

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Federal Guidance on Participation

Building off the Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) legislation, the transportation reauthorization bill Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) continues to support previous federal public participation guidelines. The provisions that were set forth in SAFETEA-LU are as follows:

1. Representatives of users of pedestrian walkways, bicycle transportation facilities, the disabled are specifically added as parties to be provided with the opportunity to participate in the statewide and metropolitan planning processes.
2. To enhance the public participation process, the State department of transportation (DOT) and MPO should conduct public meetings at convenient and accessible locations at convenient times; employ visualization techniques to describe plans; and make public information available in an electronically accessible format such as on the Web.
3. The MPO is to develop a participation plan in consultation with interested parties that provides reasonable opportunities for all parties to comment.

SWMPC's Commitment to Public Participation

1. Public involvement is an important element of a high quality transportation planning process;
2. Effective transportation planning must include the participation of those whose everyday lives are critically affected by how they are able to get to work, home, school, shopping, and services;
3. It is essential to ask for public participation, not just wait for it. It is essential to respect and seriously consider input that is received, not just collect it;
4. Informing and educating the public about transportation planning issues and the transportation planning process is key to obtaining good quality public input; and
5. Additional emphasis should be placed on involving persons and groups typically under-represented in transportation planning or with special transportation needs, including low-income, minority, elderly, and disabled populations.

NATS intends to use the standards set forth in SAFETEA-LU, now MAP-21, as the basis for its public participation program, expanding on them to better meet the needs of the residents in the Niles-Buchanan-Cass Area Transportation Study.

MPO Commitment to Public Participation

The MPO is committed to engaging the public in varied and useful ways to garner as much public feedback as possible. The purpose of the Public Participation Plan (PPP) is to set forth the standard expectations and procedures for public involvement in this region's transportation planning process. This document similarly presents opportunities for the MPO to expand and enhance public engagement as needed to support our decision making processes. The success of any effort to develop plans for the maintenance and improvement of the transportation system is directly related to the general public support given to the development of the system. Individuals must be given the opportunity to put their beliefs, opinions, and

values into the overall plan. As representative bodies, the NATS committees must actively solicit the ideas and comments of the people they serve.

NATS Public Participation Plan

The NATS MPO updated its Public Participation Plan in April of 2012. This document is available online at <http://www.swmpc.org/participation.asp> or by contacting SWMPC staff for a hard copy (contact information is found below). The Public Participation Plan outlines the methods staff will use to publicize activities and to seek input and comments on all the major transportation documents, including the LRTP, TIP, UWP, and the Public Participation Plan itself. The following is a partial list of those means:

- Regular MPO Committee meetings
- Special meetings held by the MPO
- SWMPC quarterly meetings
- SWMPC website
- Presentations to local organizations
- Newspaper advertisements and articles
- Direct mailings
- Radio broadcasts
- Bi-weekly transportation email updates from the MPO

In general, the NATS transportation planning process is designed to be open to the public. Each month, on the fourth Tuesday, the TAC and Policy Committees meet at 1:30 and 2:30 p.m., respectively, to discuss projects and other items related to transportation in the region. Both committees meet at the City Council Chambers located at **1345 E. Main St., Niles, MI 49120**. The Committee meetings are always open to the public and provide for routine public comment on the agenda.

Agenda packets and announcements for regularly-scheduled NATS meetings are distributed to all members approximately seven calendar days before the meeting. Bi-weekly email messages are sent to Committee members, interested citizens, and other identified members of the public that transportation would impact. Meeting information is also posted on the SWMPC website at <http://www.swmpc.org/nats.asp> or by contacting the SWMPC at:

Southwest Michigan Planning Commission
185 East Main Street, Suite 701
Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022
Phone: (269) 925-1137
Fax: (269) 925-0288
www.swmpc.org/transportation.asp

In the event that a member of the public is unable to attend a meeting, the transportation staff at the SWMPC is available to discuss transportation issues by e-mail, letter, telephone, or in person.

