



## SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN PLANNING COMMISSION

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Southwest Michigan Planning Commission

FROM: K. John Egelhaaf

DATE: August 27, 2019

RE: Staff Report for the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission August 27, 2019

#### Office Updates

##### A. General

- a. Marcy Hamilton
  - i. Niles City – Pucker Street Dam Presentation – Niles
  - ii. Marquette Greenway meeting
- b. Brandon Kovnat
  - i. Air Quality Training - Lansing
- c. John Egelhaaf
  - i. Harwood Institute meeting w/United Way – Berrien RESA
  - ii. Edwardsburg Visioning meeting
  - iii. EDA University Center Showcase Presenter – Indianapolis
  - iv. Model Inventory of Roadway Elements (MIRE) Fundamental Data Elements (FDE) Committee meeting – Lansing
  - v. Cybersecurity meeting
  - vi. Nuclear Regulatory Admin webinar – Nuclear Plant Closure
- d. Kris Martin
  - i. WSBT TV interview – US 12 Garage Sale
- e. Kim Gallagher
  - i. Michigan Transportation Planning Association (MTPA) Financial Working Group
  - ii. MTPA Annual Meeting – Lansing
  - iii. Michigan Public Transportation Association (MPTA) Annual Meeting

#### Project Updates

- A. Seven County Non-Motorized Transportation Plan
  - a. Plan Production Phase
- B. SWMPC Website Revamp
  - a. 2020 Project
  - b. Additional Funding (\$55,000) Secured from MDOT – FY 2020

## **SWMPC Staff Report – August 27, 2019**

### **Project Updates**

- C. Economic Development District Planning Activities**
  - a. Annual Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Update
  - b. Palisades Nuclear Plant Closure – Economic Adjustment Strategy Planning
    - i. Opportunities for funding have renewed
    - ii. Meetings with critical EDA executives & closure consultants
    - iii. More activity to follow...
  
- D. Water Trail Planning**
  - a. Invitation to Submit “Love Your Community” grant through Berrien Community Foundation (\$50,000)
  - b. Water Trail Plans for all Paddling Waterways in Berrien County
    - i. Open the door for formal State Water Trail designation
  
- E. Regional Prosperity Initiative – 2019 Grant Distribution**
  - a. Orchestration of 2019 Grant Distribution that Further Prosperity Goals
  - b. Submissions due August 16<sup>th</sup>
  - c. Decisions September 5<sup>th</sup>