Macomb County Federal Aid Committee (FAC)
Fall Meeting
Thursday, October 1, 2026, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Senior Auditorium - Suite 6 - Verkuilen Building
21885 Dunham, Clinton Township

Agenda

1. Call to order and Welcome – Scott Wanagat, MCDR Interim Director and Highway Engineer, FAC Chair

2. FAC member introductions – Scott Wanagat

3. Old Business - Approval of June 24, 2026 Summer Meeting Minutes (see Attachment A) – **(*motion required*)**

4. SEMCOG update – Michele Fedorowicz/Steve Brudzinski

5. New Business – TIP Subcommittee Recommendation – Approval of the Inclusion of the Macomb County RTP and RTP/TIP Best Practice Implementation Strategies into the FAC Guidance Document as New Appendix F, and updated as needed – (See Attachment B) - Action Item ***(motion required)***

6. Macomb County and CORE Update – Eric Dimoff, MCDR Public Information Officer

7. Public Comment

8. Upcoming Macomb County FAC meetings*
    a. Winter Meeting – Wednesday, January 27, 2027 – 2-4 P.M.
    b. Potential Special Spring 2027 TIP Update Meeting – TBD
    c. Summer Meeting – Wednesday, June 23, 2027 – 2-4 P.M.

9. 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

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

Date & Time: Wednesday, June 24, 2026, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Location: Senior Auditorium Verkuilen Building, 21885 Dunham Road, Clinton Township

Invitees: See attached Meeting Attendees list

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1. **Call to Order by the Chair –** Scott Wanagat, MCDR Highway Engineer
    i. **Scott Wanagat,** chair, called the meeting to order at 2:06 PM. He thanked everyone for coming and stated everyone should have received a copy of the agenda packet.
    ii. **Director Bryan Santo** thanked everyone for coming and welcomed everyone.

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

3. **Old Business – Approval of January 28, 2026 Winter FAC Meeting Minutes**
    i. Motion to approve meeting minutes was made by Ken Verkest.
    ii. Motion seconded by Elaine Levin-Fraser.
    iii. There was no further discussion and the motion carried.

4. **Macomb County Comprehensive Development Strategy** – Adam Young & John Culcasi
    i. Adam and John presented on the Comprehensive Development Strategy (CDS) that is currently underway, including the strategic goals.
    ii. In coordination with drafting the Comprehensive Development Plan, a total of seven different plans were reviewed that covered a countywide scope.
    iii. The CDS can be a key tool to translate regional transportation policies into county- and municipal-ready guidance.
    iv. The CDS can also strengthen TIP applications based on the alignment with the shared vision topics. It is not intended to be another vetting process or rating system; the CDS provides a single repository of information and a shared set of priorities and goals that can strengthen and justify TIP project applications.
    v. The document also supports data-driven decisions, including:
        i. Aggregated local zoning and future land use data
        ii. Planned motorized/non-motorized systems
        iii. Infrastructure systems
        iv. Natural features and constraints
    vi. The project was kicked off in January of 2026. Currently, the team is completing the County Profile and Planning Drivers phase, which will lead to the establishment of a shared vision for county-wide development. Plan finalization is anticipated at the end of 2026.

5. **SEMCOG Update** – Michele Fedorowicz & Steve Brudzinski
    i. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
        i. Efforts are underway in Congress to develop a successor to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). No additional funding beyond current levels is

anticipated as part of the replacement legislation.
   ii. A smaller resolution may extend existing funding programs while Congress works to finalize and adopt a new transportation bill. The proposal remains under committee review and has not yet advanced in the legislative process.

ii. 2055 Regional Transportation Plan
   i. The schedule for the 2055 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is being finalized.
   ii. Current milestones include
      1. Fall 2026: Project kickoff and stakeholder/public engagement
      2. April 2027: Start of RTP/TIP Development Committee meetings
      3. October to December 2027: RTP/TIP Call for Projects
      4. April 2028: Anticipated TIP adoption
      5. October 2028: Anticipated RTP adoption

iii. Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and Quick Build Programs
   i. The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and Quick Build Program applications for FY 2028–2029 funding are due on October 1, 2026.
   ii. Both programs are highly competitive and provide opportunities to fund a variety of transportation improvement projects.
   iii. Approximately $43 million is available through the program annually, with roughly $14 million of that total allocated by Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) within large, urbanized areas.
   iv. Additional information regarding program eligibility, application requirements, and funding opportunities is available on the program website: Transportation Alternatives Program.
   v. SEMCOG encourages any previous applications that were not awarded previously to apply again.