Other general outreach activities include sending announcements and notices of proposed local transportation actions, MDOT public meetings, and other transportation-related events to local governments, local media, libraries, and town halls and posting them on the SWMPC website. In addition, the SWMPC publishes a quarterly newsletter (e-mailed and mailed to over 900 contacts) that includes NATS transportation news. Transportation staff members are also available to speak at community organization meetings or related functions throughout the year. Environmental justice regulations ensure the inclusion of a number of partners in touch with under-represented populations, and these efforts are further described in the Environmental Justice section of this document.

LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

A LRTP is a long-term look at the priorities and objectives for the region, and is updated every four years in non-attainment and maintenance areas (such as NATS). According to the 2011 Public Participation Plan, the SWMPC must obtain public input on the list of goals and objectives, on the list of proposed priority projects, and on the draft document as a whole. Efforts to acquire this input are described below.

Long Range Plan Development

- Public Participation Plan – The principle document was reviewed, amended, and adopted in 2011. A later review and update was conducted in 2012 with specific attention paid to the development of targets for the MPO to achieve in the area of public participation and engagement. Table 2 outlines the targets set by the MPO.
- Table 2, *Public Participation Plan Goals Matrix*, outlines the strategy that the MPO staff have in place to improve participation with the public. The table highlights those areas that the MPO staff will complete in the next 12-24 months (High), 24-36 months (Medium), and 36-48 months (Low).

Table 2 - Public Participation Plan Goals

1. Visibility – Raise the Awareness of the MPOs and Their Role in Regional Transportation Planning		
<i>Priority</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Measures</i>
High	1.1 Build contact list of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Area churches in the MPO planning region, with specific focus on environmental justice region. Human service agencies and organizations Senior centers/agencies Disability groups Schools in the planning region 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check to see if lists are created. Check the lists for accuracy and completeness.
High	1.2 Create a display explaining the role of MPO transportation planning to place in locations throughout the region.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Count the number of communities the display in. Count the number of public comments received before and after the placement of displays
High	1.3 Partner with agencies/organizations at community events to discuss transportation planning with the public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Count the number of agencies and organizations partnered with and the number of different events at which MPO transportation materials are presented and discussed.

2. Engagement – Continuously Involve the Public in the Transportation Planning Process		
<i>Priority</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Measure</i>
High	2.1 Issue frequent press releases to area newspapers regarding the efforts of the MPOs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Count the number of press releases sent and printed.
High	2.2 Send twice-monthly emails regarding the efforts of the MPOs to a complete transportation contacts list, which should include all interested individuals.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verify the transmission of twice-monthly emails. Check the email contact list for accuracy and completeness.

High	2.3 Produce flyers and other publications regarding the efforts of the MPOs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Count the total number of flyers or other publications produced. Count the number of locations flyers are distributed in, paying special attention to organizations like churches and senior centers.
High	2.4 Maintain the MPOs' websites, ensuring accurate meeting notices, MPO work program timelines, and notification of events and public input opportunities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check the website at least monthly, making sure that all information is accurate and complete.
High	2.5 Respond to public comments received via email, phone, and written message.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check for timely response, made in the same form as the message was received (i.e., phone calls are returned, emails are replied to, and written messages are sent a return letter).
High	2.6 Maintain the SWMPC Facebook page by posting transportation related articles or opportunities of interest at least once weekly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check the frequency of transportation-related Facebook updates. Monitor the number of Facebook followers, and check for growth.
Medium	2.7 Utilize civic /community/religious present information to with their memberships and to gain feedback.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Count the total number of presentations and input meetings held at such organizations. Count the number of organizations reached out to and partnered with.
Medium	2.8 Develop procedure for responding to official public input that is transparent and can be recorded.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check that public input is compiled and prominently displayed on the SWMPC website Check that press releases and/or emails are sent, explaining how public input has been incorporated into transportation documents.

3. Notification – Notify the Public When Key Decisions Are Being Made and Provide Opportunities for Comment

Priority	Activity	Measure
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High	3.1 Utilize displays, flyers, the official website, personal invitations, and emails to provide notification of important events.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep sign in sheets to track number of attendees at events. • Use Google Analytics to track the total number of website views on transportation pages. • Keep track of the total number of flyers printed and distributed.
High	3.2 Display all meeting materials, such as agendas, minutes, and handouts, on the appropriate SWMPC website no less than 5 days in advance of the meeting date.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor the date of important events, and make note of whether meeting materials have been posted appropriately.

