

# **ST. CLAIR COUNTY TRANSPORTATION STUDY (SCCOTS) ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2023 • 9:30 A.M.**

**Location:**  
CONFERENCE ROOM A  
200 Grand River Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Port Huron, MI 48060

## **AGENDA**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Introduction of Members and Guests**
- 3. Citizens to be Heard**
- 4. Approval of Minutes- *Action Item***
  - a. August 9, 2023 Advisory Committee
- 5. Communications and Notices- See attachments**
  - a. Blue Water Bridge Plaza Expansion Public Open House— November 13, 2023
  - b. SEMCOGU: Transportation Analysis Tool— November 15, 2023
  - c. SEMCOG's Communicators Network— November 29, 2023
  - d. SEMCOGU: Transportation Alternatives Program— December 7, 2023
- 6. Project Updates**
  - a. Federal-Aid Transportation Project Updates
    - i. Status of current and upcoming projects in the TIP
- 7. Old Business**
  - a. Discussion on Funding (ongoing agenda item)
    - i. Revised Funding Targets
  - b. 2050 SCCOTS Long Range Transportation Plan Update/Discussion
- 8. New Business**
  - a. 2024 SCCOTS Advisory Committee Meeting Calendar- *Action Item*
- 9. Other Items**
  - a. Next Meeting Scheduled: December 13, 2023
- 10. Adjournment**

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St. Clair County Transportation Study  
DAVID STRUCK, Director



# SCCOTS

## St. Clair County Transportation Study Advisory Committee

200 Grand River Avenue, Conference Room A  
Port Huron, MI 48060

### Meeting of August 9, 2023 DRAFT MINUTES

1) **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m.

2) **Introduction of Members and Guests**

ORGANIZATION	NAME
SCCMPC	Dan Lockwood
China Township	John Golan
China Township	Brandy Ciaciuch
BWATC	Jeff Hirschmann
BWATC	Dave Mcelroy
MDOT	Michele Zaweruka
City of Port Huron	Brent Moore
City of Port Huron	Eric Witter
Road Commission	Bill Hazelton
Road Commission	Justin Rose
City of Marysville	Barry Kreiner
City of Marysville	Randy Fernandez
City of Marysville BMJ	Patrick Phelan
City of Marysville	Sean Quain
MDOT	Linda Purchell
SEMCOG	Steve Brudzinski
City of St. Clair	Quentin Bishop

3) **Citizens to Be Heard**

None

4) **Approval of Minutes** – Advisory Committee June 14, 2023

**Motion** by Lockwood, supported by Jeschke to approve the minutes as presented.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**5) Communications and Notices**

- a) ACUB meeting with MDOT/SEMCOG
  - i) Following the August 9<sup>th</sup> SCCOTS Meeting @ 10:30AM
- b) SEMU: Regional Resources for GREEN
- c) SC2FC Community EV Fleet Expo and Ride & Drive
- d) Vision 2050 – Visioning and Goals Virtual Workshop

**6) Project Updates**

- a) Federal-Aid Transportation Project Updates
  - i) Status of current and upcoming projects in the TIP

**7) Old Business**

- a) Discussion on Funding (ongoing agenda item)

**8) New Business**

- a) August Redistribution Discussion
- b) 2050 SCCOTS Long Range Transportation Plan
  - i) Goals/Objectives Discussion

**9) Other Items**

- a) Next Meeting Date  
The next meeting will be on September 13, 2023

**10) Adjournment**

**Motion** by Hazelton, supported by Jeschke, to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay Wallace  
Transportation Planner



# Blue Water Bridge Plaza Expansion Project

## Open House

**Monday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> | 2 – 6 p.m. | 2127 11<sup>th</sup> Ave., Port Huron**

Please join us for an open house style update on the Blue Water Bridge Plaza Expansion project, including noise barrier information.

