



AGENDA

FULL COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, August 16, 2022, 9:30 a.m.

Cass County Road Commission-Board Room

340 North O'Keefe Street

Cassopolis, MI 49031

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Roseann Marchetti

Pledge Allegiance
Roll Call

2. ACCEPTANCE AND/OR REVISION OF CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Meeting Agenda *
- b. Minutes of Commission Meeting, June 21, 2022 *
- c. Chairman's Report
- d. Treasurer's Report*

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT *Accept

K. John Egelhaaf

4. AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR EX. DIRECTOR EVALUATION

Chair Marchetti

Committee Assignments

5. SWMPC REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION WORK PLAN *Approve Dir. Egelhaaf

6. PLANNER PRESENTATION

Kris Martin – Associate Planner

The GEO Broadband Modelling Software

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

8. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

9. ADJOURNMENT

****enclosures***

Next meeting will be held October 18, 2022 at the Cass County Road Commission Board Room.

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.



Minutes

Southwest Michigan Planning Commission
FULL COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, June 21st, 2022, 9:30 a.m.

Meeting Held in Person at Cass County Road Commission

MEMBERS PRESENT (in person):

Marchetti, Roseann, Chair, Cass County Commissioner
Akinwale, Yemi, Treasurer, Berrien County Representative
Preston, Linda, Secretary, Cass County Representative
Gundersen, Kristen, Alternate Secretary, Berrien County Representative
Remus, Richard, Alternate Treasurer, Berrien County Representative
Catherman, Rick, Van Buren County Representative
Curran, Jim, Berrien County Commissioner
DeLong, Don, Cass County Representative
Dodd, James, Cass County Representative
Freehling, Teri Sue, Berrien County Commissioner
Hanson, Don, Van Buren County Commissioner
Hanson, Sandra, Van Buren County Representative
Newton, Matthew, Van Buren County Representative (arrived at 9:35 am)
Pantaleo, Paul, Berrien County Representative
Patterson-Gladney, Gail, Van Buren County Commissioner
Petersen, Jan, Van Buren County Representative
Stauffer, Dick, Berrien County Representative
Torzynski, Robert, Pokagon Band Representative
Tyler, Doug, Cass County Representative
Wood, Gary, Berrien County Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Doroh, Kurt, Vice Chair, Van Buren County Commissioner
Fette, Dan, Berrien County Representative
Stover, Jim, Berrien County Representative

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Roseann Marchetti called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and asked Don Hanson to lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Marchetti then welcomed our newest Board member, Rick Catherman. Catherman introduced himself and shared his background with the Board. Maria Vettraino completed a roll call and a quorum was present.

2. ACCEPTANCE AND/OR REVISION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Marchetti presented the Consent Agenda. Don Hanson moved to **“ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.”** Jim Dodd seconded, which carried unanimously.

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Egelhaaf invited the board members to ask for further detail on any portion of the report.

Teri Sue Freehling asked for more information on the collaboration with Southcentral Planning Council on the MEDC Application to be the Regional Broadband Navigator. Director Egelhaaf responded that in order to access funds from the Federal Government to solve Broadband gaps at the state level, the state has to submit a plan on how they will use the funds. He explained that each region is asked to have a Broadband Navigator to be the main channel of communication and help the locals understand all the moving parts and to connect with the state's broadband office. Egelhaaf said the application has come out recently and is due in a couple of weeks, in which we are applying to be the Navigator for our prosperity region. Director Egelhaaf continued to explain who is eligible to be a Navigator and that we are going to partner with the Southcentral Planning Council. Don Hanson talked about Van Buren County's Broadband coverage and questioned if the navigator development was possible bad news for the county. Director Egelhaaf responded that it is not bad news for Van Buren, that presently the county is just trying to understand who is covered and who is not. Teri Sue Freehling commented that the state is trying to get to a level to respond and talked about the level of coordination with the Commission. Egelhaaf said that he would like to see if we can take the vision of each county and mesh that together. Rich Remus asked if the Southcentral Planning Council will be in charge. Egelhaaf responded that he was not sure which of the two organizations will be the fiduciary or if they will work in tandem.

Gail Patterson-Gladney asked if Director Egelhaaf could speak on the Pokagon Band Hazard Mitigation Plan. Egelhaaf proceeded to explain what goes into the plan. He said it is first approved at the local level and then has to be approved at the state level.

Paul Pantaleo inquired about updates on the Regional Food Branding Project. Director Egelhaaf explained what the project entails and that we have a regional brand that is ready to go. Egelhaaf shared that the next step is figuring out how we take this brand and build it into the marketplace. The next step is to present a grant proposal to the Upton Foundation on July 2nd to get approval for the grant application.

Linda Preston inquired about updates on Palisades. Egelhaaf talked about the strategy, stated the analysis portion is almost finished and that we are moving into the assessment phase. He shared that an application for reversal of plant closure has been or will soon be submitted by the state to the federal government and there is a very slight chance this will go through. Gail Patterson-Gladney asked for clarification on the possibility of Palisades to start up again under Holtec. Director Egelhaaf noted that Holtec would not be the operator of the plant if it restarted. A separate owner/operator would have to be involved. Gail Patterson-Gladney also asked about the potential construction of another nuclear plant on the Palisades site. Egelhaaf responded that the possibility is more on the side of rumor. He explained that Holtec's way of attempting to be innovative, is thinking about much smaller footprint nuclear plants but that such plants have not been implemented anywhere yet.

Teri Sue Freehling moved to “**ACCEPT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT.**” Linda Preston seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

4. NATS & TWINCATS UNIFIED WORK PROGRAMS

RESOLUTION 2022-1

Gail Patterson-Gladney moved to “**APPROVE RESOLUTION 2022-1.**” Dick Stauffer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved.

