Macomb County Federal Aid Committee (FAC)
Summer Meeting
Wednesday, June 24, 2026, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Senior Auditorium - Suite 6 - Verkuilen Building
21885 Dunham, Clinton Township

Agenda

1. Call to order – Scott Wanagat, MCDR Highway Engineer, FAC Chair
2. Welcome message – Bryan Santo, MCDR Director
3. FAC member introductions – Scott Wanagat
4. Old Business - Approval of January 28, 2026 Winter Meeting Minutes (see Attachment A) – (***motion required***)
5. Macomb County Planning Presentation – Comprehensive Development Plan - John Culcasi, AICP, Macomb County Planning & Economic Development
6. SEMCOG update – Michele Fedorowicz/Steve Brudzinski
7. Regional Transportation Planning Workshop – 'Reflect, Review and Engage' – See Attached 'Workshop Group Exercise Packet'
8. Macomb County and CORE Update – Eric Dimoff, MCDR Public Information Officer
9. Public Comment
10. Upcoming Macomb County FAC meetings*
    a. Fall meeting – Thursday, October 1, 2026 – 2-4 P.M.
    b. Winter Meeting – Wednesday, January 27, 2026 – 2-4 P.M.
11. Adjourn – (***motion required***)

***All meetings are held from 2-4 p.m. at Senior Auditorium, Suite 6, Verkuilen Building, 21885 Dunham, Clinton Township unless otherwise noted**

MEETING SUMMARY

Attachment A

Meeting: Macomb County – Federal Aid Committee (FAC) Winter Meeting

Date & Time: January 28, 2026, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Location: Macomb County Verkuilen Building
Senior Auditorium
21885 Dunham Street, Clinton Township

Invitees: See attached Meeting Attendees list

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1. **Call to Order by the Chair –** Scott Wanagat, MCDR Highway Engineer
    a. Scott Wanagat, chair, called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM. He thanked everyone for coming and stated everyone should have received a copy of the agenda packet .

2. **Introductions –** Scott Wanagat
    a. Introductions were made around the room. See attendance roster.

3. **Old Business – Approval of September 24, 2025 Fall FAC Meeting Minutes**
    b. Motion: Brent Bashaw
    c. Second: Scott Lockwood
    d. There was no discussion and no opposition.
    e. The motion carries.

4. **New Business –** Scott Wanagat
    a. **FY 2026-2029 Macomb County FAC Program Update**
        i. The committee reviewed project inventories, development timelines, and the importance of submitting final bidding packages for FY26 projects by early June to ensure obligation of funds, while also identifying FY27 projects that could be advanced.
    b. **Macomb County FAC Program Delivery Strategy**
        i. Scott Wanagat and TIP Subcommittee members discussed the FAC program delivery strategy, focusing on proactive project planning, readiness for funding opportunities, and maximizing use of available federal aid.
        ii. Motion to adopt: Irvin Wyche
        iii. Second: Jim Getzinger
        iv. There was discussion about increasing transparency and the ability to provide additional input during TIP subcommittee meetings.
        v. There was no opposition.
        vi. The motion carries.

5. **TIP Subcommittee Updates**
    a. **2050 Macomb County FAC RTP List**
        i. Scott Wanagat presented the newly approved 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), outlining investments for FY27-30, ongoing engineering work, and the inclusion of preservation investment templates for significant corridors.

ii. The plan includes ongoing preliminary engineering for Mound Rd. and Metropolitan Parkway, along with a federal grant application for Dequindre Rd., and the committed Schoenherr Rd. project, with all investment needs reviewed and approved at the summer workshop.
iii. The RTP now features templates for county and city/village corridors of significance, allowing for targeted investment without overloading the plan with individual projects.
iv. The TIP subcommittee will plan a summer RTP workshop focused on implementation principles and strategies, scheduled within the next two to three months.

b. **FAC Website**
i. Eric Dimoff provided an overview of the Macomb County FAC website, which contains agendas, minutes, TIP project lists, road jurisdiction maps, and links to guidance and scoring criteria for applications, as well as the TIP subcommittee member communities.
ii. The CORE Program, managed by MCDR, coordinates local planning, budgeting, and project prioritization with communities, and offers cost estimates and contact information for support.
iii. CORE meetings with communities will be scheduled in the coming weeks to discuss projects for 2027 and beyond and encouraged outreach for any questions or for assistance.

