

**Meeting Minutes  
Executive Committee**

**SEMCOG Office, 1001 Woodward Ave., Ste. 1400, Detroit, MI 48226  
December 6, 2024**

**A. Call to Order**

Gwen Markham, Commissioner, Oakland County, Executive Committee Chairperson, called the Executive Committee meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Ms. Markham led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Markham opened the meeting by recognizing outgoing members who will not continue their terms as SEMCOG representatives due to the November election.

**Approval of Agenda**

Ms. Markham presented the agenda for consideration and approval by the Executive Committee before noting that the agenda is now available electronically.

**Motion** by Joe LaRussa, Mayor, City of Farmington, to approve the agenda. The **motion** carried by voice vote.

**B. Public Comment**

Ms. Markham offered members of the public three minutes to comment on any agenda item. No comments were received.

**C. Approval of Consent Resolution**

Ms. Markham presented the Consent Resolution for approval: Executive Committee minutes - September 20, 2024; Receipt of Financial Statements - October 2024.

**Motion** by Rock Abboud, Councilmember, Village of Beverly Hills, to approve the Consent Resolution as presented. The **motion** carried by voice vote.

**D. Report from Chairperson: Gwen Markham, Commissioner, Oakland County**

Ms. Markham began her report describing her father, Daniel Murphy, and his role as Executive Committee Chairperson at SEMCOG and then offered other informational items, including: an overview of the SEMCOG 101 workshop in February; and an announcement of the 2025 Member Outreach Meetings and Executive Committee Delegate and Alternate elections to occur in February and March.

**E. Report from Economic Development Council: Roslyn Grafstein, Mayor, City of Madison Heights**

Ms. Markham introduced Roslyn Grafstein, Mayor, City of Madison Heights, after taking a moment to acknowledge outgoing Vice Chairperson Michelle Nard, Commissioner, Macomb County, and presenting a SEMCOG tile in recognition of her service to Macomb County, the region, and SEMCOG.

Ms. Grafstein provided an overview of SEMCOG's Economic Development Council and highlighted the roles and responsibilities of the Council which oversees the development, maintenance, and implementation of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). Ms. Grafstein introduced Dave Struck, Planner III, Economic and Community Vitality, SEMCOG, to provide an overview of stakeholder engagement forums focused on place, talent, and business, who then held an interactive discussion with input from Members.

**F. Report from Legislative Policy Platform Task Force: Frank Viviano, Supervisor, Macomb Township**

Ms. Markham introduced Frank Viviano, Supervisor, Macomb Township, who reported on developing policies with SEMCOG's Legislative Policy Platform Task Force after discussing objectives and thanking members for their participation. Mr. Viviano requested the Executive Committee to approve SEMCOG's 2025-2026 Legislative Policy Platform.

**Motion** by Frank Viviano, Supervisor, Macomb Township, to approve SEMCOG's *2025-2026 Legislative Policy Platform*. The **motion** carried by electronic vote.

RESOLVED, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December 2024, THAT the Executive Committee of SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, approves [SEMCOG's 2025-2026 Legislative Policy Platform](#) for advocacy purposes.

**G. Report from Transportation Coordinating Council: Michael Lesich, Mayor, City of Fraser**

Ms. Markham introduced Michael Lesich, Mayor, City of Fraser, who presented a recommendation to approve the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment 24-5 and provided the Committee with information to take action on the GPA Amendment to the Fiscal Year (FY) *2023–2026 Transportation Improvement Program for Southeast Michigan (TIP)* and the *2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)*.

**Motion** by Michael Lesich, Mayor, City of Fraser, to approve the amendment to the *2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program for Southeast Michigan (TIP)* and the *2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)*. The **motion** carried by unanimous electronic vote.