RESOLUTION 2022-2

Paul Pantaleo moved to “**APPROVE RESOLUTION 2022-2.**” Sandra Hanson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved.

5. PLANNER PRESENTATION

The Transportation Improvement Program – Development & Stewardship 2023

Associate Planner, Brandon Kovnat presented the key documents used for metropolitan transportation planning. He described the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and explained federal transportation funding and how it is allocated. He presented the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP), in which NATS will receive funds to construct non-motorized transportation. Kovnat described the Carbon Reduction Program and how it is used to reduce overall transportation emissions. He shared the process for project selection and TIP development. He then gave an overview of the TwinCATS TIP. In conclusion, Kovnat highlighted a few projects from Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren Counties.

Gary Wood asked if the allocation of funds is based on census data. Kovnat answered yes. Wood then asked if there are any adjustments made for communities along the lakeshore in which there are many properties owned by second homeowners, and the impact relative to the Census. Kovnat replied that there aren’t adjustments and that Wood’s is a legitimate concern.

Paul Pantaleo asked if a project is set in stone once it has been approved for the TIP. Pantaleo has concerns regarding the road diet for Red Arrow Highway and the almost mandated usage of electric vehicles. He has seen safety issues with the Red Arrow road diet. Pantaleo wonders if this can be revisited. Kovnat replied that amendments can be made with changes, he encourages public comment, and stated the plan came from the county itself. Gary Wood responded to Paul Pantaleo’s concerns and said he has a different perspective. Wood stated that most people are in support of the road diet and that the community has been actively engaged in the development of that approach.

Robert Torzynski inquired about the Rural Task Force. Brandon Kovnat explained the Rural Task Force and how it works.

Don Delong asked if we have input with MDOT on the Heritage Trail regarding crossings and speed limits. Kovnat replied that they consult with local road commissions and if you have input to please reach out to him.

Jan Petersen asked for the criteria on the scoring for projects. Kovnat went on to explain how and when the scoring works.

Chair Marchetti told the Board that MDOT has been very responsive and it is good to know who to talk to.

6. 2023-2026 NATS & TWINCATS TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS (TIPS)

RESOLUTION 2022-3

Gail Patterson-Gladney moved to “**APPROVE RESOLUTION 2022-3.**” Yemi Akinwale seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Rick Catherman and Paul Pantaleo abstained. The motion was approved.

RESOLUTION 2022-4

Matthew Newton moved to “**APPROVE RESOLUTION 2022-4.**” Kristen Gundersen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Rick Catherman abstained. The motion was approved.

7. SELF-CERTIFICATION OF METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS

RESOLUTION 2022-5

Dick Stauffer moved to “**APPROVE RESOLUTION 2022-5.**” Gail Patterson-Gladney seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved.

RESOLUTION 2022-6

Linda Preston moved to “**APPROVE RESOLUTION 2022-6.**” Sandra Hanson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved.

8. FORMAL ACCEPTANCE OF CASS COUNTY AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY RESULTS

RESOLUTION 2022-7

Matthew Newton moved to “**APPROVE RESOLUTION 2022-7.**” Kristen Gundersen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved.

9. FORMAL ACCEPTANCE OF BERRIEN COUNTY AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY RESULTS

RESOLUTION 2022-8

Yemi Akinwale moved to “**APPROVE RESOLUTION 2022-8.**” Gail Patterson-Gladney seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

11. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Chair Marchetti opened up the floor for discussion. Kristen Gundersen shared with that she was pleased with the Infrastructure Asset Management Training and suggested that others take the training as well.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Matthew Newton moved to adjourn the meeting. Linda Preston supported the motion. The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



K. John Egelhaaf, AICP

Date: June 26, 2022

Southwest Michigan Planning Commission

Balance Sheet

As of July 31, 2022

	Jul 31, 22
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1010 · Petty Cash	65.00
1020 · Checking	240,891.49
1060 · CD	82,010.96
Total Checking/Savings	322,967.45
Accounts Receivable	
1100 · Accounts Receivable	170,857.13
Total Accounts Receivable	170,857.13
Other Current Assets	
1499 · Security Deposit - 376 W. Main	11,220.00
Total Other Current Assets	11,220.00
Total Current Assets	505,044.58
Fixed Assets	
1350 · Furniture and Equipment	42,229.00
1360 · Accumulated Depreciation	-38,640.00
Total Fixed Assets	3,589.00
TOTAL ASSETS	508,633.58
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
2000 · Accounts Payable	-6,619.05
Total Accounts Payable	-6,619.05
Other Current Liabilities	
2400 · Payroll Liabilities	
2420 · 457b Payable	-10.58
2430 · Health Insurance	436.85
2438 · HSA	-22.15
2440 · Federal Withholding	1,456.00
2450 · Medicare Payable	604.50
2460 · FICA Payable	2,585.06
2480 · State Withholding	1,484.52
2490 · Michigan UIA Payable	98.40
2495 · Benton Harbor withholding	185.14
2400 · Payroll Liabilities - Other	3,573.73
Total 2400 · Payroll Liabilities	10,391.47
Total Other Current Liabilities	10,391.47
Total Current Liabilities	3,772.42
Long Term Liabilities	
2260 · Accrue Annual Leave	29,827.45
2290 · SJ Watershed Escrow	1,207.99
2300 · NATS-FHWA-Escrow	2,591.54
2310 · NATS-FTA-Escrow	13,901.33
2320 · TCATS-Escrow	19,397.05
2340 · EDA Escrow	409.09
Total Long Term Liabilities	67,334.45
Total Liabilities	71,106.87
Equity	
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	395,206.60
Net Income	42,320.11
Total Equity	437,526.71
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	508,633.58