6. **SEMCOG Update** – Michele Fedorowicz and Steve Brudzinski
a. SEMCOG released a new regional access to services report, covering hospitals, childcare, and education centers, with an online tool available for community use. SEMCOG would like any feedback from communities that use the tool.
b. Pavement condition data for 2025 should be available soon; bridge condition data is already available.
c. The last round of TAP applications was awarded in December. A list of projects that were funded can be found here.
d. If projects can be advanced or if a project may not meet the schedule, contact Michele for coordination.
e. The TAP program transitioned from three times a year to just one time a year for applications. The next TAP application deadline is June 17, 2026.
f. Scott Wanagat highlighted Macomb County's open-ended non-motorized program, which is open year-round and can be used to help offset local match requirements for SEMCOG TAP projects.
g. If a project is not exempt from air quality, or it must go into SEMCOG's regional air quality model, the EPA needs to issue a letter. This is the first time it has been required for the TIP. Three projects in Macomb County are awaiting this letter before being fully approved. SEMCOG anticipates receiving these letters soon.

7. **MDOT Update** – Bruce Kadzban
a. Bruce Kadzban reported approximately 400 projects have received environmental approval this year, emphasizing the need for environmental clearance before right-of-way or property acquisition, and noted that 160 projects have gone through bid letting, with bids coming in below engineer estimates.
b. MDOT currently has $13.5 million in obligation authority for both RTF and non-RTF funding sources, expected to last through the May letting, after which further obligations will depend on federal budget resolutions.

c. A new call for bridge project applications will be announced in the coming days, with $100 million per year available for the next five fiscal years, in addition to the regular $50 million annual appropriation, and applications are due April 1st.
d. The federal aid buyout program application period closed last Friday, with 85 applications totaling nearly $50 million; MDOT Planning is reviewing applications and expects to notify successful agencies by March 1, with buyout projects requiring compliance with Davis Bacon rates and reporting on Act 51.
    i. Discussion clarified that buyout projects for FY27 should be on the TIP at the time of award, and only STBG funds are eligible for buyout; if a project is bought out, the federal funds and obligation authority are transferred to the state, and the local agency receives 90% of the value in state funds.

8. **Public Comment** – None.

9. **Upcoming Macomb County FAC Meetings***
    a. Summer RTP workshop – TBD
    b. Summer meeting – Wednesday, June 24, 2026
    c. Fall meeting (tentative) – Wednesday, September 30, 206

10. **Adjourn**
    f. Motion: Jim Van Tiflin
    g. Second: Ken Verkest
    h. The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 PM.

Attachments: Meeting Attendees
Reviewed By:
Submitted By: Danielle Gerlach
CC: File

Meeting Attendees/Agency or Firm Represented

- Andrew Champagne, SMART
- Aseel Putros, AEW
- Brent Bashaw, Sterling Heights
- Bruce Kadzban, MDOT
- Bryan Babcock, St. Clair Shores
- Clint Boyle, Project Control Engineering
- Crystal Kozak, Macomb Township
- Danielle Gerlach, HNTB
- Dustin Elliott, HNTB
- Elaine Leven, Fraser
- Eric Dimoff, MCDR
- Irvin Wyche, MCDR
- Jaboc JaBaay, Spalding DeDecker
- Jim Goetzinger, Richmond
- Jim Van Tiflin, Macomb Township
- Joseph Paquette, Washington Township
- Ken Verkest, Harrison Township
- Kristen Myers, HRC
- Laith Aziz, Michael Baker
- Louis Urban, AEW
- Lynde Otto, Shelby Township
- Mary Bednar, Clinton Township
- Melissa Williams, MCDR
- Michael Vigneron, AEW
- Michele Fedorowicz, SEMCOG
- Mike Freckelton, St. Clair Shores
- Roger Safford, HNTB
- Ron Trombly, New Baltimore
- Ryan Kern, AEW
- Scott Duffin, Project Control Engineering
- Scott Wanagat, MCDR
- Soctt Lockwood, AEW
- Steve Brudzinski, SEMCOG
- Steve Pangori, AEW
- William Diamond, Utica