4. Communication – Engage With Citizens About Transportation Topics in Ways That Are Informative and Understandable

<i>Priority</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Measure</i>
High	4.1 Ensure that all communications and MPO plans are presented in a format understood by citizens, with written materials that do not surpass an eighth grade reading level.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage feedback from citizens about their ability to understand material, and note their difficulty.
Medium	4.2 Create standing citizen-involved subcommittees that focus on transportation topics such as freight, rail, and bicycling/walking.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make note of the number of subcommittees created.
Low	4.3 Create public service announcements or informational videos regarding various transportation topics.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make note of the number of announcements or videos created.
High	4.4 Continue to utilize Facebook postings to communicate with people regarding various transportation topics.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Count the number of Facebook postings, as well as the number of interactions within postings.
High	4.5 Use maps, graphs, and other pictorial representation techniques to communicate various transportation issues more clearly to citizens.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Track the number of informational displays made available to the public.

5. Cultivation – Educate Incoming MPO Board Members and Advisory Committee Members About MPO Functions, Responsibilities, and Programs; Educate Regional High School-aged Children About the Internal Function of MPOs

<i>Priority</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Measure</i>
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Low	6.1 Create a manual for MPO board members detailing the workings of MPOs and their specific responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make note of the steps to create a manual (such as the formation of a subcommittee in charge of its guidance), as well as the existence of a finished manual.
High	6.2 Contact high school students regarding opportunities for internships with the MPO.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make note of inquiries from prospective interns. Make note of number of regional outreach efforts.

6. Facilitation – Make It Easy for All Citizens to Get Involved in Transportation Activities and To Be Heard

<i>Priority</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Measure</i>
Low	6.1 Create of a citizen advisory committee that looks at barriers to public participation and possible solutions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check for the existence of such a committee.
High	6.2 Encourage MPO member organizations to advertise dates and locations of transportation-related meetings through websites, newsletters, flyers, emails.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Count the organizations that regularly post this information Keep track of the methods by which organizations advertise events
Low	6.3 Have citizen representatives on the MPO Policy Committees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Track the number of citizen representatives holding voting positions on the committees
Low	6.4 Make meetings available to citizens through recordings or webcast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Track the number of meetings made available in video or audio form, either live or recorded on displayed on the SWMPC website.

7. Accessibility – Hold Meetings at Convenient Times and Accessible Locations

<i>Priority</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Measure</i>
High	7.1 Develop list of potential meeting locations that are on fixed bus routes and accessible by people who may walk or bike.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check that list is generated, and that it is accurate and complete
Medium	7.2 Partner with agencies holding community events to provide information and gain input in accessible places.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess the transportation accessibility at partnered events.
Medium	7.3 Hold transportation meetings and other input sessions at a variety of times, both daytime and evening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Track the times of public transportation events.

8. Compliance – Meet or Exceed the Spirit, Intent, and Requirements of MPO and Other Local, State, and Federal Statutes and Regulations		
<i>Priority</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Measure</i>
High	9.1 Annually review the public participation plan for effectiveness.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check that annual review has been completed.
Low	9.2 Distribute a public survey every other year to help determine what works with the public participation plan and what needs improvement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check that surveys have been distributed. • Count the number of survey responses and tally the results.