iv. NEPA Right-of-Way
   i. NEPA approval **must** be obtained before acquiring right-of-way (ROW), as failure to follow the required process may jeopardize a project's eligibility for programming.
   ii. SEMCOG expressed its willingness to meet with local municipalities to provide assistance throughout the application and project development process.
   iii. Additional resources are available through MDOT's Local Agency Program (LAP) website, including guidance on ROW acquisition procedures and NEPA requirements. Relevant information can be found under the **NEPA Guidance** section of the LAP website: Local Agency Program.
   iv. Bryan Santo added NEPA must be complete prior to any work being done; any and all acquisition – even for grading easements – must have NEPA completed first.
      1. If a developer is choosing to dedicate ROW in an on-going development, that is separate. The NEPA timeline applies to publicly funded projects.
      2. EPE/PE work for ROW and scoping studies can also be performed pre-NEPA to support justification.

v. Miscellaneous
   i. SEMCOG has an online road jurisdiction for use: SEMCOG Road Jurisdiction
   ii. PASER ratings are done annually, and any issues with the data should be communicated with SEMCOG directly.
   iii. Chris Williams is a SEMCOG RTP Coordinator developing the Regional Transportation Plan for the region. His email is: cwilliams@semcog.org.

6. Regional Transportation Planning Workshop

i. Scott Wanagat outlined FAC RTP actions and policy updates that have been implemented to-date based on FAC member feedback.

ii. Scott reviewed the current FAC RTP principles, what it is intended for, what is in/out of RTP scope, and outlined proposed RTP implementation best practices and strategies for the Macomb FAC.
iii. Eric Dimoff kicked off the workshop by reviewing the exercises to be done by the groups present:
    i. Exercise 1: RTP Principles, Best Practices, and Strategies
        1. Key discussion topics included the importance of coordinating transportation projects with other infrastructure investments, such as utilities, as well as increasing collaboration with other FACs (e.g. working with Oakland County FAC regarding work on Dequindre Avenue).
        2. Participants emphasized the need for more projects focused on pedestrians.
        3. The group discussed proactive ROW acquisition; however, it was noted that acquiring ROW prior to NEPA completion could jeopardize federal funding eligibility (see notes under Section 5.iv).
        4. Participants suggested communities develop and adopt land development policies to better support future planning and implementation efforts.
        5. Work on 26 Mile Road was brought up a few times throughout the workshop.
    ii. Exercise 2: RTP Best Practice Model
        1. Participants met in small groups to provide feedback and reflect on the FAC Sub-Committee's efforts to serve as a model for other FACs in the region.
        2. Participants emphasized the importance of investing in 2% EPE projects and prioritizing improvements that provide the broadest community impact.
        3. Several groups discussed the need for a more standardized grant application process, noting that the current process can be costly and burdensome. Some municipalities must hire private consultants and spend significant resources preparing applications without guarantee of receiving funding.
        4. Additional discussion focused on implementing more Complete Streets guidelines to support non-motorized transportation projects.
        5. Positive feedback highlighted the value of the Corridors of Significance Study, the committee's focus on preservation, the educational nature of the FAC meetings, and the benefits of regional coordination in maximizing the effectiveness of available funding.
        6. Participants liked the workgroup set up of this particular FAC meeting as opposed to the traditional setup.
    iii. After the groups completed reporting out their discussion highlights, Eric thanked the participants for their engagement and feedback.

7. Macomb County and CORE Update – Eric Dimoff, MCDR Public Information Officer

i. Macomb County Update
    i. Eric Dimoff provided an update on efforts to establish an open data portal that will improve access to information on ongoing and upcoming projects.
    ii. Work is also underway to develop a public-facing website to enhance transparency and communication with stakeholders and residents.

ii. CORE Update
    i. An update was provided on the CORE program, noting that the initial round of outreach included meetings with individual communities to discuss local priorities, needs, and potential projects.
    ii. The CORE meeting schedule was distributed in March.
    iii. Additional outreach will take place following The 4th of July holiday to schedule follow-

up community meetings.

iv. Eric Dimoff shared an interactive map of projects programmed for 2026–2029 is on the website, found here: Transportation Improvement Projects. The website is intended to improve transparency and provide communities and residents with easy access to information on planned and upcoming transportation investments.

v. It was noted that CORE-related meetings can continue to occur prior to the next TIP deadline, providing opportunities for additional coordination, community input, and project development before funding decisions are made.

8. **Public Comment** – None.

9. **Upcoming Maccomb County FAC Meetings***
   i. Fall Meeting – Thursday, October 1, 2026 2-4 PM
   ii. Winter Meeting – Wednesday, January 27, 2027 2-4 PM

10. **Adjourn**
   i. Motion: Ken Verkest
   ii. Second: Jim Goetzinger
   iii. The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 PM.