### Agenda:

- Project Updates
- Next Steps
- Noise Barrier Information
- Schedule
- Open Discussion

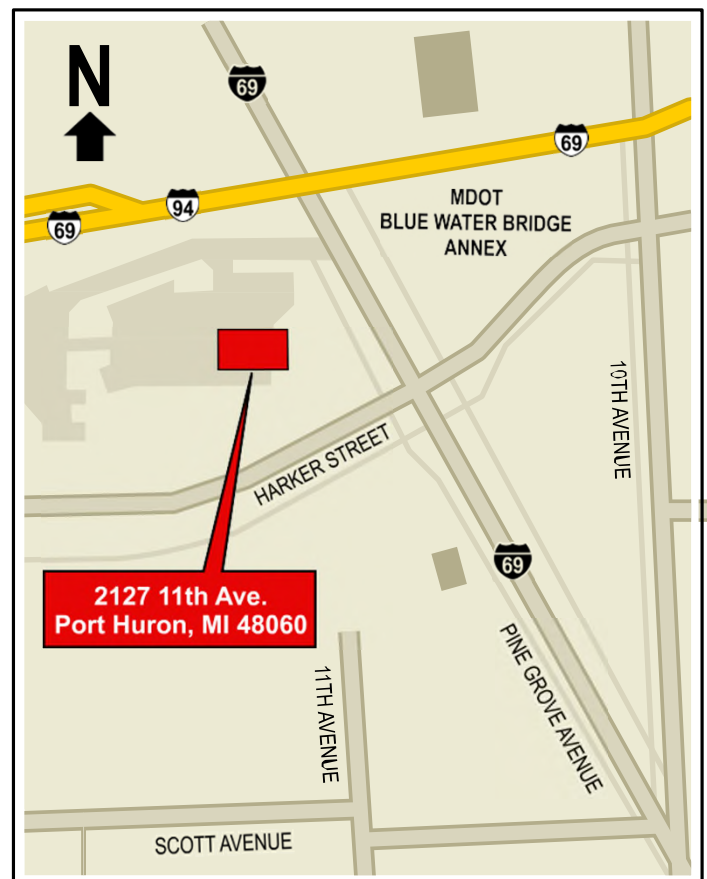
### Location:

MDOT Blue Water Bridge Annex  
2127 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Port Huron, MI 48060

**Monday, November 13, 2023 | 2 – 6 p.m.**  
Stop in any time



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SEMU Webinar: Transportation Analysis Tools



November 15, 2023

To support effective planning, SEMCOG utilizes information observed from the real world. We also use computer software to create digital replicas of our region in the future to understand how mobility choices made by people (walking, biking, riding transit, driving, etc.) interact with the capacity of the transportation system and other regional trends and factors (population, housing, employment, etc).

This process is known as modeling, and it enables SEMCOG to forecast expected outcomes of our region and prioritize investments accordingly. Many of the tools SEMCOG uses in its regional transportation modeling and planning activities can be used at the local level. These include:

- Travel Demand Models
- LOCUS: Location-based Services Data and Big Data Analytics
- Iteris ClearGuide: Speeding Map
- Multimodal Tool
- Commuter Connect
- And more!

Join us to learn more about these transportation tools and how they can be used at the local level.

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**When** 11/15/2023 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Eastern Standard Time

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Communicators Network





November 29, 2023

## Agenda

- Welcome and introductions
- Celebrating and Promoting Unique Places
- Promoting Community through Storytelling
- Tips and Tools for Effective Media Relations

The goals of the Communicators Network are to:

- Share experiences and best practices;
- Build peer relationships among government communicators and community relations officials; and
- Discuss opportunities to collaborate on regional initiatives.

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SEMU Webinar: Transportation Alternatives Program



December 7, 2023

Come learn more about the SEMCOG Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), including eligibility, competitiveness criteria, creating an application, and planning for successful implementation.

