



SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN PLANNING COMMISSION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Southwest Michigan Planning Commission

FROM: K. John Egelhaaf

DATE: June 11, 2018

RE: Staff Report for the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission June 19, 2018

Office Updates

- A. Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Summer Intern
 - a. Walter Paul, Jr.
 - b. Ball State University
 - c. Army Veteran
 - d. Primary Focus – 7 County Non-Motorized Plan
- B. Researching New Time & Billing Software
 - a. Better Techniques for Billing
 - b. Better Reports on Expenses Against Budget
- C. Recent Training/Conferences Attended
 - Water Trails Website Training – KM
 - Culvert Asset Management Webinar – BK
 - State GIS Users Meeting – JP
 - Harbor Country Social Media Training – KM
 - EDA Grantee Grants Online Training Webinar – RF
 - St. Joseph River Basin Symposium – MH, KM
 - JobNet Training (MDOT) – BK, KG
 - Asset Management Spring Conference – BK
 - Eco-Action Conference - KM

Project Updates

- A. Governor's Infrastructure Asset Management Pilot
 - Final Report
https://www.michigan.gov/documents/snyder/asset_management_report_621264_7.pdf
 - Executive Summary
https://www.michigan.gov/documents/snyder/executive_summary_621265_7.pdf
 - Final Meeting of Advisory Committee 4/20/18

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B. Connect Berrien Transportation Study

- Final Phase – Report Expected in June

C. Imagine Cass

- Cassopolis Planning Collaboration w/MSU, MSUE
- Meeting Two Held 5/9/18

D. Barb Cook Celebration

- Appreciation for Barb Held 5/3/18
- KJE & Marcy Hamilton Attended
 - Both gave prepared presentations

E. Culvert Assessment Program

- Transportation Asset Management Council (TAMC) Partnership
- Van Buren, Cass, & Benton Harbor Will Participate
 - Three entities submitted applications to join the program
- Rate Culverts, SWMPC Processes Expenses

F. Twin Cities Harbor Vision

- Outgrowth from Twin Cities Harbor Study
- Late Summer Early Fall Vision Workshop
- Partnership with: Governor's Office, Office of the Great Lakes, Michigan Sea Grant, MSU Extension, National Charrette Institute, Michigan DNR
- Planning for Workshop Began June 7.

G. Chikaming Township Local Road Asset Management Plan

- Plan Likely to be Complete in Late June
- Excellent Collaboration with Berrien County Road Department, Chikaming Township, & SWMPC.