Attachments: Meeting Attendees
Reviewed By: Danielle Gerlach, Roger Safford
Submitted By: Samuel Sav
CC: File

Meeting Attendees/Agency or Firm Represented

- Adam Young, MLPED
- Arif Cekic, Fishbeck
- Brad Kessler, Chesterfield Township
- Brent Bashaw, Sterling Heights
- Bryan Babcock, St. Clair Shores
- Chris Williams, SEMCOG
- Danielle Gerlach, HNTB
- Elaine Leven, Fraser
- Eric Dimoff, MCDR
- Irvin Wyche, MCDR
- Jacob Fenech, Mount Clemens
- Jacob JaBaay, Spalding DeDecker
- Jeff Yaroch, New Haven
- Jim Goetzinger, Richmond
- John Abraham, MCDR
- John Culcasi, MCPED
- Jonathan Hondorp, SMART
- Joseph Paquetie, Washington Township
- Karen Gharbie, Chesterfield Township
- Ken Verkest, Harrison Township
- Kristen Myers, HRC
- Lara Beyer, New Baltimore
- Louis Urban, Ray Township
- Lynde Oddo, Shelby Township
- Mary Bednar, Clinton Township
- Michael Vigneron, AEW
- Michele Fedorowicz, SEMCOG
- Mitch O'Connor, Chesterfield
- Roger Safford, HNTB
- Ron Trombly, New Baltimore
- Samuel Sav, HNTB
- Scott Duffin, New Baltimore
- Scott Lockwood, AEW
- Steve Brudzinski, SEMCOG
- Willie Souaid, MDOT

ATTACHMENT B-1

Date	September 15, 2026
To	Macomb County Federal Aid Committee
From	TIP Subcommittee
Subject	Proposed 'Appendix F' Addition to FAC Guidance Document

Recommended FAC Action – Approve the addition of the attached to the FAC Guidance Document as 'Appendix F' and updated as needed.

Background and Justification

The current FAC Guidance Document already establishes several foundational principles that support effective program delivery, including:

- Obligating all available federal aid funding.
- Prioritizing project readiness and eligibility.
- Supporting asset management and system preservation.
- Maintaining transparent, data-driven project evaluation procedures.
- Advancing projects that improve safety, mobility, economic development, and regional transportation performance.
- Coordinating transportation investments with regional RTP and TIP objectives

The proposed Appendix F expands upon these existing principles by codifying best practices intended to improve annual program performance and reduce the risk of funding loss. The action would also document the current list of RTP investment needs and the fiscal constraint analysis performed during the latest update. Specifically, the appendix promotes:

1. **Proactive project planning,** including programming projects for letting during the first half of the fiscal year whenever practical.
2. **Proactive project development,** emphasizing compliance with MOOT LAP milestone schedules and project readiness requirements.
3. **Proactive project management,** including early identification and mitigation of scope, budget, right-of-way, utility, environmental, permitting, and constructability risks.
4. **Strategic program delivery,** including consideration of advance-construction techniques and other tools that increase flexibility to utilize available federal funding and respond to emerging funding opportunities.

Accordingly, the TIP Subcommittee recommends adding the attached items to the existing FAC Guidance Document as Appendix F.

APPENDIX F- FAC GUIDANCE DOCUMENT - PROPOSED FOR ADOPTION AND INCLUSION INTO THE FAC GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

- MACOMB COUNTY FAC REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) - GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND SEMCOG REGIONAL GOALS

- MACOMB COUNTY 2050 RTP INVESTMENT NEEDS

- RTP BEST PRACTICES

- RTP IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

- MACOMB COUNTY FAC 2050 RTP FUNDING CONSTRAINT ANALYSIS

- MACOMB COUNTY FAC RTP AND TIP PROGRAM DELIVERY STRATEGY

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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

'XX' IN MATRIX CELLS INDICATE STRONG CORRELATION BETWEEN FAC GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND SEMCOG REGIONAL GOALS; 'X' IN CELLS INDICATE MODERATE CORRELATION; BLANK CELLS INDICATE LOW CORRELATION

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-53C**				**$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-55D and 50RTP-56E**			**$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.”

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

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

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	

September 2026

MACOMB COUNTY FAC TIP PROGRAM DELIVERY STRATEGY

A. Background: With a new 4-Year TIP Update for FY 29-32 on the horizon, 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.

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 to fully utilize the funding made available each year and for additional funding opportunities (in cooperation and coordination with the FAC and any local funding partners and stakeholders.)