Southwest Michigan Planning Commission
Profit & Loss Budget Performance
January 2 through July 31, 2022

	Jan 2 - Jul 31, 22	Annual Budget	% of Annual Budget
Income			
4000 · Federal Grant	511,882.95	895,512.02	57%
4010 · State Grant	9,540.20	121,700.00	8%
4020 · County Contribution	59,112.00	59,926.00	99%
4030 · Local Match	64,398.00	210,106.98	31%
4040 · Local Contract	52,414.19	103,527.00	51%
4050 · Other Fee Income	165.00		
4080 · In-Kind	0.00		
4090 · Donations	0.00		
4100 · Interest Income	51.99	1,200.00	4%
4900 · Gain/Loss on Sales of Assets	0.00		
Total Income	697,564.33	1,391,972.00	
Cost of Goods Sold			
50000 · Cost of Goods Sold	0.00		
Total COGS	0.00		
Gross Profit	697,564.33	1,391,972.00	
Expense			
6000 · Direct Expenses			
6200 · Salaries	216,254.78	391,999.99	55%
6220 · Payroll Taxes	16,543.52	29,792.04	56%
6230 · Pension Expenses	8,042.88	17,128.40	47%
6240 · Employee Insurance	73,204.05	121,713.90	60%
6300 · Mileage & Travel	2,616.04	8,515.00	31%
6310 · Meals	205.36	2,090.00	10%
6315 · Lodging	353.15	875.00	40%
6320 · Telephone	0.00		
6330 · Printing	0.00	465.00	0%
6340 · Postage	0.00	130.00	0%
6410 · Dues & Subscriptions	1,626.85	7,675.00	21%
6420 · Supplies & Materials	1,110.83	5,406.00	21%
6430 · Computer Services	1,185.00	15,952.00	7%
6440 · Advertising	0.00	760.00	0%
6500 · Conferences & Training	4,862.93	810.00	600%
6520 · Rent & Janitorial	0.00		
6530 · Local Cash In-kind	0.00		
6540 · Contractural Svcs-OnSite	2,800.00	36,500.00	8%
6550 · Contractural Svcs-OffSite	158,046.69	377,264.00	42%
6610 · Equipment	0.00	7,200.00	0%
6620 · Equipment Rental	0.00		
6630 · Equipment Maintenance	0.00	35.00	0%
6710 · Legal Services	0.00		
6715 · Audit Services	6,250.00		
6720 · Accounting Services	0.00	9,000.00	0%
6730 · Insurance Corporate	0.00	1,600.00	0%
6740 · Depreciation	0.00		
6950 · General Commission Expenses	1,136.09	350.00	325%
6960 · Commissioner Mileage	1,659.14	1,700.00	98%
6970 · Commissioner Per Diem	2,670.00	2,000.00	134%
6980 · Bank Fees	396.00	225.00	176%
6985 · Contingency	0.00		
6990 · Pass Thru	0.00		
6000 · Direct Expenses - Other	0.00		
Total 6000 · Direct Expenses	498,963.31	1,039,186.33	
7000 · Indirect Expenses			
7200 · Salaries-Indirect	63,048.00	151,892.08	42%
7220 · Payroll Taxes-Indirect	5,884.49	12,354.72	48%

Southwest Michigan Planning Commission
Profit & Loss Budget Performance
January 2 through July 31, 2022

	Jan 2 - Jul 31, 22	Annual Budget	% of Annual Budget
7230 · Pension Expenses-Indirect	11,290.95	9,718.63	116%
7240 · Employee Insurance-Indirect	18,022.89	45,360.08	40%
7300 · Mileage & Travel-Indirect	214.12	77.20	277%
7310 · Meals-Indirect	247.64		
7315 · Lodging-Indirect	0.00		
7320 · Telephone-Indirect	1,236.20	2,747.12	45%
7330 · Printing-Indirect	0.00	11.99	0%
7340 · Postage-Indirect	1,868.25	1,363.02	137%
7410 · Dues & Subscriptions-Indirect	2,150.41	1,373.75	157%
7420 · Supplies & Materials-Indirect	3,610.08	6,088.41	59%
7430 · Computer Services-Indirect	18,873.34	37,567.02	50%
7440 · Advertising-Indirect	0.00	54.49	0%
7500 · Conferences & Training-Indirect	0.00	32.90	0%
7520 · Rent & Janitorial-Indirect	40,820.00	80,794.21	51%
7530 · Local Cash in-kind-Indirect	0.00		
7540 · Contract Svcs-OnSite-Indirect	299.69		
7550 · Contract Svcs-OffSite-Indirect	8,200.31		
7610 · Equipment-Indirect	1,862.98	547.71	340%
7620 · Equipment Rental-Indirect	0.00	118.73	0%
7630 · Equipment Maintenance-Indirect	0.00	94.27	0%
7710 · Legal Services-Indirect	0.00		
7715 · Audit Services-Indirect	3,050.00		
7720 · Accounting Services-Indirect	1,854.08	5,053.01	37%
7730 · Insurance Corporate-Indirect	2,654.50	3,445.53	77%
7740 · Depreciation-Indirect	0.00		
7950 · General Commission Exp-Indirect	0.00		
7960 · Commissioner Mileage-Indirect	0.00		
7970 · Commissioner Per Diem-Indirect	0.00		
7980 · Bank Fees-Indirect	0.00	90.15	0%
7985 · Contingency	0.00		
7990 · Pass Thru-Indirect	0.00	0.10	0%
7000 · Indirect Expenses - Other	0.00		
Total 7000 · Indirect Expenses	185,187.93	358,785.12	
9000 · Payroll Expenses			
9010 · Contract Service	0.00		
9020 · Salaries & Wages	0.00		
9040 · FICA Taxes	0.00		
9060 · Medicare Taxes	0.00		
9080 · Michigan UIA Taxes	0.00		
9200 · Mileage, meals, and lodging	0.00		
9220 · Supplies	0.00		
9240 · Accrued Leave Adjustment	0.00		
9250 · Accrued Payroll Adjustment	0.00		
9000 · Payroll Expenses - Other	0.00		
Total 9000 · Payroll Expenses	0.00		
99900 · Indirect Costs	0.00		
9999 · RPI Deferred Income	0.00		
Total Expense	684,151.24	1,397,971.45	
Net Income	13,413.09	-5,999.45	



SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN PLANNING COMMISSION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Southwest Michigan Planning Commission

FROM: K. John Egelhaaf

DATE: August 5, 2022

RE: Staff Report for the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission August 16, 2022

Administrative Update

- A. New IT Environment Launched August 2nd
 - a. Cloud-Based Server
 - i. Hosted by Aunalytics (Kalamazoo)
 - b. Microsoft 365 Software Suite
 - c. Why?
 - i. More secure
 - ii. Better, more consistent software updates
 - iii. Easier remote access
 - iv. Better integration with all office equipment (e.g. conference SurfaceHub)
- B. New Bookkeeping Software Suite Launched August 10th
 - a. QuickBooks Online Plus
 - b. Why?
 - i. Better (direct) integration between timekeeping & bookkeeping
 - ii. Better support for a new approach to indirect expense management
 - iii. More advanced capacity to manage projects with unique bookkeeping needs

Project Updates

- A. Regional Broadband
 - a. SWMPC as Regional Broadband Navigator
 - i. Still Awaiting Notice from Michigan Economic Development Corp on our Application
 - b. Van Buren County
 - i. Household Broadband Access Survey Complete
 - 1. Now VBCO has a very thorough understanding of who has and does not have broadband
 - c. Berrien County
 - i. Initial Data Collection on Household Broadband Survey Nearly Complete
 - d. Cass County
 - i. Appears to be Next in Line for Household Broadband Survey
- B. Economic Development
 - a. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (Due December '22)
 - i. Story Map in Development
 - b. Regional Resiliency Plan (a Post-COVID Economic Recovery Strategy)

SWMPC Staff Report – August 16, 2022

B. Economic Development (continued)

i. Story Map in Development

1. Completed a Deep Dive Into Regional Economic Data
2. Computer Economic Modeling in Partnership with UM Economic Growth Institute
3. Refining Focus to Economic Sectors that Experienced the Greatest Impacts from Pandemic

c. Palisades Economic Recovery Strategy

i. Data Analysis Complete

ii. Assessment Draft to be Completed by Late August

1. Assessment – Consideration of How All Data Collected can Tell the Story of the Economic Impacts of Closure
2. Begin to Focus on How to Drive the Recovery Strategy Action Plan

iii. State Submission to Federal Government to Reverse Closure

1. Newly Revised Due Date for Submission – September 6th

C. SWMPC 2021 Annual Report

- a. Building a Synopsis of the Work of SWMPC into a Final Report
- b. Aiming for Completion for October SWMPC Meeting

D. Regional Food Branding Project

a. Finalist for the Upton Foundation's "Big Idea" Grant

- i. Made a presentation to the Upton Board in late July
- ii. Not successful

FY 2023

**Regional Transportation Planning
Work Program**



**Southwest Michigan
Planning Commission**

Serving Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren Counties

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INTRODUCTION

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) recognizes the importance of the state-local partnership in delivering a safe and efficient transportation system. The Regional Transportation Planning Program (RTPP) was created by the MDOT Bureau of Transportation Planning (BTP) in 1974 in order to contract various planning services to be performed by the State Planning and Development Regions to assist BTP and local units of government.

The RTPP requires each participating regional planning agency to have an annual work program in accordance with a three-year Master Agreement. Since 1984, the State Legislature has set a budget of \$488,800 of Act 51's Michigan Trunk line Fund (MTF) for the RTPP. The scope of work identified in the annual work program includes specific activities identified to assist MDOT and local communities. Over the years, work elements and funding levels of the basic work program tasks have remained stable while certain elements like Byways, the Rural Task Force and Asset Management have received supplemental funding to meet the needs of those programs. In previous years the basic work program contained the following work elements: Administration, Technical Assistance to MDOT, Highway Performance Management System, Public Involvement, and Local Technical Assistance.

For FY 2023, the Regional Planning Agency work program continues to have a budget of \$488,800 for the basic work elements. The supplemental funding for Rural Task Force and Small Urban programs is \$318,550. This is lower than FY 22 because that was the 2023-2026 Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) development year and there was more work put on the regions to hold additional meetings and program four years of projects. State funding for the Asset Management Program will be released once approved, after July 2022. The BTP may also allocate additional state funding to provide annual transportation technical assistance in non-metropolitan areas of the state. In FY 2023, each regional planning agency, with the exception of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), may receive supplemental funding, as needed and if available from the FY 2023 State Planning and Research (SPR) program to assist MDOT and the regional planning agencies in:

- Improving public involvement and the consultation process in non-metropolitan areas of the state.
- Providing interagency coordination and public involvement for air quality conformity in non-attainment or maintenance areas for ozone and particulate matter 2.5 (For regional planning agencies with non-attainment or maintenance areas or areas required to do conformity within RPA boundaries).
- Preparing access management plans and ordinances
- Non-motorized planning and mapping
- Byway Corridor Management Plans
- Data Collection to meet federal reporting requirements

I. Program Management

Objectives

- Prepare and adopt annual work program.
- Prepare monthly or quarterly invoices and progress reports.
- Ensure expenditures are well documented and cost-effective.
- Prepare a Final Acceptance Report (FAR) on the status of the work activities and products within 90 days from the end of the fiscal year.
- Assist the auditors in carrying out general and specific audits of programs annually. Send such audit reports to the program coordinator.

