

2050 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

Listening Tour

LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

What is it?

- A plan that outlines planning principles, goals, and objectives for the next 25 years, and is updated every four years.
- Guiding document for transportation planning in St. Clair County
 - Enables funding
 - Locally developed policy
 - Goals & objectives
 - Current conditions
 - Recommendations
 - Implementation strategy

Why do we need it?

- Federal transportation legislation
 - Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)- 2022-2026
 - The BIL continues the Metropolitan Planning Program, which establishes a cooperative, continuous, and comprehensive framework for making transportation investment decisions in metropolitan areas. Program oversight is a joint Federal Highway Administration/Federal Transit Administration responsibility.
- It's important to re-examine the county's transportation goals/objectives, current needs, and future trends

PLAN ELEMENTS

- **Safety & Security**

- Provide a safe & secure transportation system for all users

- **Reliability & Performance**

- Leverage innovative solutions to optimize system performance

- **Access & Connectivity**

- Enhance communities and lives through improved access to opportunities

- **Health & Environment**

- Protect & preserve our region's public health and environmentally sensitive areas

- **Investment & Economy**

- Support economic prosperity through strategic transportation investment

PLAN GOALS

- I. Preserve transportation infrastructure in ways that are cost-effective and match our community's needs.
- II. Increase Safety for all travelers, regardless of mode.
- III. Ensure that everyone, regardless of differences like race, gender, ethnicity, national origin, age, physical or cognitive ability, or income can easily reach essential services and employment opportunities.
- IV. Use technology to enhance the transportation system in a cost-effective way.
- V. Create a transportation system that is resilient, protects the environment, and improves community health.