WHEREAS, the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) supports this vision:

*All the people of Southeast Michigan benefit from a connected, thriving region of small towns, dynamic urban centers, active waterfronts, diverse neighborhoods, premiere educational institutions, and abundant agricultural, recreational, and natural areas.*

WHEREAS, SEMCOG is responsible for developing a long-range regional transportation plan and a Transportation Improvement Program that funds projects to implement the plan;

WHEREAS, the 2050 RTP was developed pursuant to the transportation planning provisions of Title 23 of United States Code (USC) Section 134 and Title 49 USC Section 5303;

WHEREAS, the 2050 RTP requires periodic updates to include projects not fully developed at the time the 2050 RTP was originally adopted, to take advantage of new funding and reflect changing priorities;

WHEREAS, SEMCOG is required to develop amendments to the FY 2023-2026 TIP pursuant to Title 23 of the United States Code (USC) Section 134;

WHEREAS, the 2050 RTP and FY 2023-2026 TIP were analyzed in accordance with 40 CFR 51 for air quality conformity and found not to exceed present and future emission budgets in all analysis years;

WHEREAS, the amendments to the FY 2023-2026 TIP are consistent with the 2050 RTP policies, were financially constrained to identified funding resources, and the amendment process actively encouraged public and agency review and comment;

WHEREAS, SEMCOG certifies that all projects funded in total or in part with State Transportation Economic Development Fund (TEDF) Category C funds are eligible for funding under PA 231 of 1987, as amended, and meet the goals and objectives of the program;

WHEREAS, General Program Accounts (GPA) are used to group smaller, routine transportation projects together in the TIP;

WHEREAS, when the total cost of projects programmed in a GPA equals or exceeds 125% of the GPA's currently authorized amount, that GPA needs to be amended;

WHEREAS, the 2050 RTP, as amended, remains consistent with regional goals and objectives and federal planning factors and were examined for potential impacts on environmentally sensitive resources;

WHEREAS, impacts resulting from the FY 2023-2026 TIP as amended, are balanced across the region, so that no one population bears a disproportionate negative impact, and the benefits are shared across the region;

WHEREAS, SEMCOG has determined that the amendment to the 2050 RTP and the FY 2023-2026 TIP conform to the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality as required by provisions of Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 51 and Title 23 CFR 450;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this 6th day of December, 2024 THAT the Executive Committee of SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, approves the amendment of projects to the 2050 RTP and FY 2023-2026 TIP;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Executive Committee of SEMCOG approves the amendment of four GPAs in the FY2023-2026 TIP;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Executive Committee of SEMCOG submits this amendment to the 2050 RTP and the FY 2023-2026 TIP to the Michigan Department of Transportation, as designee for the Governor's Office of the State of Michigan, for review and transmittal to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy; Michigan Department of Natural Resources; Federal Highway Administration; Federal Transit Administration; and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

#### **H. Report from Finance and Budget Committee: Robert Clark, Mayor, Monroe**

Ms. Markham introduced Robert Clark, Mayor, Monroe, who presented a report from the Finance and Budget Committee with information on SEMCOG's recent

financial audit and findings, and the Executive Director performance evaluation. Mr. Clark requested Executive Committee approval to authorize the Executive Director or her designee to enter into a lease amendment with Bedrock Management Services.

**Motion** by Robert Clark, Mayor, Monroe, to authorize the Executive Director or her designee to enter a lease amendment with Bedrock Management Services, LLC for office space on the 14<sup>th</sup> floor of the 1001 Woodward Building, for total costs not to exceed \$3.2 million, term of 94 months, starting August 1, 2024. The **motion** carried by electronic vote.

Resolved this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December 2024, THAT the Executive Committee of SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, authorizes the Executive Director to enter a renewal lease with Bedrock Management Services, LLC for office space on the 14<sup>th</sup> floor of the 1001 Woodward Building for total costs not to exceed \$3.2 million, term 94 months, starting August 1, 2025.

Mr. Clark then requested Executive Committee approval of a contract with Tetra Tech for SEMCOG's Regional Resilience Improvement Plan.

**Motion** by Robert Clark, Mayor, Monroe, to approve a contract with Tetra Tech for SEMCOG's Regional Resilience Improvement Plan for an amount not to exceed \$700,000. The **motion** carried by unanimous electronic vote.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED this 6th day of December 2024, THAT the Executive Committee of SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, authorizes the Executive Director, or her designee, to enter into contracts with Tetra Tech for SEMCOG's Regional Resilience Improvement Plan for a total amount not to exceed \$700,000.

