHEREAS, United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) transportation conformity rules establish the criteria and procedures for determining whether Metropolitan Long Range Transportation Plans (LRTP), Transportation Improvement programs (TIPS), and federally supported highway and transit projects conform to the State Implementation Plan (STIP) (40 CFR Parts 51.390 and 93 subpart A); and

WHEREAS, transportation projects proposed for 2023-2045 in Berrien County, as contained within the Twin Cities Area Transportation Study (TwinCATS) 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement program (TIP), the Twin Cities Area Transportation Study (TwinCATS) TIP, and the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), were analyzed in accordance with 40 CFR 51 for air quality conformity; and

WHEREAS; the results of the Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the Berrien County, Michigan 2015 Ozone NAAQS Nonattainment Area, published by MDOT on May 11, 2022, show that VOC and NO_x emissions for Berrien County are currently below the maximum levels allowed by the County's emissions budget and are forecasted to remain below the allowed levels through 2045, thereby demonstrating conformity;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission accepts the results of the Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the Berrien County, Michigan 2015 Ozone NAAQS Nonattainment Area.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION AND THE

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BY A VOTE OF THE SOUTHWEST
MICHIGAN PLANNING COMMISSION ON JUNE 21, 2022

Roseann Marchetti, Chair
Southwest Michigan Planning Commission

Date