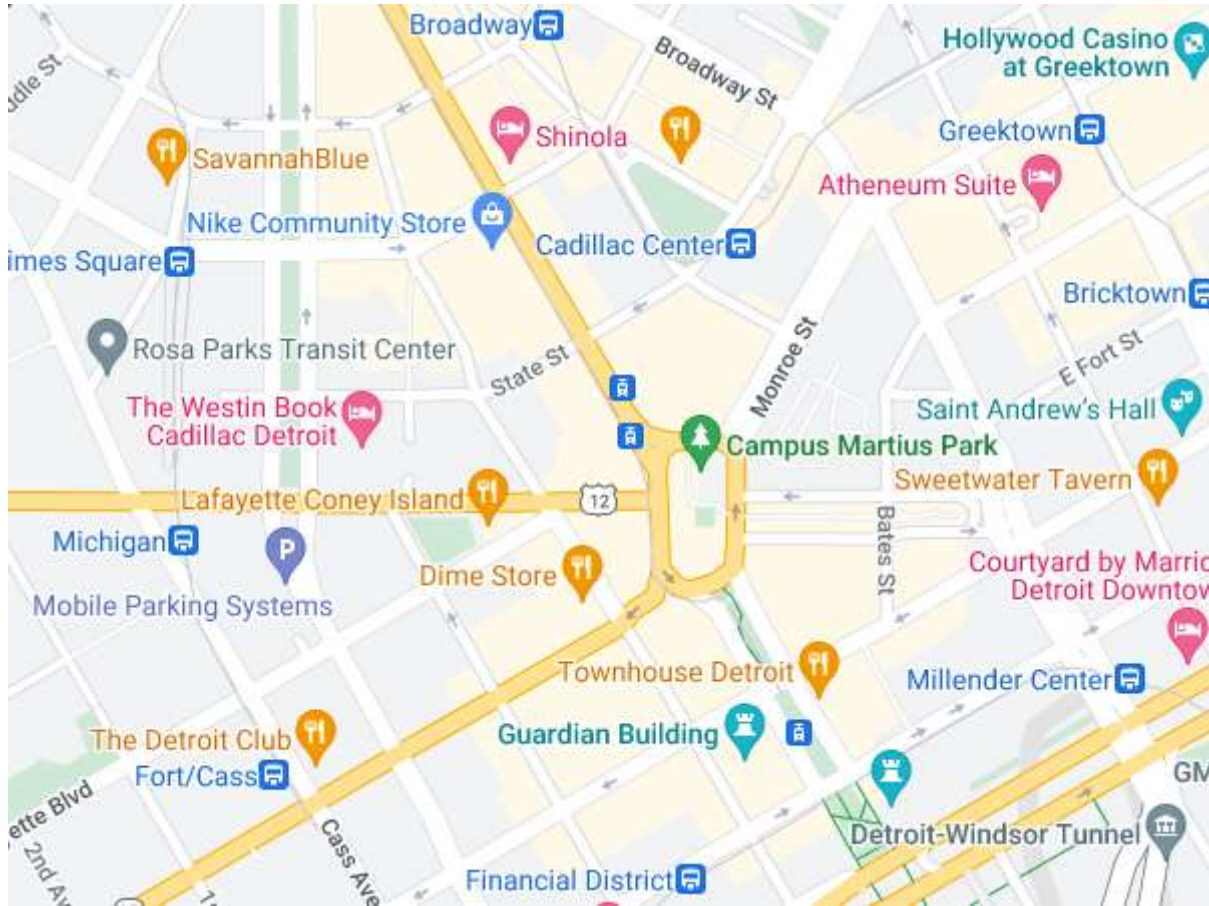
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**2050 SCCOTS Long Range Transportation Plan**  
**Goals & Objectives Survey Results**

**Goal 1: Preserve transportation infrastructure in ways that are cost-effective and match our community's needs.**

- #1- Improve the condition of roads and bridges.
- #2- Create maintenance plans to extend the lifespan of infrastructure.
- #3- Ensure we are tracking community needs and investments to inform our infrastructure decisions.
- #4- Create a plan to evaluate infrastructure assets and priorities in coordination with other infrastructure owners.
- #5- Increase and diversify funding to maximize impact of infrastructure investments and support quality places to live, work, and play.