- **Goals and Objectives** - SWMPC staff conducted an initial review of the goals and objectives contained in the 2035 LRTP, there were two public input sessions with members of the public held on October 12, 2011 and October 19, 2011, continuous discussions at MPO Committee meetings were held in 2012 and 2013, which are open to the public, noticed by a yearly legal notice, and are also communicated via bi-weekly email communications to over 700 transportation stakeholders, staff reviewed federal regulations and state transportation documents for changes in policy, and the NATS Policy Committee approved the goals and objectives in January 2013.
- **Base Year and Future Year Socioeconomic Data** – Base year data was reviewed in 2011 as the U.S. Census information was released. A careful and detailed review of the three primary factors (population, employment, and households) was done with assistance from MDOT and Committee members. Future socioeconomic data review was done throughout 2012 with the same assistance as the base year data.
- **Plan Sections** – Once the goals and objectives were approved, SWMPC staff began drafting sections of the plan and brought those sections of the plan to the Committee members each month. The sections were conditionally approved until the final version of the plan was presented to the Committee members.
- **Public Input** – Public input was sought throughout the entire plan development.
 - Monthly MPO meetings provided one regularly scheduled means for which the public could comment on the plan development.
 - Three open house forums were held during the months of March, April, and May of 2013. Legal notices were sent regarding these forums.
 - Staff encouraged participation by various means throughout the process by utilizing bi-weekly emails to over 700 interested people, legal notices, flyers and postcards mailed to schools and community churches in the MPO area.

- In February 2013, a legal notice was sent to local media indicating that public comment was sought on the Goals and Objectives, Introduction, and Multi-Modal sections of the long range plan (See Appendix F for copy of all long range plan legal notices). This cycle was repeated throughout the planning process, to allow the public additional notice of their opportunity to comment on planning sections and other opportunities for them to comment at regularly scheduled meetings, or by providing comments via mail, fax, or email to the MPO staff. Until the plan is approved by FHWA, FTA, and MDOT, the MPO continued to accept public comments on the plan.

L RTP PROJECTS

Notices indicating a public comment period for the L RTP projects were sent via e-mail, postal mail, and Facebook (see Appendix F for copy of notices) to local media, local governments, schools, human service organizations, and members of the general public, all from the SWMPC contacts database. The formal comment period began April 20-April 29, 2013. The notice to the public contained detailed dates, times, and locations of the meetings at which public comment on the L RTP projects would be accepted, and described how to comment on the L RTP projects if meeting attendance was not an option. The public had the opportunity to comment in person at a special meeting held on April 19, 2013 where the projects were put out for the official public comment period. The public also had an opportunity to provide comments at the NATS Joint TAC and Policy Committee meeting held on April 30, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. at the Niles City Council Chambers or by submitting an email, phone call, fax, or mail to Transportation Staff at the SWMPC.

The Tables 3-4 lists the current L RTP projects and the Illustrative List of Projects. The Illustrative List highlights those projects in the region that are still important to the MPO but did not receive funding through the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program cycle.