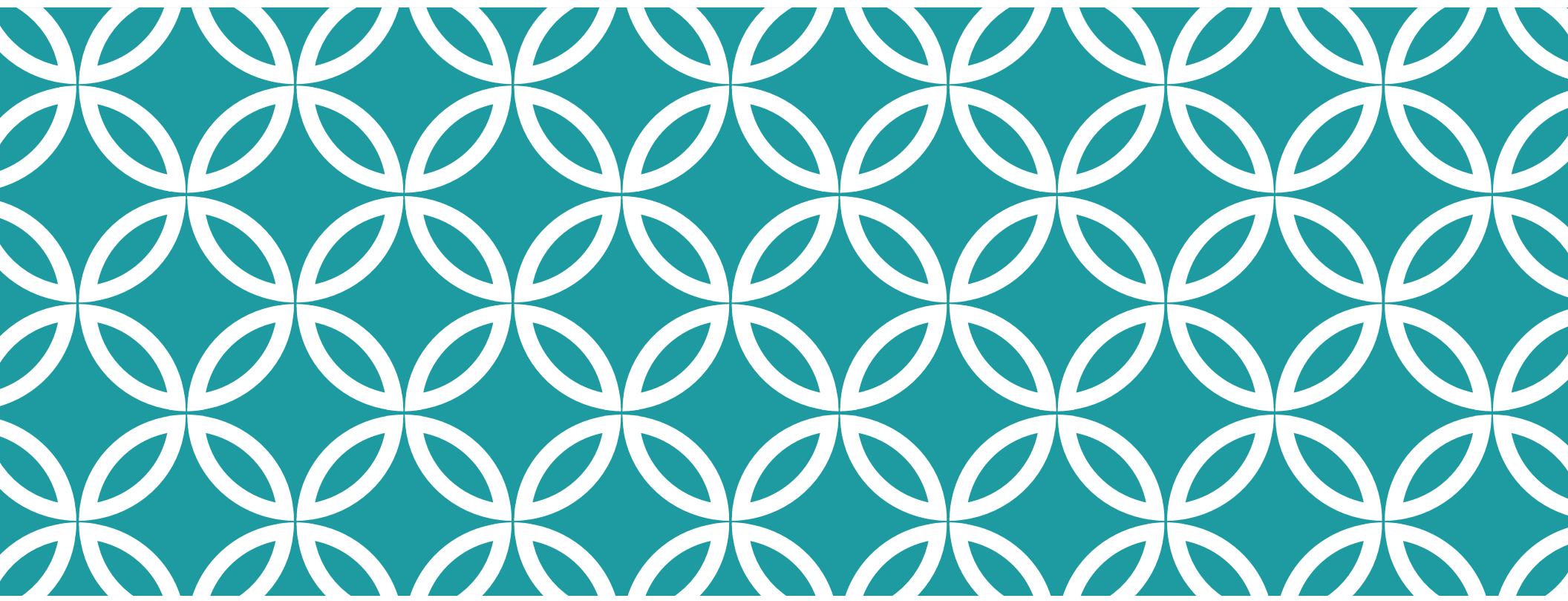
PLAN GOALS

- VI. Help the regional economy by making sure goods move smoothly and efficiently, making trade connections better, allowing more people to work in different places, and supporting tourism, and placemaking.
- VII. Educate and work with local governments, transportation agencies, utility providers, and residents to make the transportation system better.
- VIII. Increase spending and options for local governments to meet the transportation needs of their communities.
- IX. Prepare for challenges that occur as the region's population gets older, like not being able to move around as easily and not having enough workers.
- X. Determine how safe and effective the transportation system is by collecting and studying data to make smart investments.

TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES

- ❖ Funding Availability
- ❖ Road/Pavement Conditions
- ❖ Winter Maintenance
- ❖ Traffic Safety
- ❖ Non-Motorized Operations
- ❖ Public Transit
- ❖ Congestion
- ❖ Sidewalk Conditions
- ❖ Accessibility
- ❖ Planning for Underserved Population

What is missing?

