

SEMCOG 2025-2026 Legislative Policy Platform Task Force

Wednesday, July 17, 2024

10 a.m.-Noon (Lunch provided immediately after meeting)

Chairperson: Frank Viviano, Supervisor, Macomb Township

Vice-Chairperson: Robert McCraight, Mayor, City of Romulus

*Note: To encourage robust discussion, **this task force will convene in-person at SEMCOG's downtown Detroit offices** (1001 Woodward Ave., Ste. 1400, Detroit, MI 48226). Lunch will be provided for this meeting. Please [register now](#).*

Agenda**A. Welcome and Introductions – 10 a.m.***Frank Viviano, Supervisor, Macomb Township**Robert McCraight, Mayor, City of Romulus***B. Overview of the Task Force Objectives and Timeline – 10:10 a.m.***Frank Viviano, Supervisor, Macomb Township**Robert McCraight, Mayor, City of Romulus***C. How SEMCOG advocates for Southeast Michigan in Lansing and Washington – 10:15 a.m.***Michael Spence, SEMCOG Government Affairs Administrator*

A overview of SEMCOG's approach to legislative advocacy during the current 2023-2024 Legislative session.

D. SEMCOG's Issue Areas and Current Regional Trends – 10:30 a.m.*Kevin Vettrano, SEMCOG Planning Director*

An overview of SEMCOG's primary planning areas and regional trends.

E. Introduction to Federal and State Legislative Issues – 10:45 a.m.*State: Mike Compagnoni, Government Relations, Midwest Strategy Group**Federal: Andy Buczek and Mary Beth McGowan, Dykema Government Policy Advisors*

SEMCOG's Federal and State lobbyists Dykema and Midwest Strategy Group will present on how the legislative and regulatory environment is likely to evolve as we enter the 2025-2026 legislative session.

F. Breakout Discussion on SEMCOG's Legislative Policy Areas – 11:05 a.m.*Frank Viviano, Supervisor, Macomb Township*

Task Force members will break into small groups for a preliminary discussion of priorities to be included in SEMCOG's 2025-2026 legislative platform. These priorities will help guide discussion on the specific policies at upcoming task force meetings in September and November.

G. Final Questions and Next Steps - 11:55 a.m.*Frank Viviano, Supervisor, Macomb Township**Robert McCraight, Mayor, City of Romulus***H. Networking Lunch – 12-Noon***Please stay after the task force adjourns to enjoy lunch and networking with your peers and SEMCOG policy staff.*1001 Woodward Ave., Suite 1400 • Detroit, Michigan 48226 • (313) 961-4266 • Fax (313) 961-4869 • semcog.org