Table 3 – 2014-2017 Project Listing

Fiscal Year	County	Responsible Agency	Project Name	Limits	Length	Primary Work Type	Project Description	Phase	Advance Construct	Federal Cost (\$1000s)	Federal Fund Source	State Cost (\$1000s)	State Fund Source	Local Cost (\$1000s)	Local Fund Source	Total Phase Cost (\$1000s)	MDOT Job No.	Air Quality	Total Project Cost
2014	BERRIEN	Berrien County	Red Bud Trail, Third St, and	Red Bud Trail from Buchanan	6.15	Resurface	Hot patching and single	CON		72	STU			18	CNTY	90000	112104	Exempt	100
2014	CASS	Cass County	Redfield St	Fir to Kline	1.27	Resurface	HMA (hot mix asphalt)	CON		166	STU			37	CNTY	203200	112864	Exempt	203
2014	CASS	Cass County	Elkhart Rd	From Redfield to May St.	1.33	Resurface	Partial Milling and Total	CON	ACC	11	STU					11417	112107	Exempt	175
2014	BERRIEN	MDOT	M-139	(Main Street) over St.	0.14	Bridge replacement	Bridge replacement	CON	AC	4,531	BRT	1,133	M			5664000	104152	Exempt	7,188
2014	BERRIEN	MDOT	US-31	at Niles Buchanan Road,	0	Roadside Facility	Expand existing lot to add	PE			ST		M				113932	NA	
2014	BERRIEN	Niles	Seventeenth St	Oak St to Eagle St	0.51	Resurface	Resurface	CON		159	STU			35	CITY	194300	112105	Exempt	233
2014	BERRIEN	Niles	Sycamore St	Thirteenth St to Seventeenth	0.49	Resurface	Cold mill and resurface,	CON		101	STU			22	CITY	123000	100024	Exempt	148
2014	Berrien	Niles Dial A Ride	Free fare days	Niles area	0	Transit operations	Free Fare Days - This project will	T-ops		2	CM	1	CTF			2500	118114	Exempt	3
2014	BERRIEN	Niles Dial-a-Ride	Maintenance Software	Niles area		Transit maintenance	Purchase maintenance	T-Cap		2	5307	1	CTF			2500		Exempt	3
2014	BERRIEN	Niles Dial-a-Ride	Parking Lot	Niles area		Transit facility	Fill cracks, reseal, and restripe	T-Cap										Exempt	
2014	BERRIEN	Niles Dial-a-Ride	Preventative Maintenance	Niles area		Transit maintenance	Preventative maintenance	T-Cap		100	5307	16	CTF	9	TRAL	125000		Exempt	125
2014	BERRIEN	Niles Dial-a-Ride	Trolley Façade	Niles area		Transit maintenance	Refinish trolley wood	T-Cap										Exempt	
2014	BERRIEN	Niles Dial-a-Ride	Replacement Computers	Niles area		Transit operations equipment	Purchase and install up to 2	T-Cap		6	5307	1	CTF	1	TRAL	8000		Exempt	8
2014	BERRIEN	Niles Dial-a-Ride	Replacement Bus	Niles area		Transit vehicle additions/r	Replace one diesel cutaway	T-Cap		72	5307	12	CTF	6	TRAL	90338		Exempt	90
2014	BERRIEN	Niles Dial-a-Ride	Operating Assistance	Niles area		Transit operations	Public transit operations	T-Ops		85	5307	174	CTF	167	TRAL	426350		Exempt	426,350

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2014	Cass	Rideshare	Countywide	Countywide	0	Miscellaneous	Southwest MI Planning	EPE		12	CMG	0				12000	116815	Exempt	12
2015	BERRIEN	Berrien County	Range Line Road, Lake Street and	Range Line Road from Walton	5.1	Resurface	Hot mix patching and seal	CON		77	STU	0		17	CNTY	94	120689	N	41422
2015	BERRIEN	Berrien County	Madron Lake, North	Madron Lake from Warren	5.7	Resurface	Hot mix patching and seal	CON		77	STU	0		17	CNTY	94	120690	N	41422
2015	BERRIEN	Niles	Broadway	Fifth to Tenth	0.3	Resurface	Cold Mill and Resurface	CON		100	STU	0		23	CITY	122737	120686	N	122737
2015	CASS	Cass County	Adamsville Road	Stateline to May	1.5	Restore & Rehabilitate	Restore and Rehabilitate	CON		246	STU	0		54	CNTY	300	120687	N	41422
2015	Berrien	Niles Dial-A-Ride	Operating Assistance	Niles area		Transit operations	Public transit operations			\$ 85,000	5307	\$174,000	CTF	\$167,350	TRAL	426350		\$426,350	426350
2015	Berrien	Niles Dial-A-Ride	Preventive Maintenance	Niles area		Transit maintenance	Preventive maintenance			\$101,000	5307	\$ 16,413	CTF	\$ 8,837	TRAL	126250		\$126,250	126250
2015	Berrien	Niles Dial-A-Ride	Replacement Bus	Niles area		Transit vehicle additions/r	Replace one cutaway			\$ 56,000	5307	\$ 9,100	CTF	\$ 4,900	TRAL	70000		\$ 70,000	70000
2015	BERRIEN	Berrien Bus	Rural Operating Funds	Rural portion of NATS MPO		Transit operations	Public transit operations			\$ 23,746	5311	\$ 23,746	CTF			47492			\$ 47,492
2015	Berrien	City of Buchanan	Bus Replacement	Buchanan area		Transit vehicle rehabilitation	Replace 2 small cutaway			\$105,280	CMG	\$ 26,320	M			131600		\$131,600	131600
2016	BERRIEN	Berrien County	Bertrand, Third and State Line	Bertrand Road from US 31 to	5.1	Resurface	Hot mix patching and seal	CON		77	STU	0		17	CNTY	94	120685	N	41422
2016	BERRIEN	Berrien County	Galien-Buchanan, Bakertown	Galien-Buchanan from Boyle	5.5	Resurface	Hot mix patching and seal	CON		77	STU	0		17	CNTY	94	120688	N	41422
2016	BERRIEN	Buchanan	Red Bud Trail	South City limit to Front St.	0.5	Resurface	Cold milling and resurfacing	CON		254	STU	0		63	CITY	317	120695	N	41422
2016	BERRIEN	MDOT	US-31 NB	at Niles Buchanan Road	0	Roadside Facility	Expand and resurface	CON		45	ST	10	M	0		55	113735		55000
2016	CASS	Cass County	Fir Road	Stateline to Redfield	0.5	Resurface	HMA overlay with	CON		40	STU	0		9	CNTY	49	120693	N	49000
2016	CASS	Cass County	Fir Road	Redfield to US 12	1	Resurface	HMA overlay with	CON		18	STU	0		22	CNTY	40490	120694	N	40490