Macomb County – Federal Aid Committee (FAC)
Summer Meeting
June 24, 2026
Workshop Group Exercise Packet

1. Group Forming and Norming Guidance
2. Group Exercise #1 – Scope and questions
3. Group Exercise #2 – Scope and questions
4. Workshop Exercise Reference Materials
    a. Attachment B – Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) – FAC Guiding Principles and SEMCOG Regional Goals
    b. Attachment C – RTP 2030-2050 Macomb County RTP Investment Needs
    c. Attachment D – RTP Federal, State and Regional Best Practices
    d. Attachment E – RTP Core Implementation Strategies
    e. Attachment F – Macomb County FAC Program Delivery Strategy
    f. Attachment G – Estimated funding available for FAC RTP Investment Needs FY 2030-2050
    g. RTP Presentation Slides 14-16
        i. "Why RTP Implementation Matters"
        ii. "What the RTP Is"
        iii. "What the RTP Is Not"
    h. Participant Note Sheet

Let's Reflect, Review and Engage

- Each group selects a scribe and someone to report out
- Workshop 'norms'
  - Actively participate, listen and engage
  - Provide candid and productive feedback
  - Bring active local perspective but think regionally
  - Reach respectful consensus on feedback points

Reflect, Review and Engage – Group Exercise #1

- Reflecting on and reviewing the RTP Principles, Best Practices and Strategies summarized in Attachment D, engage as a group on the following questions:
    - Do you have any suggested changes to the Principles (see Attachment D-1) adopted by the FAC in 2023 which are intended to guide our collective long-term planning work? How would this change strengthen our efforts?
    - Do you support the key best practices identified in Attachment D-2? Provide any feedback from the group.
    - Do you support the Core Implementation Strategies (including the three priority Grant/Earmark pursuit investments) identified on Attachment D-X? Why or why not?

Reflect, Review and Engage – Group Exercise #2

- Reflect on our efforts to become a best practice model to other FAC's in our Region. Engage as a group on the following questions and provide feedback:
    - Which current FAC process, policy or best practice has provided the most positive long-term public benefit, and why?
    - What single change in process, approach or strategy that is within our control, if implemented, would have the broadest positive public impact, and why?
    - Is there any other feedback your group would like to provide?

ATTACHMENT B

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN – FAC GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND SEMCOG REGIONAL GOALS

		SEMCOG REGIONAL GOALS						
		EDUCATION	**EQUITY**	**FUNDING**	**PRESERVATION**	**RESILIENCE**	**SAFETY**	**SHARED PROSPERITY**
REF	MACOMB COUNTY FAC RTP GUIDING PRINCIPLES							
1	• Prioritize investments guided by sound principles of asset management;	XX	X	XX	XX	XX	X	X
2	• Prioritize network preservation, safety, and resiliency;	X	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX
3	• Prioritize preservation of roadways older in age requiring more modernization;	X	XX	XX	XX	XX	X	XX
4	• Prioritize limited but strategic corridor capacity improvements with public support, clear and demonstrated purpose and need, and strong local commitments;	X	X	X	X	X	XX	XX
5	• Leverage federal and state discretionary grant opportunities;	X	X	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX
6	• Prioritize multi-modal transportation access, usage, and investments where publicly supported and sustained by federal, state and regional funding sources	X	XX			X	X	XX