Products

1. The following will be submitted to the program coordinator by the agency for reimbursement of costs incurred in conjunction with the work activities identified in the work program.
 - A. Progress reports that summarize accomplishments and attendance at applicable meetings for each work item.
 - B. Invoices for payment, submitted quarterly or monthly, in accordance with MDOT Contracting and Invoicing Standard Operating Procedures.
 - C. Receipts of travel expenses and equipment purchases greater than \$2,500; i.e., traffic counters, computer hardware and software, etc.
 - D. Itemization of program expenses in terms of work items, including salaries, fringe benefits, indirect costs, and other direct costs.
 - E. Tabulation of progress by work item, indicating the amount and percent billed the current billing period and to date.

2. The FAR on the status of activities and products in the work program will be submitted to the program coordinator within 90 days following the contractual period in the work program, as specified within the Master Agreement. The FAR is a performance evaluation, not a financial audit, and must contain the following information for each work item:
 - A. Products completed.
 - B. Products not completed and reason for lack of completion.
 - C. The amount of funds budgeted and expended.
 - D. Work items that are to be continued next year.

Budget: \$7,303 (MTF)

II. Technical Assistance to MDOT

Objectives

- Assist in various tasks to update the State Long-Range Transportation Plan (SLRTP) and the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).
- Provide support for specific department issues and/or requests for information on transit, special projects and/or program development issues.

Activities

1. Assist in conducting transportation-related workshops and meetings, including but not limited to workshops and seminars for access management, State and National Byways, functional classification, the Adjusted Census Urban Boundary (ACUB), the Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS), the Model Inventory of Roadway Elements (MIRE), Fundamental Data Elements (FDE), and the Non Trunk line Federal Aid Program (NTFA) updates, non-motorized transportation, safety and non-metropolitan-area elected officials. Activities may include locating adequate facilities, registering participants, scheduling speakers, and other meeting management related activities.
2. Provide staffing and technical planning assistance in the area of transportation.
3. Conduct transportation studies as needed.
4. Assist in identifying transportation interest, programs and projects as appropriate for the STIP and the SLRTP.
 - A. Participate in the development and implementation of the SLRTP, providing input and review of documents and initiatives performed as part of the SLRTP development.
 - B. Assist in the scheduling and notifying of SLRTP related activities, including but not limited to public meetings within the region.
5. As appropriate, assist the MDOT Office of Passenger Transportation and local transit providers.
6. Statewide Travel Demand Model:
 - A. Review and provide feedback on REMI socio-economic forecasting outputs and assist in reviewing and allocating data to statewide traffic zones.
 - B. Verify statewide model network inventories.
 - C. Provide traffic counts, as available, for model update not covered in acquiring traffic counts for the non-trunkline federal aid program.

7. Data for meeting Federal Reporting Requirements:

A. Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS)

Collect and submit data items for HPMS in conjunction with MDOT's HPMS coordinator. Staff will review and update the HPMS database sample segments using MDOT-supplied file that contain only the data items needing to be updated for each sample in the format provided. Staff will attend HPMS training as needed.

B. Traffic Data Collection for Federal Reporting

Provide support to MDOT in the a-cross agency coordination effort (NTFA) to gather and report traffic data on the non-MDOT road network (federal aid and non-federal aid) to meet federal reporting requirements of HPMS, MAP 21, and the FAST Act.

C. 2020 Census Statewide Review – Urban Boundary Review

The U.S. Census Bureau expects to release the 2020 Urban Areas data in late FY22/early FY23. Several months after this data is released, MDOT staff will meet with each RPA and MPO in the state. These meetings will consist of member agencies reviewing the urban area boundaries created by the U.S. Census Bureau. The boundaries will be smoothed and adjusted to identify urban roads for transportation planning purposes. The proposed adjustments to the U.S. Census Urban Areas will then be submitted to FHWA for approval. The final result will be an Adjusted Census Urbanized Boundary or "ACUB."

D. Model Inventory of Roadway Element (MIRE) Fundamental Data Elements (FDE)

Provide support to MDOT in the across agency coordination effort to gather and report traffic and safety on the non-MDOT road network (federal aid and non-federal aid). As data collection elements are known, some MIRE FDE data collection may begin at the RPA's discretion. MIRE Data Collection is a federal performance measure requirement under "23 CFR § 924.17 - MIRE fundamental data elements." MIRE data collection and review is a part of fulfilling the Data Collection responsibilities to MDOT.

The first set of MDOT MIRE FDE data and tools became available in Roadsoft in the April 2022 release. Agencies received MIRE data in Roadsoft in V22 and may export changes to MDOT for V22 and beyond. The five (5) data items that RPA staff will be requested to review will be: Surface type, number of through lanes, access control, median type, and junction traffic control. RPA and MDOT staff will begin the process of meeting to discuss and plan for annual maintenance and validating (5) going forward. The end goal will be to draft a plan to fill 100% of the (5) MIRE data items and submit to MDOT by August of 2025.

Support is defined as (but not limited to):

- Outreach

- Piloting
- Training and Education
- Data coordination with local agencies
- Data compilation
- Data load, transfer, and/or reporting
- Conduit between local agencies and MDOT/FHWA

Budget: \$11,124 (MTF)

III. Technical Assistance to Member Agencies

Objective

- Provide services to local transportation agencies to improve existing and new multi-modal transportation systems, and identify actions to improve the area's transportation system.

Activities

1. Assist local units of government in obtaining grant funds to improve existing and new multi-modal transportation systems and identify actions to improve the area's transportation system.
2. Assist local agencies seeking to improve and expand the public transportation and to promote improved transportation systems for all modes.
3. Coordinate planning to promote safety, livable communities and environmental sustainability.
4. Work with local agencies to assess impacts of transportation of projected land uses in the region.
5. Review and/or develop proficiency in traffic crash data.
6. Prepare and report to regional boards and local agencies on the status of transportation planning work program activities and tasks.