**Goal 2: Increase Safety for all travelers, regardless of mode.**

- #1- Make transportation safer by minimizing traffic fatalities and injuries.
- #2- Improve safety for all modes of travel (including pedestrians, cyclists, and transit users).
- #3- Use the Safe System Approach to reduce road deaths and injuries by managing consequences of human mistakes.
- #4- Slow down traffic in busy pedestrian areas.
- #5- Increase public knowledge of safe transportation practices.

**Goal 3: 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.**

- #1- Ensure connectivity between modes and improve last-mile options.
- #2- Improve transit reliability and access to jobs and other core services.
- #3- Work with stakeholders to create transportation solutions that cater to everyone including historically marginalized communities.

**Goal 4: Use technology to enhance the transportation system in a cost-effective way.**

- #1- Encourage the use of innovative and cost-effective technologies.
- #2- Develop connected and automated technologies for future use.
- #3- Ensure that diverse communities and users throughout the region have equal access to, education on, and can afford new technology.

**Goal 5: Create a transportation system that is resilient, protects the environment, and improves community health.**

- #1- Increase infrastructure coordination between agencies and local government.
- #2- Spend more money on stormwater and greenways to prevent flooding and support water quality.
- #3- Make the transportation system better prepared for extreme weather and climate change.
- #4- Reduce pollution from transportation to make the air cleaner and keep people healthier.
- #5- Engage communities to understand their transportation needs and concerns for the environment.

**Goal 6: 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.**

- #1- Make places more attractive to people by designing streets that everyone can safely use.
- #2- Slow down traffic in busy shopping areas to make them safer for pedestrians.
- #3- Make transportation connections better between regional economic centers to help goods move around and the economy to grow.
- #4- Make it easier to travel to economic centers.
- #5- Provide many transportation options for people to get to and from work.

**Goal 7: Educate and work with local governments, transportation agencies, utility providers, and residents to make the transportation system better.**

- #1- Educate residents about the costs of transportation improvements and potential impacts of different approaches.
- #2- Increase awareness and understanding of the transportation system and how it is maintained and enhanced.
- #3- Get more people involved in transportation planning and decision making.

**Goal 8: Increase spending and options for local governments to meet the transportation needs of their communities.**

- #1- Help transportation agencies get more money from different places, like the government or private groups.
- #2- Identify long-term funding opportunities in the region.

**Goal 9: 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.**

- #1- Provide more travel options like transit, paratransit, shared-rides, biking, and walking.
- #2- Make the transportation system work better for seniors by making sure they can get to destinations that are important to them.



**Goal 10: Determine how safe and effective the transportation system is by collecting and studying data to make smart investments.**

#1- Make sure transportation spending matches the goals.

#2- Set goals for each transportation focus area.

#3- Create a system to collect and analyze a lot of information about transportation.

**From your agency's perspective, rank the transportation issues in order of importance.**

#1- *Funding Availability*

#2- *Road/Pavement Conditions*

#3- Winter Maintenance

#4- Traffic Safety

#5- Non-Motorized Operations

#6- Public Transit

#7- Congestion

#8- Sidewalk Conditions

#9- Accessibility

#10- Planning for Underserved Population



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St. Clair County Transportation Study



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**St. Clair County Transportation Study (SCCOTS) Advisory Committee**

County Administration Building  
200 Grand River Avenue  
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**Conference Room A – 9:30 a.m.  
2024 Meeting Schedule**

January 10

February 14

March 13

April 10

May 8

June 12

July 10

August 14

September 11

October 9

November 13

December 11

January 8, 2025

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