



## SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN PLANNING COMMISSION

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Southwest Michigan Planning Commission

FROM: K. John Egelhaaf

DATE: October 7, 2018

RE: Staff Report for the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission October 16, 2018

#### Office Updates

- A. 15 Under 15 Award
  - a. SWMPC Recognized as One of Top 15 Businesses Under 15 Employees in SW MI
  - b. Moody on the Market
  - c. Award Reception on October 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - d. “Businesses Making a Dynamic Difference in Southwest Michigan.”
- B. Stand Up Desks
  - a. Five Staff Now Have Desks that can Convert to Stand Up
  - b. Ongoing Effort to Optimize Work Environment
- C. McCrystal Group Executive Leadership Conference
  - a. September 24 & 25 Washington, D.C.
  - b. 16 Leaders from SW MI in Attendance
    - i. “Empowered Execution,”
    - ii. Team of Teams Philosophy
    - iii. Adaptable Leadership
  - c. Sessions Lead by Leaders from
    - i. Former Army Chief of Staff
    - ii. CIA
    - iii. U.S. Secret Service
    - iv. Seal Team 6 Trainer
- D. Michigan Association of Planning/Michigan Municipal League 2018 Conference
  - a. September 20-22
  - b. Outstanding Sessions & Colloquia
    - i. Empowering Communities to Set Their Own Destinies
    - ii. Amazon - Michigan’s Wake Up Call
    - iii. Leading Change vs Managing
    - iv. *The New Localism* – Bruce Katz
    - v. Trail Towns

## SWMPC Staff Report – October 16, 2018

### Project Updates

- A. Regional Prosperity Initiative – 2019 Grant Application
  - Seven-County Collaboration to Drive Regional Prosperity
  - This Year - Includes Additional Integrated Asset Management Component
  - \$70,000 Available to Drive the Integration of Infrastructure Data into Asset Management Context
  - Application Due October 15th
  
- B. National Science Foundation (NSF) Partnership w/University of Michigan
  - Smart and Connected Communities Grant
    - <https://www.smartcitiesdive.com/news/nsf-investment-smart-connected-communities-program/538990/>
  - Four Year Collaboration
  - Assist With a “Technological Bridge” Between Service Delivery, Data on Performance, & Administrative Course Correction
  - \$1.4 Million Total
    - \$40,000 SWMPC Portion
  
- C. Twin Cities Harbor Visioning Charrette
  - What Should Be the Community’s Vision for the Harbor?
  - Facebook @ <https://www.facebook.com/TwinCitiesHarborVC/>
    - October 9,10,11 Sessions
    - Final Presentations TBD December 2018 or January 2019
  - SWMPC Partnership with: Governor’s Office, Office of the Great Lakes, Michigan Sea Grant, MSU Extension, National Charrette Institute, Michigan DNR
  
- D. Buchanan Master Plan
  - Completed Sections:
    - Data Collection
    - Community Survey
  - Goals/Objectives Next
  
- E. Seven-County Non-Motorized Plan for SW MI
  - Plan will Show
    - Existing On-Road Non-Motorized Infrastructure
    - Major Off-Road Non-Motorized Trail Systems
    - Projected Infrastructure
  - Plan is the Byproduct of 1 ½ years of Data Collection & Community Meetings
  - To Be Completed in 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2019