Products

- Provide program coordinator with a copy of any reports produced as a result of these activities.

Budget: \$15,073 (MTF)

IV. Management of the Rural Task Force and Small Urban Program

Objective

- To assist MDOT in administering the Rural Task Force (RTF) and Small Urban program for MDOT.

Activities

1. Regional Planning Agency staff shall communicate all MDOT correspondence to their respective RTF members and Small Urban members.
2. Schedule, set-up room, provide materials, take meeting minutes, collect a list of meeting attendees and facilitate the logistics of the RTF project selection meetings and small urban program meetings. This duty can be coordinated with the Chairperson of the committees based on preference of the individual RTF or small urban committee.
3. The Regional Planning Agency and RTF Chairperson shall ensure a cooperative, coordinated and comprehensive planning process is followed at the regional level. This process shall be consistent with approved federal planning regulations and provide for the consideration and implementation of projects that address all modes of transportation.
4. Ensure that the fiscal constraint sheets used in the meetings are properly managed with updated allocation balances provided by the MDOT RTF coordinator as well as the decisions made by the RTF committees.
5. Ensure the required public involvement and consultation process is followed by providing citizens, affected public agencies, tribal governments, private transportation providers, and other interested parties with sufficient notice and opportunity to comment on proposed transportation projects, plans and programs.
6. Program eligible projects in JobNet as approved by the RTF committees. Ensure that 1799 and 1797 data sheets received from the local agencies match what was approved by the RTF committees as reflected in the fiscal constraint sheet and attach those data sheets to the appropriate project in JobNet. This includes the programming of selected projects for the new STIP cycle 2023-2026. For the Small Urban Program, the RPA will submit 2606 or 2638 forms to the Small Urban Program Coordinator. The Small Urban Program Coordinator is responsible for programming JNs in JobNet.

7. Submit proof of public involvement, meeting minutes, all Season Road changes, and the fiscal constraint sheet as part of monthly activity report utilizing the most current 1618 form to the MDOT RTF Coordinator. In months where there is no meetings or action taken by the committees the form should still be submitted with the “No Project Change or Meeting” box checked and submitted to the MDOT RTF Coordinator.
8. Attend monthly RTF virtual meetings and educational webinars or watch the posted recordings if unavailable for the meeting times.

Budget: \$17,283 (SPR)

V. Public Involvement and Consultation Process for Non-Metropolitan Areas

Objectives

- To provide for non-metropolitan local official participation in the development of the State Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and the STIP.
- To provide opportunities for the public to review and comment in the development of the LRTP and STIP.
- To manage consultation with local elected officials, local officials with responsibility for transportation, public agencies, general public, tribal governments, businesses, and organizations in accordance with the Statewide Planning Process Public Participation Plan.

Activities

1. Work with MDOT on public involvement issues, including organizing meetings, focus groups and advisory committees.
2. Conduct local program meetings and ongoing communication and technical assistance in non-metropolitan areas to provide information on various state and federal programs.
3. Document the RTF's public involvement and consultation processes.
4. Partner with educating and training local officials with regard to state and federal-funded programs, policy applications and other key information.
5. Respond to requests from both the public and private sectors to provide information on state and federal transportation programs, projects, and funding, and to stay informed on local issues.
6. Participate in statewide conferences, meetings, seminars, forums and training sessions on state and federal programs available to local communities.
7. Assist MDOT in keeping elected public officials, general public, local planning agencies, and tribal governments informed early of the list of projects in the Five-Year Program and of the investment strategies, funding assumptions, economic benefits, and impacts on the various modes.
8. Assist in the creation and maintenance of an e-mail subscription list for managing the electronic distribution of information to local elected officials.

Budget: \$1,200 (MTF) \$3,435 (SPR) (Some items may be funded through the RTF Program)

VI. Air Quality Conformity Planning

Objectives

- To comply with federal and state transportation air quality regulations, specifically related to transportation conformity for non-attainment or maintenance areas or areas required to do conformity for ozone and particulate matter 2.5.
- To provide coordination and support of the transportation conformity interagency work group (IAWG).
- To provide communication of air quality conformity analysis results or reports to all interested individuals and organizations.
- To provide inputs into the air quality conformity process and facilitate input from others.

Activities

1. Attend training to become familiar with the conformity regulations, and related air quality issues.
2. Participate in and or conduct transportation conformity IAWG.
3. Participate in discussions to evaluate attainment strategies pertaining to transportation air quality for individual areas or as part of the statewide transportation planning process.
4. Communicate air quality conformity analysis results and initiatives to all interested individuals and organizations.

Budget: \$0 (MTF)

VII. Access Management

Objective

- To develop and/or conduct access management training for local client communities. Assist MDOT selected consultants in preparing access management plans and ordinances along state roadway corridors.

Activities

1. Educate local public officials, property owners and citizens what access management is and how it can benefit their community.
2. Identify local roadway corridors of significance for the development of access management plans and prepare a formal justification to MDOT for funding such plans. A corridor of significance is defined as a principal and or minor arterial that significantly impacts the state trunk line system.
3. Assist MDOT/consultant to ensure successful adoption of plans and ordinances. Assist road agencies, client communities and property owners, as required, when road and utility projects provide plan implementation opportunities. Provide follow-up consultation to communities with existing access management plans and ordinances.

Products

1. Educational materials provided by MDOT unless specified otherwise. Provide support to consultants conducting training, preparing corridor access management plans and ordinances along state roadway corridors.
2. Upon billing submittal:
Costs incurred will be reimbursed upon review and approval of documentation submitted to the MDOT Program Manager and/or the appropriate MDOT representative.