#### **I. Report from SEMCOG Executive Director, Amy O'Leary**

Ms. Markham introduced Amy O'Leary, Executive Director, SEMCOG, who requested approval of staff involvement with the Metropolitan Affairs Coalition 2025 Work Program.

**Motion** by Joe LaRussa, Mayor, City of Farmington, to approve SEMCOG staff involvement in the Metropolitan Affairs Coalition's 2025 Work Program. The **motion** carried by unanimous electronic vote.

RESOLVED this sixth day of December 2024, THAT the Executive Committee of SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, approves SEMCOG staff involvement in the Metropolitan Affairs Coalition 2025 Work Program.

Ms. O'Leary provided a reminder that Taubman Fellowship applications are due by February 3, 2025 and then presented information on the following items:

- Officer vacancies and call for nominations
- An overview of Federal Highway Administration certification
- A Federal legislative update which included information on reauthorization agreements

- A State legislative update which included information on lame duck activity
- An update on environment and infrastructure on US Army Corps of Engineers flooding study and upcoming workshops
- A recap of the *Southeast Michigan Regional Climate Resilience Framework* project with funding updates and a Regional Resilience Improvement Plan (RIP) timeline
- County ozone attainment and nonattainment designation update with the revised United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) standard
- Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding awarded to the City of Ypsilanti and the City of Chelsea
- Welcome to new SEMCOG staff members and acknowledgment to promoted staff members
- Upcoming SEMCOG events and training opportunities

#### **J. Upcoming Meetings**

Ms. Markham recognized Ms. O'Leary for being named a 2024 Crain's Detroit Business Notable Non-Profit Board Leader honoree for her work as Board Chair for Six Rivers Land Conservancy before reminding Executive Committee members about safety during holiday travel and encouraged attendance at a special SEMCOG University on January 23, Adopting a Culture of Safety. The following upcoming meetings were reviewed:

**Executive Committee** – Friday, January 31, 2025, SEMCOG Offices (Detroit)

**General Assembly** - Thursday, March 20, 2025, TBD

#### **K. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the Executive Committee was adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Spence  
Committee Clerk

**Executive Committee Meeting Attendance  
December 6, 2024**

**Below is a list of Executive Committee Members. Members present at this meeting are indicated by bold typeface:**

**Chair Gwen Markham, Commissioner, District 15, Oakland County**

First Vice Chair - Vacant

Vice Chair Laura Kropp, Mayor, City of Mount Clemens

**Vice Chair Michelle Nard, Commissioner, District 12, Macomb County**

**Vice Chair Diana McKnight – Morton, Trustee, Washtenaw Community College**

**Vice Chair Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, Supervisor, Charter Township of Canton**

Immediate Past - Vacant

**Rock Abboud, Councilmember, Village of Beverly Hills**

Jorja Baldwin, Vice Chairperson, Board of Commissioners, District 2, St. Clair County