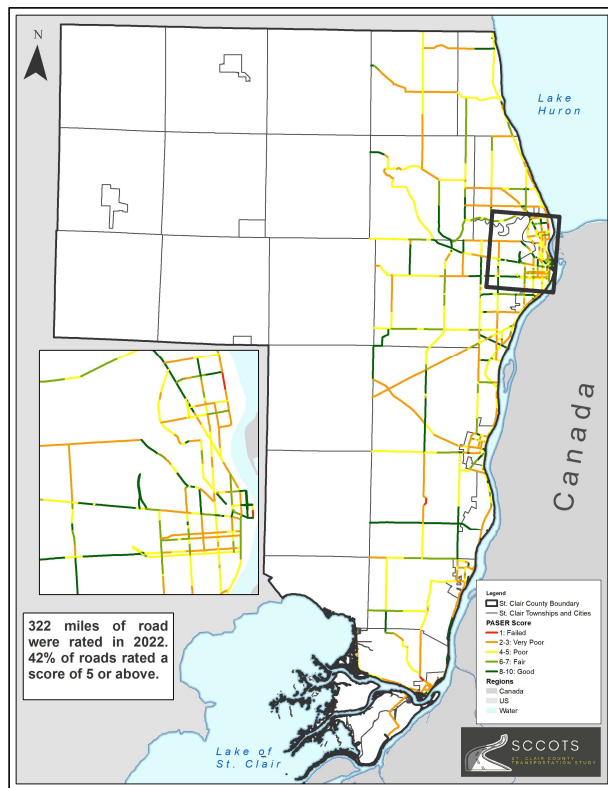


**ROAD CONDITION
PAVEMENT AND SURFACE EVALUATION
RATING (PASER)**

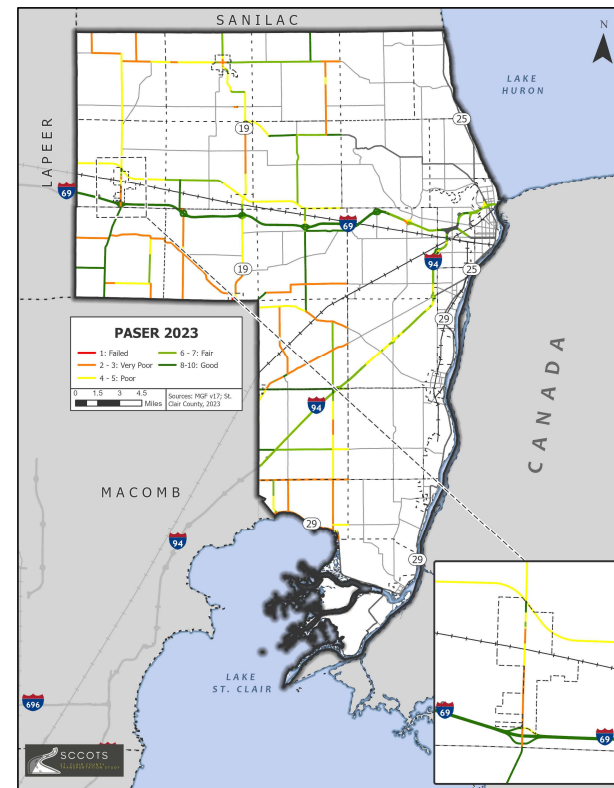
Federal Aid Eligible Roads Only

MOST RECENT ROAD CONDITIONS

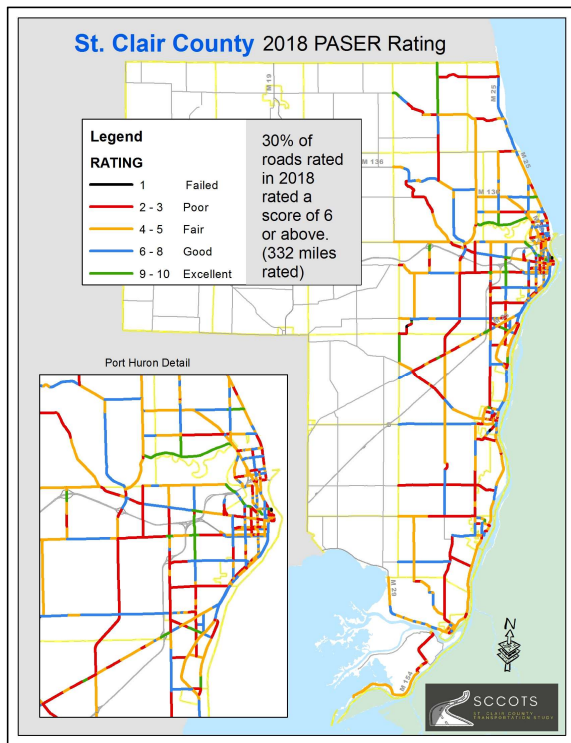
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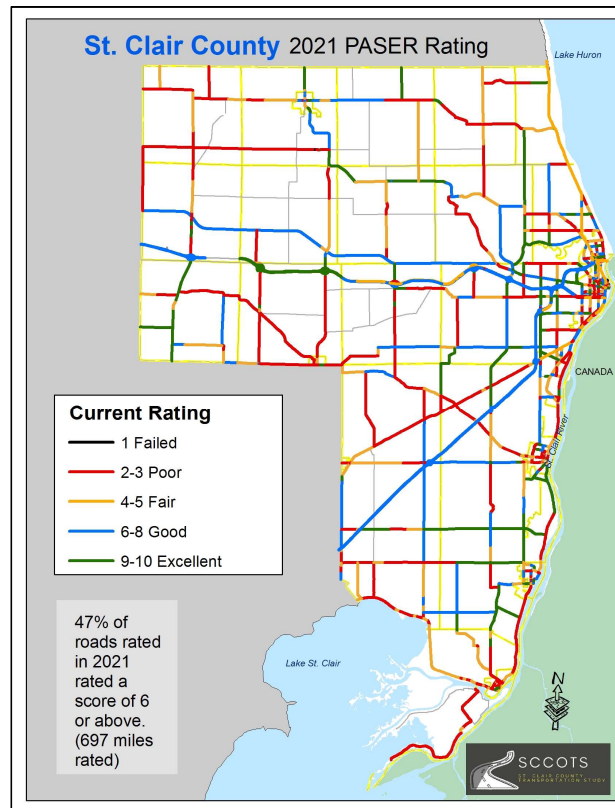
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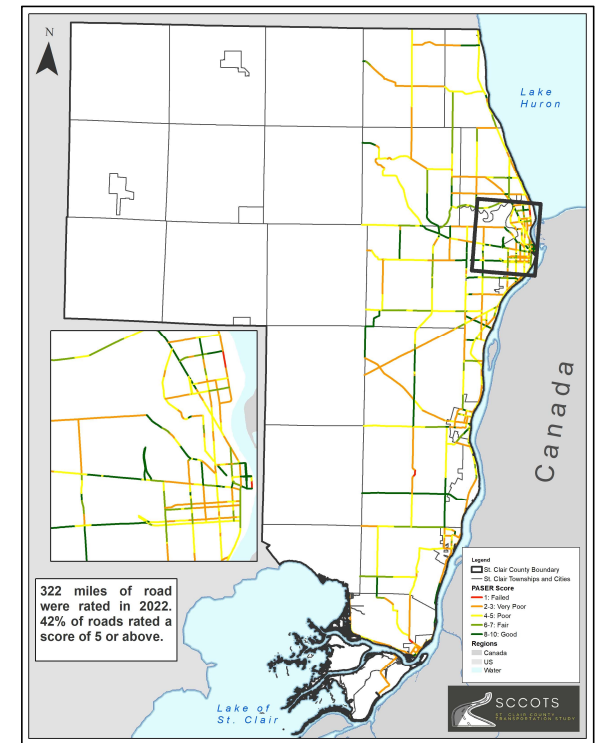
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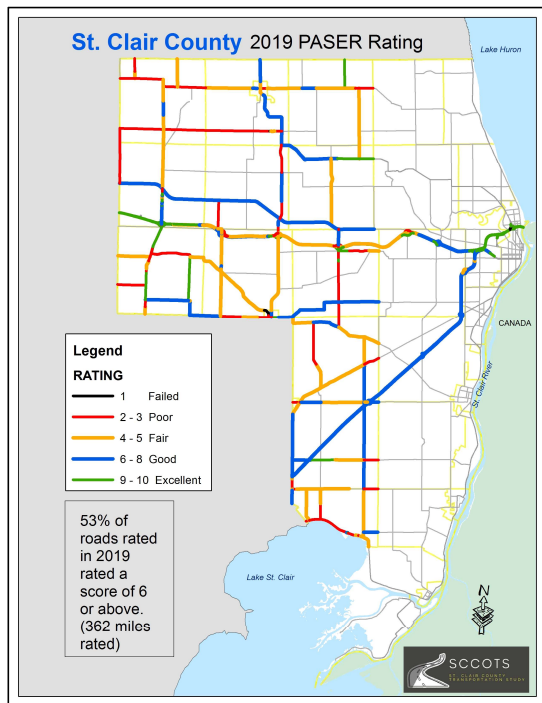