ATTACHMENT C

2030-2050 Macomb County FAC RTP Investment Needs

RIN	Project Name	Proposed Work	Primary SEMCOG Regional Priority/Goal Linkage	Planning Period	Priority Network/Cost	
					County Priority	City/ Village Priority
50RTP-004	North Avenue, from 21 Mile Road to 23 Mile Road	Road reconstruction and widening	Shared Prosperity	2041-2050	$20.0	
50RTP-005	26 Mile Road, from approx 0.35M west of I-94 easterly to County Line	Road reconstruction and widening	Shared Prosperity	2031-2040	$60.0	
50RTP-008	Metropolitan Parkway, from Mound Road to Van Dyke Avenue	Road reconstruction and bridge replacement	Preservation	2027-2030	$80.0	
50RTP-009	Dequindre Road, from 8 Mile Road to 14 Mile Road	Road reconstruction	Preservation	2027-2030	$25.0	
50RTP-010	Mound Road, from 8 Mile Road to 11 Mile Road	Road reconstruction	Preservation	2027-2030	$100.0	
50RTP-028	21 Mile Road, from Romeo Plank Road to North Avenue	Road reconstruction and widening	Shared Prosperity	2031-2040	$30.0	
50RTP-051	32 Mile Road Corridor	Road Preservation	Preservation	2030-2050	$3.3	
50RTP-052	Priority County Road Investments	Road Preservation	Preservation	2030-2050	$47.7	
50RTP-053	Priority City/Village Road Investments	Road Preservation	Preservation	2030-2050		$125.0
50RTP-054	Hayes Road from 23 Mile to 25 Mile	Road reconstruction and widening from 2 to 5 lanes	Shared Prosperity	2031-2040	$20.0	
50RTP-055	Schoenherr Road, from 25 Mile Road to 26 Mile Road	Road reconstruction and widening for a center left turn lane	Safety	2029	$13.2	
50RTP-056	William P Rosso Highway, from I-94 to Jefferson Avenue	Road relocation	Resilience	2026	$11.8	
I	**Total Proposed RTP Investments on County Priority Roads**	**All RIN Items except 50RTP-XXC and Proposed Deletions**			**$400.0**	
II	**Total Proposed RTP Investments on City/Village Priority Roads**	**Proposed RIN Item 50RTP-XXC**				**$125.0**
III	**Total Proposed RTP Investments on County/City/Village Roads**	**Row I Plus Row II**			**$525.0**	
IV	**Proposed RTP Investments not included in constraint target**	**RIN Items 50RTP-XXD and 50RTP-XXE**			**$25.0**	
V	**Net Total Proposed RTP Investments subject to constraint**	**Row III Minus Row IV**			**$500.0**	

NOTE: “Identifying a need for the RTP does not guarantee funding for that need. It is not the intent of the RTP to completely identify all the needs that will be funded over the next 25 years; each four-year TIP cycle accomplishes that. The RTP project ‘list’ is intended to identify key long-term priorities to be considered when developing implementation plans, making decisions about grant opportunity pursuits, or otherwise prioritizing needs during a given TIP cycle. It is acknowledged that significant additional revenues will be required in the long-term to adequately address the overall needs of the federal aid road system in the region, including those already identified as priorities.”

ATTACHMENT D

RTP National, State and Regional Best Practices

- Treat as a living framework
- Use performance-based planning
- Prioritize asset preservation
- Coordinate closely with SEMCOG and MDOT
- Maintain fiscal realism
- Use transparent project selection criteria
- Integrate safety, equity, economic development, multimodal considerations
- Track and report performance

ATTACHMENT E

Core RTP Implementation Strategies

- Invest up to 2% of STP-TMA Funding for EPE/PE scoping and preliminary design in priority corridors
- Identify 1-3 future corridor investment needs as Rolling Federal Grant Opportunity Priorities
  - Mound Road
  - Metro Parkway
  - Dequindre
- Align Macomb County RTP state and federal earmark priorities
- Prepare for the next TIP Update by reviewing our project selection process for opportunities to improve
- ‘Reflect, Review and Engage’ and report progress at each Summer Meeting

Proposed January 2026 **ATTACHMENT F**

MACOMB COUNTY FAC PROGRAM DELIVERY STRATEGY

A. Background: With the new 4-Year TIP now approved for FY 26-29, the TIP Subcommittee is recommending adopting an intentional strategy - consisting of some best practices for the FAC and for members to consider - to: (a) ensure no approved funding for FAC projects is lost each year; and (b) position the FAC to utilize additional funding that may become available, particularly towards the end of each fiscal year, when additional federal obligation authority is potentially made available through the MDOT LAP.

