



SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN PLANNING COMMISSION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Southwest Michigan Planning Commission

FROM: K. John Egelhaaf

DATE: April 3, 2019

RE: Staff Report for the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission April 16, 2019

Office Updates

A. Staff Presentations

- a. Kris Martin: Indiana Michigan River Valley Trail Extension Kick Off – Love Creek Nature Center
- b. Marcy Hamilton:
 - i. Citizen Planner – Berrien Springs
 - ii. Ox Creek – Benton Harbor

B. Training

- a. Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER)
 - i. Brandon Kovnat, Mark Gallagher, Linda Douglas
- b. JobNet – MDOT’s New Digital Process for Recording Transportation Projects
 - i. Kim Gallagher, Brandon Kovnat
- c. Michigan Association of Planning Transportation Bonanza
 - i. John Egelhaaf, Kris Martin
- d. Participant Statistical Areas Program (PSAP) US Census
 - i. Jill Plescher

Project Updates

A. Twin Cities Harbor

- a. Continued Follow-Up From Sept & Oct. 2018 Charrette
- b. Special Interest Group Meetings to Narrow “Preferred Alternative” Vision
- c. Collaboration
 - i. Office of the Great Lakes, Harbor Conservancy, DNR, MI Sea Grant...

B. Ten Cents a Meal

- a. Cultivate Michigan Summit – first event in the promotion
- b. Connected Farmers/Suppliers to Institutional Buyers
 - i. Bangor March 26th

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Project Updates

C. Regional Prosperity Initiative (RPI)

- a. **Integrated Infrastructure Asset Management**
- b. **Coordination Between Michigan Infrastructure Council (MIC), Transportation Asset Management Council (TAMC), & Water Asset Management Council (WAMC), Michigan Association of Regions (MAR)**
 - i. **Developing process to most efficiently manage infrastructure & coordinate multiple projects across each fiscal year**
 - ii. **Egelhaaf involved in as one of three directors on coordination team**
- c. **RPI 2020 Funding – Not in Governor’s Budget**
 - i. **Egelhaaf part of a MAR team building a new version of RPI**
 - ii. **Author of a white paper explaining role of regional planning in asset management**

D. Transportation Asset Management

- a. **Soon to Schedule Region-Wide PASER Road Ratings on Federal Aid-Eligible Roads**
- b. **Local Road Ratings**
 - i. **Counties, Cities, Villages, etc can request funding for local PASER road ratings**
 - ii. **SWMPC is developing strategy to determine how to select local requests**