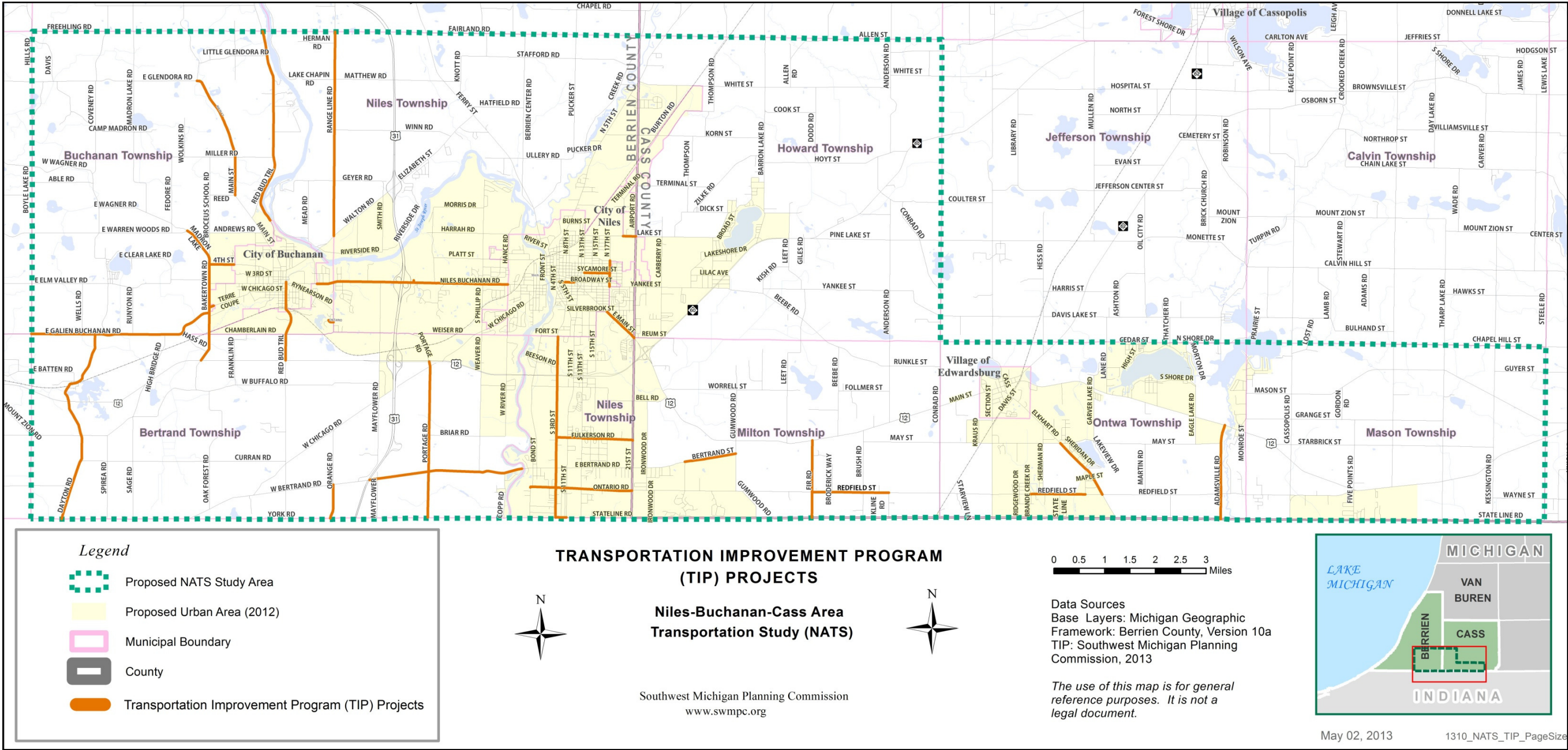
Fiscal Year	County	Responsible Agency	Project Name	Limits	Length	Primary Work Type	Project Description	Phase	Advance Construct	Federal Cost (\$1000s)	Federal Fund Source	State Cost (\$1000s)	State Fund Source	Local Cost (\$1000s)	Local Fund Source	Total Phase Cost (\$1000s)	MDOT Job No.	Air Quality	Total Project Cost
2016	CASS	Cass County	Adamsville Road	May Street to US 12	0.4	Restore & Rehabilitate	Crush and shape	CON		61	STU	0		13	CNTY	74	120696	N	74000
2016	Berrien	Niles Dial-A-Ride	Operating Assistance	Niles area		Transit operations	Public transit operations			\$ 85,000	5307	\$174,000	CTF	\$167,350	TRAL	426350		\$426,350	426350
2016	Berrien	Niles Dial-A-Ride	Preventive Maintenance	Niles area		Transit maintenance	Preventive maintenance			\$101,000	5307	\$ 16,413	CTF	\$ 8,837	TRAL	126250		\$126,250	126250
2016	Berrien	Niles Dial-A-Ride	Software Upgrades	Niles area		Transit operations equipment	Purchase scheduling software			\$ 2,000	5307	\$ 325	CTF	\$ 175	TRAL	2500		\$ 2,500	2500
2016	Berrien	Niles Dial-A-Ride	Parking Lot	Niles area		Transit facility	Fill crakes, reseal, and restripe			\$ 7,200	5307	\$ 1,170	CTF	\$ 630	TRAL	9000		\$ 9,000	9000
2016	BERRIEN	Berrien Bus	Rural Operating Funds	Rural portion of NATS MPO		Transit operations	Public transit operations			\$ 23,746	5311	\$ 23,746	M			47492			\$ 47,492
2017	BERRIEN	Berrien County	Dayton, Orange, Third,	Dayton from US 12 to State	5.9	Resurface	Hot mix patching and seal	CON		77	STU	0		17	CNTY	94	120683	N	94000