Chris Barnett, Supervisor, Charter Township of Orion

**Mary Blackmon, Secretary, Wayne County RESA**

Jeff Bohm, Chairperson, Board of Commissioners, District 5, St. Clair County

Charlie Cavell, Commissioner, District 19, Oakland County

**Robert Clark, Mayor, City of Monroe**

David Coulter, County Executive, Oakland County

David J. Domas, Commissioner, District 2, Livingston County

**Donald Dudas, Trustee, Port Huron Charter Township**

Michael Duggan, Mayor, City of Detroit

Warren Evans, County Executive, Wayne County

Cathy Garrett, Clerk, Wayne County

Jay Gross, Commissioner, District 9, Livingston County

Mark Hackel, County Executive, Macomb County

**Abdul Haidous, Commissioner, District 11, Wayne County**

Timothy Killeen, Commissioner, District 1, Wayne County

**Joe LaRussa, Mayor, City of Farmington**

**Jan Lobur, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Howell**

**Jason Maciejewski, Commissioner, District 1, Washtenaw County**

Brian Marl, Mayor, City of Saline

David Massaron, Chair, Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan

William Miller, III, Commissioner, District 16, Oakland County

**Yousef Rabhi, Commissioner, District 8, Washtenaw County**

Randy Richardville, Vice Chairperson, Board of Comm'r, District 5, Monroe County

**Eric Sabree, Treasurer, Wayne County**

Michael Sedlak, Clerk, Green Oak Charter Township

**Thomas Semaan, Mayor, City of New Baltimore**

Mary Sheffield, Council President, Dist. 5, City of Detroit

David Thompson, Drain Commissioner, Monroe County

Brian Turnbull, Mayor, City of Northville

**Donald VanSyckel, Commissioner, District 5, Macomb County**

**Alan VanWashenova, Supervisor, Frenchtown Charter Township**

**Frank Viviano, Supervisor, Macomb Township**

**Philip Weipert, Commissioner, District 13, Oakland County**

Anthony Wickersham, Sheriff, Macomb County

Brad Wieferich, Director, MDOT

**Lev Wood, Councilmember, City of Grosse Pointe Farms**

Dave Woodward, Chairperson, Board of Commissioners, District 1, Oakland County

Coleman Young, II, Council Member At Large, City of Detroit

Bernard Youngblood, Register of Deeds, Wayne County

**Below is a list of Executive Committee Member Alternates. Alternate members present at this meeting are indicated by bold typeface:**

Aundrea Armstrong, Deputy Administrator, Monroe County

Scott Barb, Planning Director, Livingston County

Scott Benson, Councilmember, City of Detroit

Jackie Boleware, Councilmember, City of Farmington Hills

**Michael Bosanac, Administrator/Chief Financial Officer, Monroe County**

**Donald Boynton, Jr., Trustee, Charter Township of Van Buren**

**Dillon Breen, Trustee, Schoolcraft College**

Sean Carlson, Deputy County Executive, Oakland County

Dennis Delor, Parks & Recreation Director, St. Clair County

Dale DeSloover, Board President, Monroe County ISD

**Sharlan Douglas, Commissioner, City of Royal Oak**

Kathy Elliott, Treasurer, Charter Township of Chesterfield

**Jim Gardner, Mayor, City of Luna Pier**

Marcia Gershenson, Commissioner, District 11, Oakland County

**Larry Gray, Jr., Supervisor, Charter Township of Commerce**

Kathy Hayman, Mayor, City of Marysville

Justin Hodge, Chairperson, Board of Commissioners, District 5, Washtenaw County

Brendan Johnson, Commissioner, District 4, Oakland County

Karen Joliat, Commissioner, District 8, Oakland County

Andrew Kandrevas, Assistant County Executive, Wayne County

**Josh Kofflin, Councilmember, City of Milan**

Marilyn Lane, Executive Office - Strategic Policy and Govt. Relations, Macomb County

**Michael Lesich, Mayor, City of Fraser**

Edward Neiman, Trustee, Charter Township of China

**Craig Newell, Administrator, Statewide Trans. Planning Division, MDOT**

Angela Powell, Commissioner, District 9, Oakland County

**Al Prieur, Deputy Supervisor, Bedford Township**

John Paul Rea, Deputy County Executive, Macomb County

Katie Scott, Commissioner, District 9, Washtenaw County

Martha Scott, Commissioner, District 3, Wayne County

Hassan Sheikh, Director, Economic Development, Wayne County

Garrett Shumate, Mayor, City of Gibraltar

Candice Smith-Parker, Scheduler for Warren Evans, Wayne County

Robert Stanford, AICP, PEM, Principal Planner, Livingston County

**Trisha Stein, Chief Strategy Officer, Mayor's Office, City of Detroit**

Benjamin Stupka, Executive Director, Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan

James Tate, Council President Pro Tem, District 1, City of Detroit

**Linnie Taylor, Commissioner, District 18, Oakland County**

Kristoffer Tobbe, Mayor, City of Brighton

**Sheila Tomkowiak, Mayor, City of Grosse Pointe**

Assad Turfe, Deputy County Executive, Wayne County

**Mark Vanderpool, City Manager, City of Sterling Heights**

**Lindsay Wallace, Planning Director, St. Clair County**

**Below is a list of Executive Committee Non-Voting members. Non-voting members present at this meeting are indicated by bold typeface:**

