



# Minutes

Southwest Michigan Planning Commission  
FULL COMMISSION MEETING  
Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

Meeting held in person at Van Buren ISD Conference Center

## **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Doroh, Kurt, Chair, Van Buren County Commissioner  
Curran, Jim, Vice Chair, Berrien County Commissioner  
Sinclair, Kim, Treasurer, Van Buren County Representative  
Preston, Linda, Secretary, Cass County Representative  
Catherman, Rick, Van Buren County Representative  
Cichon, Peg, Berrien County Representative  
DeLong, Don, Cass County Representative  
Dodd, James, Cass County Representative  
Ellspermann, Tom, Berrien County Representative  
Engle, Roger, Van Buren County Representative  
Fette, Dan, Berrien County Representative  
Freehling, Teri Sue, Berrien County Commissioner  
Gundersen, Kristen, Alternate Secretary, Berrien County Representative  
Klemesrud, Kathryn, Berrien County Representative  
Leary, Tina, Van Buren County Commissioner  
Northrop, Alan, Cass County Commissioner  
Pantaleo, Paul, Berrien County Representative  
Patterson-Gladney, Gail, Van Buren County Commissioner  
Stauffer, Dick, Berrien County Representative  
Tyler, Doug, Cass County Representative  
Wuerfel, Julie, Berrien County Commissioner

## **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Durm-Hiatt, Marge, Berrien County Representative  
Hanson, Sandra, Alternate Treasurer, Van Buren County Representative  
Multhauf, Katie, Van Buren County Economic Development Ex-Officio  
Torzynski, Robert, Pokagon Band Representative

## **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Humphrey, John  
Vettraino, Maria, SWMPC Office Manager  
Antel, Jennifer, West Michigan Trails Program Manager

## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Kurt Doroh called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Office Manager, Maria Vettraino, took roll call, and a quorum was present.

## **2. ACCEPTANCE AND/OR REVISION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Chair Doroh presented the Consent Agenda. Rick Catherman moved to **“ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA.”** James Dodd seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

## **3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Director Egelhaaf opened the floor for any questions or comments on the Executive Director’s Report. Dan Fette shared the resignation of Berrien County Representative Gary Wood from the SWMPC Board. He then introduced John Humphrey, former mayor of New Buffalo, who may replace Gary Wood’s seat.

Kimberly Sinclair moved to **“ACCEPT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT.”** Paul Pantaleo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

## **4. WEST MICHIGAN REGIONAL MASTER TRAILS PLAN**

Jennifer Antel, Program Manager at West Michigan Trails, presented the West Michigan Regional Master Trails Plan. Antel covered the regional needs, process, and priorities of the plan.

## **5. RESOLUTION 2025-3 WEST MICHIGAN REGIONAL MASTER TRAILS PLAN**

Peg Cichon moved to **“APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-3 WEST MICHIGAN REGIONAL MASTER TRAILS PLAN.”** Gail Patterson-Gladney seconded the motion, which carried unanimously by roll call vote.

## **6. NATS & TWINCATS UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM (UWP)**

Transportation Planner, Brandon Kovnat, presented the NATS & TWINCATS Unified Work Program (UWP).

## **7. NATS & TWINCATS TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**

Transportation Planner, Brandon Kovnat, presented the NATS & TWINCATS Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

## **8. RESOLUTION 2025-4 NATS/CASS OZONE STANDARD STATUS**

Dick Stauffer moved to “**APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-4.**” James Dodd seconded the motion, which carried by roll call vote. A single dissenting vote was recorded from Paul Pantaleo.

**9. RESOLUTION 2025-5 NATS 2026-2029 TIP**

Chair Doroh requested to approve the NATS and TWINCATS 2026-2029 TIP in one motion. The Board agreed.

**10. RESOLUTION 2025-6 TWINCATS 2026-2029 TIP**

Peg Cichon moved to “**APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-5 NATS 2026-2029 TIP AND RESOLUTION 2025-6 TWINCATS 2026-2029 TIP.**” Gail Patterson-Gladney seconded the motion, which carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**11. RESOLUTION 2025-7 TWINCATS 2026 UWP**

Chair Doroh requested to approve the NATS and TWINCATS 2026 UWP in one motion. The Board agreed.

**12. RESOLUTION 2025-8 NATS 2026 UWP**

Kimberly Sinclair moved to “**APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-7 TWINCATS 2026 UWP AND RESOLUTION 2025-8 NATS 2026 UWP.**” James Dodd seconded the motion, which carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**13. RESOLUTION 2025-9 BERRIEN COUNTY OZONE STATUS**

James Dodd moved to “**APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-9.**” Doug Tyler seconded the motion, which carried by roll call vote. A single dissenting vote was recorded from Paul Pantaleo.

**14. RESOLUTION 2025-10 SELF CERTIFICATION TWINCATS TIP**

Doug Tyler moved to “**APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-10.**” Gail Patterson-Gladney seconded the motion, which carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**15. RESOLUTION 2025-11 SELF CERTIFICATION NATS TIP**

Linda Preston moved to “**APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-11.**” Kathryn Klemesrud seconded the motion, which carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**16. PLANNER PRESENTATION**

*Expanding Access through Mobility Management*

Senior Planner, Kim Gallagher, presented on the Mobility Management program. She covered how gaps in Michigan's transportation network impact disadvantaged groups and how human service coordination is being improved. She also highlighted the SWMPC's role in developing a statewide approach to regional mobility management. Gallagher then explained what mobility management means, its strategy, findings, and goals.

#### **17. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

#### **18. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

None.

#### **19. ADJOURNMENT**

Kimberly Sinclair moved to adjourn the meeting. Gail Patterson-Gladney supported the motion. The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted by:



K. John Egelhaaf, AICP

Date: June 17, 2025