2017	BERRIEN	Niles	Sycamore St	13th to 17th	0.5	Resurface	resurface	CON		101	STU	0		22	CITY	123	120692	N	123000
2017	CASS	Cass County	Redfield St	Brande Creek to Oak	1.1	Restore & Rehabilitate	Mill and structural overlay	CON		307	STU	0		68	CNTY	375	120691	N	375000
2017	Berrien	Niles Dial-A-Ride	Operating Assistance	Niles area		Transit operations	Public transit operations			\$ 85,000	5307	\$174,000	CTF	\$167,350	TRAL	426350		\$426,350	426350
2017	Berrien	Niles Dial-A-Ride	Preventive Maintenance	Niles area		Transit maintenance	Preventive maintenance			\$101,000	5307	\$ 16,413	CTF	\$ 8,837	TRAL	126250		\$126,250	126250
2017	Berrien	Niles Dial-A-Ride	Replacement Bus	Niles area		Transit vehicle additions/r	Replace one cutaway			\$ 56,000	5307	\$ 9,100	CTF	\$ 4,900	TRAL	70000		\$ 70,000	70000
2017	BERRIEN	Berrien Bus	Rural Operating Funds	Rural portion of NATS MPO		Transit operations	Public transit operations			\$ 23,746	5311	\$ 23,746	M			47492		47492	\$ 47,492
2014*	CASS	Cass County	Bertrand Rd	Batchelor Rd to Gumwood	1.04	Resurface	Resurface	CON		81	STU			18	CNTY	99320	112106		99
2015	Berrien	City of Niles Dial-A-Ride	Replacement Tires	Niles area		Transit maintenance	Purchase replacement tires			\$ 3,840	5307	\$ 624	CTF	\$ 336	CITY	4800		\$ 4,800	4800
2015	Berrien	City of Buchanan	Buchanan Dial-A-Ride	Buchanan area		Transit operations	Three-bus demand-response			\$ 25,821	5311	\$ 79,979	CTF	\$101,998	CITY	207798		\$207,798	207798