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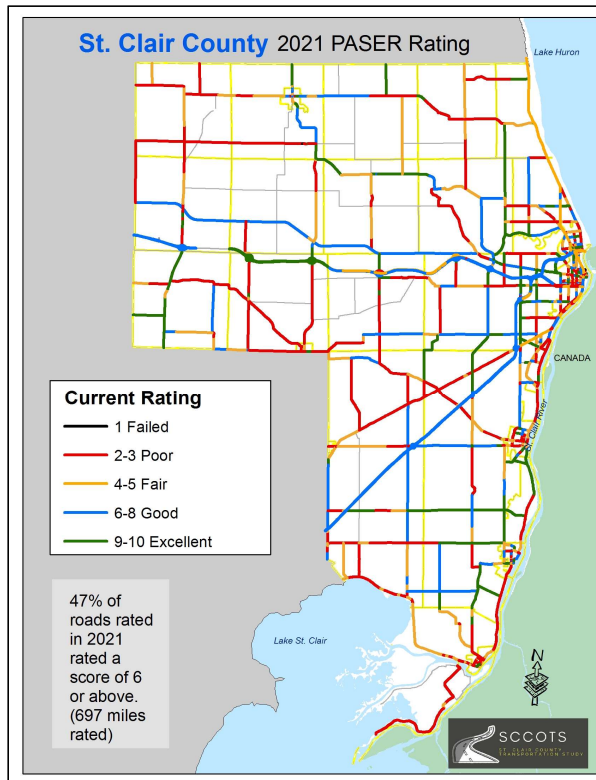


