

FY 2014 NATS Obligated Projects Report

The Southwest Michigan Planning Commission (SWMPC) is pleased to present the FY 2014 list of obligated projects using federal transportation funds for the Niles-Buchanan-Cass Area Transportation Study (NATS). Among its other duties, SWMPC is tasked by federal transportation legislation with developing and managing the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the NATS Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The TIP is a short range implementation plan for the 20-year long transportation plan. The TIP contains a list of projects over a four year cycle. The current TIP runs from FY 2014-FY 2017. Fiscal year 2014 began October 1, 2013 and ended September 30, 2014.

When a project is entered in the TIP and approved by the Federal Highway Administration, it is simply a promise or pledge of federal funds, not a guarantee. Project applicants must still complete design work and obtain necessary permits to the satisfaction of the Michigan Department of Transportation's Local Agency Programs (MDOT LAP) guidelines. When Local Agency Programs verifies that all required tasks have been completed, the project is sent for "obligation." Obligation is the point at which federal funds are guaranteed to a specific project, provided that some construction expenditures are billed to MDOT within twelve months of obligation.

For public transit projects, obligation is the point at which a project authorization is issued by MDOT, allowing transit agencies to put the project out for bid from contractors.

It should be noted that in FY 2014, the state ran out of obligation authority---Michigan's ability to assign funds to specific projects--- in late July. At that point, any projects that were not obligated went unfunded in FY 2014, and it was up to the MPOs and the local agencies to either remove the unfunded projects from the TIP, or find funding in later years to obligate them. Project applicants are always strongly encouraged to obligate their projects early in the fiscal year to avoid these issues.

The list on Page 2 contains all projects in the NATS FY 2014-2017 that were obligated in FY 2014. Please note that this list does not contain projects that may have been obligated in earlier years but constructed during FY 2014. Similarly, just because a project was obligated in FY 2014, does not mean that construction has been completed as yet. Construction may take place in later fiscal years.

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Obligation of Federally Funded Transportation Projects in the NATS MPO— October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014

Implementing Agency	Project Phase	MDOT Job Number	Project Name and Limits	Description	Total Phase Cost	Federal Amount Programmed	Federal Funding Source	Federal Amount Obligated	Unobligated Funds
MDOT	PE	124309	M139 from M140 to Fairland Road	Resurfacing- Mill Existing & Multiple Course HMA Overlay	\$50,000	\$40,925	STP	\$40,925	\$0
MDOT	ROW	124018	M60 in Cassopolis and M60 BR in Niles	Resurfacing- Cold Milling and One Course HMA Overlay	\$11,000	\$9,004	STP	\$9,004	\$0
MDOT	CON	123999	M-62 at Elkhart Road	Traffic Ops- Installation of Special Cases	\$7,085	\$7,085	STG	\$7,747	\$0
MDOT	CON	124001	M-62 at US-12	Traffic Ops- Installation of Special Cases	\$7,747	\$7,747	STG	\$7,747	\$0
Cass County	CON	117387	Redfield St at Stateline Road	Install LED Stop signs	\$5,300	\$4,240	STH	\$4,225	\$15
City of Niles	CON	112105	17th St from Oak St to Eagle St	Resurfacing	\$194,300	\$159,000	STP	\$159,000	\$0
Cass County	CON	112864	Redfield St from Fir to Kline	Resurfacing	\$203,200	\$166,319	STP	\$164,005	\$2,314
Cass County	CON	112106	Bertrand St from Batchelor Road to 0.75 miles East	Resurfacing	\$94,000	\$75,200	STP	\$76,503	\$0
Berrien County	CON	112104	Third St from Bell to Fort and from US-12 to the State line	Resurfacing	\$90,000	\$72,000	STP	\$72,000	\$0
SWMPC	EPE	121145	Countywide Rideshare- Cass County	Rideshare Program	\$12,000	\$12,000	CMAQ	\$12,000	\$0
MDOT	CON	104152	M139 over St. Joseph River in Niles	Bridge Replacement	\$12,100,000	\$9,706,945	BRT	\$10,063,895	\$0
MDOT	CON	124309	M139 from M140 to Fairland Road	Resurfacing-Mill and Multi-Course Hot Mix Asphalt Overlay	\$2,330,000	\$1,907,105	STP	\$1,867,527	\$39,578
Niles Dial-A-Ride	T-Ops		Niles	Regular Operating Funds	\$108,572	\$108,572	5307	\$108,572	0