



AGENDA

SWMPC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MEETING

9:30 am, Wednesday, January 18, 2023
Dowagiac Public Library
211 Commercial Street, Dowagiac, MI

1. **CALL TO ORDER** **Chair Roseann Marchetti**
Roll Call
2. **ACCEPTANCE AND/OR REVISION OF AGENDA**
3. **RESOLUTION 2023-1** **Kim Gallagher, Senior Planner**
TWINCATS LONG RANGE PLAN *Approve
https://www.swmpc.org/downloads/twincats_2050_long_range_plan_draft_for_public_comment.pdf
4. **RESOLUTION 2023-2** **Director Egelhaaf**
BERRIEN COUNTY AIR CONFORMITY ANALYSIS *Approve
https://www.swmpc.org/downloads/berrien_co_conformity_analysis_new_2050_lrtp_and_2045_lrtp_2023_01_03_draft_public_comment.pdf
5. **2023 OFFICERS NOMINATING COMMITTEE** **Chair Marchetti**
6. **2022 SWMPC AUDIT – SINGLE AUDIT** **Director Egelhaaf**
7. **ADJOURNMENT** **Chair Marchetti**

SWMPC Mission: Our team uses its passion and expertise to connect people, assist communities, and advance cooperative solutions to regional challenges experienced by the communities that created us.



RESOLUTION 2023-1 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TWIN CITIES AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY 2050 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Whereas, the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission (SWMPC) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Benton Harbor – St. Joseph Federal Aid Urban Area; and

Whereas, the SWMPC has designated the Twin Cities Area Transportation Study (TwinCATS) Technical Advisory and Policy Committees as the committees responsible for developing the Long Range Transportation Plan, the Transportation Improvement Program and all other transportation-related planning activities for the designated metropolitan planning area; and

Whereas, the TwinCATS 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan has been developed pursuant to provisions of the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA)

Whereas, the TwinCATS Long Range Transportation Plan identifies transportation facilities and activities that should function as an integrated metropolitan transportation system in conformity with the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration; and

Whereas, the TwinCATS Long Range Transportation Plan was analyzed for fiscal constraint of proposed projects and activities over a 27-year planning horizon, was developed through a process that included input from citizens, public agencies and other interested parties, and has demonstrated conformity with the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality; and

Whereas, the TwinCATS Long Range Transportation Plan has identified goals, objectives, policies, recommendations, strategies, and activities consistent with the goals and objectives of the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Whereas, the TwinCATS Policy Committee adopted the Long Range Transportation Plan on January 17, 2023 meeting and submitted it to the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission for approval.

Now therefore be it resolved, the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission board approves the 2050 Twin Cities Area Transportation Study Long Range Plan.

This action is taken pursuant to rules and regulations of the Federal Highway Administration and the Michigan Department of Transportation by vote of the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission, this the 18th day of January 2023.

RESOLVED ON THIS EIGHTEENTH DAY OF JANUARY 2023.

Roseann Marchetti, Chair

Date

Kristen Gundersen, Alternate Secretary

Date



**RESOLUTION 2023-2
RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE
FINDINGS OF AIR QUALITY
CONFORMITY ANALYSIS FOR THE
BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN 2015
OZONE NAAQS NONATTAINMENT
AREA**

WHEREAS, on August 3, 2018, United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) designated Berrien County as a Nonattainment Area for the 2015 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS); and

WHEREAS, The Southwest Michigan Planning Commission Board is the designated regional planning agency for Berrien County; and

WHEREAS, United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) transportation conformity rules establish the criteria and procedures for determining whether Metropolitan Long Range Transportation Plans (LRTP), Transportation Improvement programs (TIPS), and federally supported highway and transit projects conform to the State Implementation Plan (SIP) (40 CFR Parts 51.390 and 93 subpart A); and

WHEREAS, transportation projects proposed for 2023-2050 in Berrien County, as contained within the Twin Cities Area Transportation Study (TwinCATS) 2023-2050 LRTP, and Niles-Buchanan-Cass Area Transportation Study (NATS) 2045 LRTP and the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), were analyzed in accordance with 40 CFR 51 for air quality conformity; and

WHEREAS; the results of the Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the Berrien County, Michigan 2015 Ozone NAAQS Nonattainment Area, published by MDOT on January 3, 2023, show that VOC and NO_x emissions for Berrien County are currently below the maximum levels allowed by the County's emissions budget and are forecasted to remain below the allowed levels through 2050, thereby demonstrating conformity;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission accepts the results of the Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the Berrien County, Michigan 2015 Ozone NAAQS Nonattainment Area.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION AND THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BY A VOTE OF THE SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN PLANNING COMMISSION ON JANUARY 18, 2023

RESOLVED ON THIS EIGHTEENTH DAY OF JANUARY 2023.

Roseann Marchetti, Chair

Date

Kristen Gundersen, Alternate Secretary

Date