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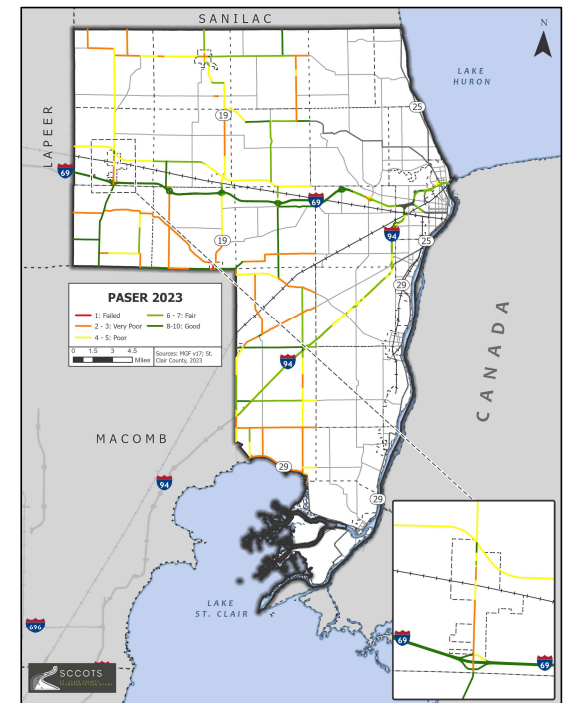
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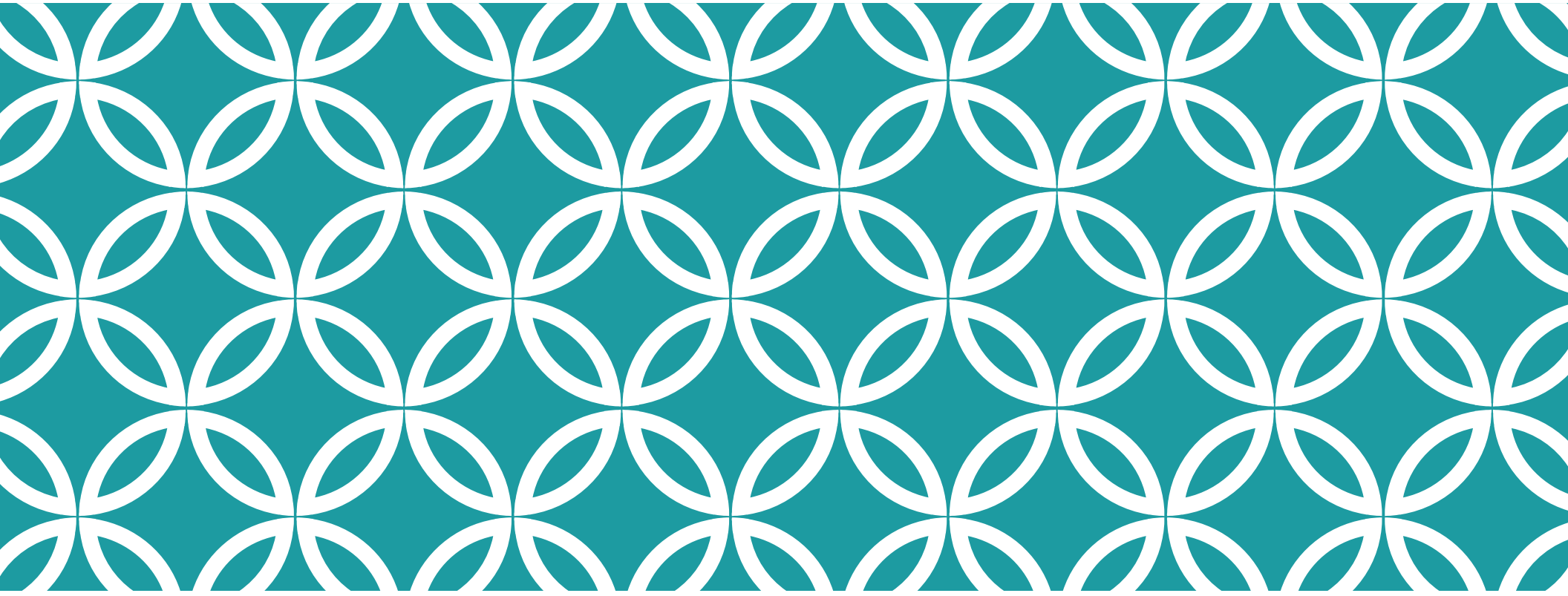
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DISCUSSION TOPICS

Leading Questions....

ROADS/BRIDGES

- How safe do you feel on the roads in St. Clair County?
- How “good” are the roads in St. Clair County?
 - Which ones are the best?
 - Which ones are the worst?
- Do you think roundabouts are effective and safer?
- Do you think our bridges are in good condition?
 - Did you know we have 328 bridges (96 MDOT/232 Local) in our County?

NON-MOTORIZED FACILITIES (BIKE LANES, SIDEWALKS, TRAILS)

- How safe do you feel?
- What would make it feel more safe to you?
- Is there a certain road/area/community that needs improvements?
 - Specific is best
- How often do you walk/bike?
 - Would you do it more if you felt safer?
- Do you think the non-motorized facilities are in good condition?

TRANSIT

- Do you use Blue Water Transit Bus Service?
- If you don't, why not?
- Do you feel safe on the bus?
- Do you feel safe around the buses as a pedestrian?
- What is the best thing about the Blue Water Bus Services?
- What could they improve?

ELECTRIC VEHICLES/ALTERNATIVE FUELS INFRASTRUCTURE/PLANNING

- Do you own an electric vehicle?
- If you do, why do you love it?
- If you don't, why not?
- Do you think St. Clair County is ready for more electric vehicles?
- What do we need to be more prepared for these changes?
- How familiar are you with alternative fuels for your vehicles?

NEXT STEPS

- Public Input in October 2023
 - Listening Tour- 4 Stops, 6:30-8:00pm
 - October 11th – Fort Gratiot Township
 - October 12th – East China Township
 - October 17th – Columbus County Park
 - October 26th – Mussey Township
- Complete DRAFT Document- Early 2024
- Public Hearing- Spring 2024
- Adoption of the Final Plan- Spring 2024
- Forward to SEMCOG for inclusion in the Regional Transportation Plan
- Final Approval from MDOT and FHWA/FTA

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS/CONCERNS

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