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2015	Berrien	MDOT	US-31 NB	at Niles Buchanan Road,	0	Roadside facility	Expand existing lot to add	PE		6	ST	1	M			7000	113735	62000	
2016	Berrien	City of Buchanan	Buchanan Dial-A-Ride	Buchanan area		Transit operations	Three-bus demand- response			\$ 25,821	5311	\$ 79,979	CTF	\$101,998	CITY	207798		\$207,798	207798
2017	Berrien	City of Buchanan	Buchanan Dial-A-Ride	Buchanan area		Transit operations	Three-bus demand- response			\$ 25,821	5311	\$ 79,979	CTF	\$101,998	CITY	207798		\$207,798	207798
2017	Berrien	Berrien County Road	Niles- Buchanan and Red	Niles- Buchanan Road from	4.9	Resurface	hot mix asphalt and seal	CON		77	Surface Transporta tion	0		17	Local - County (BCRC)			93952	

Table 4 - Illustrative Listing of Projects

FY	County	Responsible Agency	Project Name	Limits	Length	Primary Work Typ	Project Description Summary	Phase	Advance Construct	Federal Amount	Federal Fund Source	State Amount	Local Amount	Local Fund Source	Total Project Cost
2017	Cass	CCRC	Mason Street	Calvin Center Road to Porter Township Line	3.8	Restore & rehabilitate	HMA Overlay, partial Maintenance partial Structural	CON	No	\$ 353,290	STP - Urban Areas > 200,000 Population	0	\$ 78,340	Other Local Funds (CCRC)	\$ 431,630
2015	Berrien	City of Buchanan	River Street	Enterprise drive to the bridge over the St. Joseph River.	0.2	Resurface	HMA base crushing and shaping and resurfacing of River Street a distance of 1,000', including miscellaneous curb and gutter replacement, and sub grade under drains. The roadway through this area is experiencing moderate transverse cracking and minor sub base failures.	CON	No	\$ 135,200	Surface Transportation Program (STP) - Any Area	0	\$ 33,800	Local - City (City of Buchanan)	\$ 208,300
2015	Cass	CCRC	Bertrand Street	Batchelor Road to Gumwood Road	1	Resurface	HMA Overlay with Shoulders and Striping	CON	No	\$ 81,293	STP - Urban Areas > 200,000 Population	0	\$ 18,027	Other Local Funds (CCRC)	\$ 99,320
2017	Cass	CCRC	Redfield Street	Batchelor Road to Gumwood Road	1	Resurface	HMA Overlay with Shoulders and Striping	CON	No	\$ 85,975	STP - Urban Areas > 200,000 Population	0	\$ 19,065	Other Local Funds (CCRC)	\$ 105,040

Map 2 - FY 2014-2017 TIP Projects



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Notices indicating a public comment period for the LRTP draft were sent via e-mail and postal mail (see Appendix F for copy of notices) to local media, local governments, schools, human service organizations, and some members of the general public, all from the SWMPC contacts database. The formal comment period began May 29, 2013-June 8, 2013. The notice to the public contained detailed dates, times, and locations of the meetings at which public comment on the LRTP draft would be accepted, and described how to comment on the LRTP draft if meeting attendance was not an option.