



SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN PLANNING COMMISSION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Southwest Michigan Planning Commission

FROM: K. John Egelhaaf

DATE: April 12, 2021

RE: Staff Report for the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission April 20, 2021

Project Updates

- A. SWMPC Community Planning Projects Currently in Process (not a complete list)
 - a. EDA CARES Act – Regional Economic Recovery Strategy
 - b. National Science Foundation SMART Cities
 - c. Infrastructure Asset Management – Partnership w/Michigan Infrastructure Council
 - d. Road Asset Management
 - e. Regional Food Brand
 - f. Housing Diagnostic Project
 - g. Indiana/Michigan River Valley Trail Extension
- B. EDA American Rescue Plan Act of 2021
 - a. A second infusion of funding to be flowing through EDA
 - b. Amounts available have yet to be determined.
 - c. Description of allowable projects has not yet been produced
 - d. SWMPC is asking potential applicants to develop projects in anticipation of the funding guidance
 - e. Previous round of funding was used up quickly, projects submitted early have the best chance for funding
- C. Road Asset Management - Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) System
 - a. SWMPC organizes annual ratings of Federal-Aid Eligible (FAE) roads
 - i. In typical years we rate 50% of all FAE roads in the region
 - ii. But 2020 & 2021 are not typical years
 - iii. In 2021 we will rate 100% of all FAE roads
 - b. Local road PASER Ratings
 - i. SWMPC currently considering requests for local road rating
- D. SWMPC Traffic Count Program
 - a. Previous SWMPC part-time seasonal staff turn-over
 - b. Building a new staffing approach (interns)
 - c. Currently receiving traffic count requests via SWMPC website