**At-Large**

Colin Bird, Consul General, Consulate General of Canada

Maureen Donahue Krauss, President And CEO, Detroit Regional Partnership

Michele Economou Ureste, Executive Director, Workforce Intelligence Network

Michael Karson, Chief Executive Officer and President, Area Agency on Aging 1-B

**Daniel Mahoney, Director, Corp. and Gov't Affairs, DTE Energy**

Claude Molinari, President and CEO, Detroit Metro Convention and Visitors Bureau

Dr. Hayley Murphy, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, Detroit Zoological Society

**Gregory Pitoniak, Chief Executive Officer, Southeast Michigan Community Alliance**

Robert Taubman, Chairman And CEO, Taubman Centers, Inc.

Ronald Taylor, President And CEO, Area Agency on Aging 1-A

**Non-Voting**

Ryan Buck, Director, Washtenaw Area Transportation Study

Matt Carpenter, CEO, Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority

Steve Currie, Executive Director, Michigan Association of Counties

Deborah Dingell, Congresswoman, Dist. 6, U.S. House of Representatives

**Roslyn Grafstein, Mayor, City of Madison Heights**

**Rodrick Green, Commissioner, Washtenaw County Road Commission**

Tiffany Gunter, Deputy GM & COO, Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation

Russell Jorgenson, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration

Carissa Markel, Transportation Planning Manager, Road Commission for Oakland County

Amy McMillan, Executive Director, Huron-Clinton Metroparks

Anthony Minghine, Deputy Executive Director/COO, Michigan Municipal League

Andy Pickard, Transportation Planning Group Leader, Federal Highway Administration

Bryan Santo, Director, Macomb County Department of Roads, Macomb County

Neil Sheridan, Executive Director, Michigan Townships Association

Sandy Spang, President, Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments

William Wolfson, Chief Administrative and Compliance Officer, GLWA - Great Lakes Water Authority

**Guests**

Mike Campagnoni, Government Relations, Midwest Strategy Group

T. J. Connolly, Planner, RCOG



Ann Erickson Gault, Commissioner, District 3, Oakland County  
Frank Fogarty, Board of Review, City of South Lyon  
Matt Galbraith, Transportation Planner, MDOT – Metro Region  
Steve Kennedy, Mayor, City of South Lyon  
Dan Klein, Community Engagement, Oakland County  
Robert McCraight, Mayor, City of Romulus  
Idrees Mutahr, City of Detroit  
Kristin Shaw, City of Detroit Office of Mobility Innovation  
David Tobar, City of Detroit  
Adam Wright, Government Relations, Midwest Strategy Group  
Riki Yamakura, Senior Capital Projects Manager, DDOT

**SEMCOG Staff in attendance**

Rachael Barlock, Civil Engineer III, Environment and Infrastructure  
Alex Bourgeau, Manager, Modeling and Mobility  
Steve Brudzinski, Planner III, Transportation Planning and Programming  
Karolynn Faulkner, Planner II, Economic and Community Vitality  
Michele Fedorowicz, Manager, Transportation  
Ed Hug, Planner III, Transportation Planning and Programming  
Naheed Huq, Manager, Economic and Community Vitality  
Sydney Jackson, Specialist II, Communications  
Misty Jordan, Director, Administration  
Trevor Layton, Manager, Communications  
Michelle Leppek, GIS Analyst III  
Amy Malmer, Manager, Membership  
Janet Mocadlo, Planner III, Data Analysis  
Bryan O'Connor, Executive Assistant  
Amy O'Leary, Executive Director  
Rebecca Osborne, Specialist, Membership II  
Bailee Pasienza, Planner I, Environment and Infrastructure  
Brian Pawlik, Planner III, Transportation Modeling and Mobility  
Jacque'I Smith, Manager, Information Technology  
Susan Stefanski, Specialist, Membership III  
David Struck, Planner III, Economic and Community Vitality  
Dr. Sheryl Theriot, Director, External Affairs  
Ann C. VanSlembrouck, Manager, Data Analysis  
Kevin Vettraino, Director, Planning  
Kirsten Wolfe, Manager, Finance