Budget: \$0 (MTF)

VIII. Pure Michigan Byway Program

Objective

- Implement the Pure Michigan Byway Program for MDOT. Manage or assist in the management of designated state byways and/or National Scenic Byways within your region's geographical boundaries.

Activities

1. Prepare and or assist a consultant in the development of corridor management plans (CMP).
2. Provide guidance to local “grassroots” organizations seeking to nominate a state highway as a Pure Michigan Byway or National Scenic Byway.
3. Serve as a Liaison between MDOT and the local Byway Committee on issues relating to future transportation system improvements, or local land use and zoning changes proposed for and adjacent to the Byway.
4. Provide opportunities for public involvement activities related to the Byway.
5. Ensure the Byway corridor management plan is up to date.
6. Conduct studies of the convenience of the Byway transportation and visitor-oriented facilities.
7. Attend conferences, workshops and seminars.

Products

1. Designation of Pure Michigan Byways and National Scenic Byways in accordance with P.A. 69 of 1993, as amended, and Title 23 U. S. Code.
2. Corridor management plans.
3. Meeting management and facilitation of Byway Committee meetings. Serve as a Liaison between the byway committee and MDOT.
4. Marketing brochures, pamphlets, web site and other promotional/educational material to constituents
5. Provide MDOT digital and hard copies of updated and/or new corridor management plans.

Upon billing submittal:

See MDOT Standard Operating Procedures for invoicing

Budget: \$4,000 (MTF for administrative duties) (SPR for CMP update/development and promotional activities)

IX. Non-Motorized Mapping and Investment Plan

Objective

- Facilitate the process of completing non-motorized planning efforts for the State of Michigan by region.

Activities

1. Collect information to match the data fields in MDOT's Transportation Intermodal Management System (IMS).
2. Develop and implement aspects of a non-motorized investment plan to identify needed projects and project elements, prioritizing those projects, and determining the optimum funding arrangements for the projects within each region.
3. Promote the consideration of bicycle and pedestrian facilities in the overall transportation planning activities.
4. Coordinate with stakeholders and public input.

Products

1. Non-motorized master plans by region, including up-to-date non-motorized maps.
2. The end map product will be a ready-to-print region-wide bike map and database with the support data to go into the TMS for future planning and maps. Provide MDOT with a copy of any reports (excluding grant applications) as a result of this activity, or a copy of cover letters for products submitted to others.
3. Print a 6 to 7 year supply of Region Road and Trail Guides (bike maps) for MDOT distribution, plus stakeholders within the region.
4. The development of a comprehensive plan and the identification of priority projects within the area will help guide MDOT's investment in the region's non-motorized transportation system.

Upon billing submittal:

- Progress reports that summarize accomplishments for each work item.
- Original invoice, consecutively numbered, stating period covered, dollar amount, and work performed.
- Itemizing of program expenses in terms of work items and cost groups, including charges to direct salaries, fringe benefits, indirect costs, and other direct costs.

Budget: \$0 (MTF)

X. Rural Safety Planning

Objectives

- Assist in conducting rural safety planning forums to increase or create awareness for safety, and encourage formation of cross-discipline safety partnerships at the local level and assist MDOT in the process of preparing rural safety plans.
- Determine areas of safety risks (i.e., behavioral, structural) and schedule workshops to educate constituents in mitigating these risks, if appropriate.

Activities

1. Conduct rural safety forums on a biannual basis. These forums will include emergency enforcement, education and engineering staff, as well as other interested parties. Schedule specific safety workshops in other years, if appropriate.
2. Update and maintain a list of safety advocates, including mailing labels.
3. Partnerships to promote safety as an integral part of the planning and project development process.
4. Maintain updated mailing lists identifying safety groups and individuals.
5. Assist MDOT in the process of preparing of rural safety plans.

Budget: \$0 (MTF)

XI. ASSET MANAGEMENT

The resources allocated to the Metropolitan/Regional Planning Organization (MPO/RPO) from the Transportation Asset Management Council (TAMC) annual budget shall be utilized to assist in the completion of the TAMC Work Program. All work shall be consistent with the policies and priorities established by the TAMC. All invoices submitted for reimbursement of Asset Management activities shall utilize Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) standard invoice forms and include the required information for processing. The MPO/RPO shall complete the required products and perform tasks according to the timeframes and directives established within TAMC's data collection policies, which are located on the TAMC website (<http://tamc.mcgi.state.mi.us/TAMC/#/aboutus>). The MPO/RPO will emphasize these tasks to support the top 125 Public Act 51 agencies (agencies that certify under Public Act 51 a minimum of 100 centerline miles of road) within the planning area when resources are limited. The activities eligible for TAMC reimbursement include the following:

Activities

1. Training Activities

- A. Attendance at training seminar(s) on the use of Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) and Inventory-based Rating System for unpaved roadways.
- B. Represent MPO/RPO at TAMC-sponsored conferences and seminars, including attending either the Spring or Fall TAMC Conference.
- C. Attend TAMC-sponsored Investment Reporting Tool (IRT) training seminars.
- D. Attend TAMC-sponsored Asset Management Plan Development training seminars.

2. Data Collection Participation and Coordination

- A. Federal Aid System:
 - a. Organize schedules with Public Act 51 agencies within MPO/RPO's boundary for participating in Federal Aid data collection efforts; ensure all participants of data collection have access to State of Michigan travel reimbursement rates.
 - b. Coordinate, participate and facilitate road surface data collection on approximately one-half of the Federal Aid System in accordance with the TAMC Policy for the Collection of Roadway Condition Data on Federal Aid Eligible Roads and Streets.
 - c. Collect unpaved roadway condition data on approximately half of any unpaved Federal Aid eligible roadways using the Inventory-based Rating System developed by the Michigan Technological University's Center for Technology and Training.

