

Twin Cities Area Transportation Study (TwinCATS)  
TwinCATS Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

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**Purpose of TAC Committee**

The purpose of the Technical Advisory Committee shall be to provide technical advice to the Twin Cities Area Transportation Study Policy Committee in all aspects of the continuing, comprehensive and cooperative transportation planning process carried out by the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission (SWMPC), the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) responsible for coordinating the transportation planning process in the Benton Harbor-St. Joseph Urban Area as it relates to the Twin Cities Area Transportation Study. Such advisory services shall be provided in cooperation with SWMPC staff level transportation planning activities for the Twin CATS area.

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