B. Identified Best Practices to utilize all available funding:

   a. Be proactive in the planning of all projects – program all projects to be let in the first two quarters of the fiscal year.

   b. Be proactive in the development of all projects – meet all key milestone dates as identified in the LAP Project Development Guide.

   c. Be proactive in the management of all projects – identify and mitigate key risks during the scoping and planning phase (budget, right-of-way, utility coordination, permitting issues, constructability issues, etc.)

   d. Be proactive in positioning the FAC for additional funding opportunities (in cooperation and coordination with the FAC and any local funding partners and stakeholders):

      1. Identify programmed project(s) in any given fiscal year that could be accelerated to an earlier fiscal year for potential turn-in.

      2. Proactively plan and develop prioritized unfunded projects (for the FY 26-29 TIP Cycle, the FAC has approved a list of 'Alternate Projects' – see Attachment D) that could be made ready for programming in any given year due to additional funding or 'backfill' opportunities. Projects on this list would be eligible for 'first come, first served' programming opportunity on a best-fit basis as determined by the TIP Subcommittee on the basis of scoring, readiness, funding availability, geographical balance, etc.

Macomb County Federal Aid Committee (FAC)
Analysis of Funding Constraint for Macomb County FAC
Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Investment Priorities (FY 25-50)

REF	FUNDING CALCULATION ELEMENT	AMOUNT ($M)	COMMENT
A	FROM SEMCOG - ALL FAC TEMPLATES	$600.0	MACOMB FAC FED-STATE FISCAL CONSTRAINT LIMIT PER SEMCOG - FY 25-FY 50 - ROUNDED TO NEAREST $10M
B	LOCAL MATCH (ROW A/0.8*0.2)	$150.0	ROUNDED UP CURRENT STP MATCH REQUIREMENT OF 18.18%
C	TOTAL INVESTMENT AVAILABLE W FED-STATE FUNDING + LOCAL MATCH FY 25-29	$750.0	
D	AMOUNT ALREADY COMMITTED FOR FY 25-29	$132.4	FROM FAC TIP UPDATE LIST IN AGENDA PACKET ($132.43M)
E	BALANCE (ROW C-ROW D)	$617.6	UNCOMMITTED AMOUNT OF FED-STATE FUNDING FOR FY 25-50
I	TARGET 75% FOR COUNTY FA NETWORK (ROW E AMOUNT X 0.75)	$463.2	PER FAC POLICY
J	TARGET 25% FOR LOCAL FA NETWORK (ROW E AMOUNT X 0.25)	$154.4	PER FAC POLICY
K	TARGET 75% OF ROW I FOR LONG-TERM COUNTY COS PRIORITIES	$347.4	TARGET VALIDATION: SHARE OF COS INVESTMENTS IN CURRENT COUNTY FAC TIP = 76%
L	TARGET 100% OF ROW J FOR LONG-TERM LOCAL COS PRIORITIES	$154.4	PER PROPOSED GUIDELINE, LOCAL COS ARE IDENTIFIED BY THE LOCALS DURING THE TIP UPDATE PROCESS
M	TOTAL OF ROWS K AND L	$501.8	FUNDING CONSTRAINT FOR RTP PLANNING PURPOSES FOR COUNTY AND LOCAL COS PRIORITIES - FY 2030-2050
N	ROUNDED TO NEAREST $10M	$500.0	

Why RTP Implementation Matters

- Guides long-term investment decisions
- Connects policy to funding and project delivery
- Improves competitiveness for TIP and Grant funding
- Supports County-wide and regional (SEMCOG) alignment

Macomb County Federal Aid Committee

What the RTP Is

- A core SEMCOG responsibility
- Includes the four-year TIP and is updated during the same cycle
- Data-driven and transparent
- A tool for investment prioritization

What the RTP Is Not

- Not a guarantee for funding
- Not a TIP Update ‘Pre-List’
- Not limited to highways or single modes
- Not independent of federal or state requirements

PARTICIPANT NOTES