B. Non-Federal Aid System:

- a. The RPO/MPO may allocate reimbursements for Non-Federal Aid data collection to Public Act 51 agencies according to the resources available to them in the manner that best reflects the priorities of their area and supports the TAMC work.
- b. Coordinate Non-Federal Aid data collection cycles with Public Act 51 agencies with an emphasis on the top 125 agencies.
- c. Ensure all participants of data collection understand procedures for data sharing with TAMC as well as TAMC policy and procedures for collecting Non-Federal Aid data.
- d. Participate and perform data collection with Public Act 51 agencies on an as-needed basis for the data collection of Non-Federal Aid roads when requested.

3. Equipment

- A. Ensure rating teams have the necessary tools to complete the federal aid data collection activity by maintaining a laptop compatible with the Laptop Data Collector and Roadsoft programs, a functioning Global Positioning System (GPS) unit, and other required hardware in good working order.
- B. Communicate any equipment needs and purchases with the TAMC Coordinator; laptops are eligible for replacement on a three-year cycle.

4. Data Submission

- A. Develop and maintain technical capability to manage regional Roadsoft databases and the Laptop Data Collector program; maintain a regional Roadsoft database that is accurate and consistent with local agency data sets.
- B. Coordinate Quality Assurance/Quality Control activities and data submission tasks according to protocols established in TAMC Data Collection Policies for Federal Aid and Non-Federal Aid Roads.
- C. Monitor and report status of data collection efforts to TAMC Asset Management Coordinator through monthly coordinator calls and/or monthly or quarterly program updates that are mailed with invoices.
- D. Provide links on agency websites and reports to the TAMC website, interactive maps and dashboards for the dissemination of roadway data.

5. Asset Management Planning

- A. Participate and attend TAMC-sponsored training and workshops in order to provide technical support for Asset Management Plan development activities.

- B. Provide an annual reporting of the status of Public Act 51 agency Asset Management Plans and keep abreast of the status of these plans for updates and revision.
- C. Provide technical assistance and training funds to Public Act 51 agencies during the development of local Asset Management Plans using TAMC templates when applicable; coordinate these tasks with an emphasis on the Top 125 agencies.

6. Technical Assistance

- A. Provide technical assistance to local agencies in using the TAMC reporting tools for planned and completed infrastructure investments or any other TAMC Work Program Activity.
- B. Integrate PASER ratings and asset management into project selection criteria:
 - a. Analyze data and develop road preservation scenarios.
 - b. Analyze performance of implemented projects.

7. Culvert Mapping Pilot

- A. Provide administrative and technical assistance to Public Act 51 agencies and MDOT for reimbursement of TAMC funds for participation in the 2018 TAMC Culvert Mapping Pilot project.
- B. Utilize TAMC reporting forms to communicate progress and expenditures of Public Act 51 agencies to assist TAMC in the Culvert Mapping Pilot Report.

Products

- 1. PASER data for Federal Aid System submitted to TAMC via the IRT.
- 2. PASER data for Non-Federal Aid System submitted to TAMC via the IRT.
- 3. Quarterly or monthly activities reports submitted with invoices to TAMC Coordinator.
 - A. Create an Annual Report of Asset Management program activities as well as a summary of annual PASER condition data by local agency, functional classification, and Public Act 51 Legal System; provide links to the Regional Annual Report on agency website and submit copies to TAMC Coordinator by April 1 of each year.
 - B. Prepare a draft status report of Public Act 51 agency Asset Management activities and plans within MPO/RPO boundary by September 30 of each year.

The Michigan Transportation Asset Management Council approved this language on June 6, 2018.

Budget: \$41,000 (MTF)

Southwest Michigan Planning Commission
FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING WORK PROGRAM
October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023

		MTF Budget	\$38,700					
		RTF & Small Urban SPR budget	\$20,718					
WORK ELEMENT	PROJECT	SALARY	FRINGE BENEFIT	INDIRECT	OTHER	TOTAL MTF FUNDS	TOTAL SPR FUNDS	TOTAL
3101 (210)	Program Management	\$ 2,515	\$ 1,555	\$ 2,598	\$ 635	\$ 7,303	\$ -	\$ 7,303
3102 (260)	Technical Assistance to MDOT	\$ 3,995	\$ 2,470	\$ 4,114	\$ 545	\$ 11,124	\$ -	\$ 11,124
3103 (230)	Technical Assistance to Member Agencies	\$ 5,050	\$ 3,122	\$ 5,226	\$ 1,675	\$ 15,073	\$ -	\$ 15,073
3104 (250)	Management of Rural Task Force & Small Urban Program	\$ 6,238	\$ 3,858	\$ 6,427	\$ 760		\$ 17,283	\$ 17,283
3105 (235, 240)	Public Involvement and Consultation Process for Non- Metropolitan Areas	\$ 1,683	\$ 1,036	\$ 1,741	\$ 175	\$ 1,200	\$ 3,435	\$ 4,635
3106	Air Quality Conformity Planning							
3107 (220)	Access Management							
3108 (280)	Pure Michigan Byways	\$ 1,505	\$ 930	\$ 1,565		\$ 4,000		\$ 4,000
3110	Non-Motorized Mapping and Investment Plan							
3111 (270)	Rural Safety Planning							
3109	Asset Management *	\$ 13,340	\$ 8,248	\$ 16,227	\$ 3,185	\$ 41,000	\$ -	\$ 41,000
TOTALS						\$ 79,700	\$ 20,718	\$ 59,418

* Because this activity is funded through the Asset Management Council and does not make use of MDOT Act 253 funds, it is not included in the **Total** column.