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SWMPC TO VOTE ON ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMS for URBAN TRANSPORTATION

The SWMPC facilitates transportation planning for two urban areas. The Twin Cities Area Transportation Study (TwinCATS) is charged with planning for the Benton Harbor-St. Joseph urbanized area and the Niles-Buchanan-Cass Area Transportation Study (NATS) is charged with planning for the Michigan portion of the South Bend and Elkhart Urban areas. SWMPC has released drafts of the TwinCATS and NATS Unified Planning Work Programs (UWP) for fiscal year 2022, which begins October 1, 2021. The UWP is the annual work program for SWMPC staff, which describes all of the planning tasks funded by the US Department of Transportation, Michigan Department of transportation, and local jurisdictions. The draft of the 2022s UWP is available at: www.swmpc.org/tcats_uwp.asp & www.swmpc.org/nats_uwp.asp.

Both UWPs will be voted on at the upcoming SWMPC Board meeting on: Tuesday June 15, 2021 at 9:30 AM. This SWMPC Board meeting will take place as a remote meeting via Zoom. The public is invited to attend this meeting to ask questions or provide comments. For meeting information visit: www.swmpc.org/board.asp. Comments can also be sent to Brandon Kovnat, associate transportation planner, at kovnatb@swmpc.org or by calling (269) 925-1137 x1524.

The public participation process described above is used to satisfy the public participation process for the Program of Projects (POP), as prescribed in accordance with Chapter 53 of Title 49, United State Code (FTA requirement's), and metropolitan and statewide planning regulations under the FAST act for the following public transit agencies: Twin Cities Area Transportation Authority, Niles Dial A Ride Transportation, Buchanan Dial A Ride.