

YEAR in review

2024 - 2025 **SEMCOG** | SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



Our 2024-2025 fiscal year was characterized by ongoing progress as well as new challenges and opportunities. I am grateful to SEMCOG's member communities and the local elected officials and staff who continue to provide local leadership while also contributing at the regional level.

The following sections summarize some of our major accomplishments throughout this year.

I encourage you to learn more from watching our Year in Review highlight video and learning more about all SEMCOG initiatives on our website by scanning the QR code.

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DATA

↑ 185 SEMCOG Members, an all-time high

★ ★ 2 new SEMCOG Vice Chairpersons elected

📊 1,154 participants at 25 SEMCOG events

TASK FORCE 198 attendees at 14 quarterly task force/implementation team meetings

💡 14 SEMCOG staff participated in mentorship programs to continue developing our talent for the future

NEW/UPDATED TOOLS

Available at semcog.org

New

Master Plan Data & Tools

Nonresidential Development Dashboard

Wetland Mapper Tool

Tracking Change (2019- 2023) Dashboard

Location & Visitation Analysis Tool

Updated

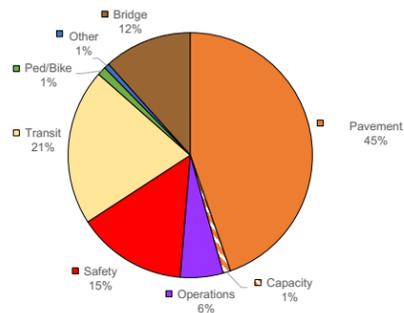
High-Frequency Economic Dashboard
Pavement Conditions

TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Adopted

At its April 25, 2025 meeting, SEMCOG's Executive Committee adopted the region's 2026-2029 TIP, which will invest over \$3.1 billion to maintain and enhance the region's transportation system. SEMCOG's TIP is comprised of 600 projects that help to ensure safety, access, resilience, and efficiency are implemented in the region.

FY 26-29 Percentage of Projects by Type
All Transportation Agencies Region-wide
600 Total Projects



SEMCOG's NEW 2026-2029 TIP Projects Interactive Online Map allows communities and residents to better understand upcoming projects and the priorities of the region, which includes the project types shown in the pie chart to the left: Pavement, Transit, Safety, Bridge, Operations, Pedestrian/Bike, Capacity, and Other.

Additional Transportation & Mobility Accomplishments (2024-2025)

✓ 3 Freight Task Force meetings, including a Rail Facility Tour

✓ Joined USDOT's Allies in Action, with recognition for Safe Streets education and Road Safety Audit programs

✓ 6 Commendations received in SEMCOG's Certification for Transportation Planning from Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration

✓ 16 Local Road Safety Audit planning grants awarded and 8 completed by SEMCOG members

✓ 74 complete mobility technical assistance projects

✓ 124,000 travel miles reduced during the Commuter Challenge

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

33 Legislative Policy platform task force members adopted **113 policies**

5 new policy one-pagers and 4 new bill tracking dockets created to support the 2025-2026 Legislative Policy Platform

\$1.5M received by SEMCOG for water quality monitoring and public protection to Huron-to-Erie corridor

13 in-person meetings with Southeast Michigan's U.S. Congressional Delegation

Engagement with 27 state legislators and staff at SEMCOG's Legislative reception

Over 85 letters of support sent for Community Funded Projects



Testimony before federal policymaking bodies to emphasize:

- The importance of regional planning organizations to effectively deploy federal transportation funding
- The need for funding streams to address stormwater/flooding and safety issues in the transportation network

New!

Monthly legislative update mailings & Quarterly legislative roundtable events



Created and led production of the national "Regions Lead" video and campaign



Op-Ed published across several publications on the importance of tax-exempt municipal bonds

ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM
Five local communities implemented projects that incorporate GSI to treat more than **1,370,860** gallons of stormwater each year.

GREEN STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE
SEMCOG held 9 public engagement sessions across the region to collect input on climate action priorities.

GREEN INITIATIVE
Secured **\$500,000** from the Erb Family Foundation to expand the GREEN initiative with deeper stakeholder engagement, updated data analysis, and improved tools on the GREEN Dashboard.

PARKS AND RECREATION
Advocated for recreation grant funding, and saw more than **\$13** million awarded from the DNR to improve 19 parks in the region.

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GUIDING INVESTMENT

TAP AWARDS

14 TAP awards for a total of \$13.2 million. Example projects include:

- City of Southfield - **\$1M** | Greenway Corridor
- Van Buren Township - **\$1.3M** | Non-Motorized Trail
- City of Grosse Pointe Park - **\$1.8M** | Pedestrian Safety & Streetscape

CONGESTION MITIGATION & AIR QUALITY

42 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality awards for \$83 million. Example projects include:

- City of Troy - **\$1.4M** | Roundabout development
- Livingston County - **\$1M** | Replacement of five diesel & propane buses

CARBON REDUCTION PROGRAM

29 Carbon Reduction Program awards for a total of \$29.6 million. Example projects include:

- City of St. Clair Shoes - **\$577,439** | +1,000 streetlights converted to LED
- City of Ann Arbor - **\$840,000** | Traffic signal modernization

PLANNING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

13 Planning Assistance Program awards for a total of \$480,000. Example projects include:

- City of Monroe - **\$40,000** | Trails & Greenway Planning
- Scio Township - **\$40,000** | Complete Streets & Corridor Safety

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY VITALITY



65 members
Economic Development
Committee

137 participants
Place/Talent/Business
forums

113 participants
at 4 county outreach
meetings



Developed a 3-workshop series on Main Streets & Placemaking attended by 110 people.

Magazine, *What's Our Edge?*, sets the stage for adoption of the region's 2026 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy



ENGAGING & EDUCATING



MEMBER MEETUPS

Howell

Downtown Placemaking & Economic Development

Trenton

Detroit International Wildlife Refuge

St. Clair Shores

Blossom Heath Park & Pier



LOCALS LEAD INITIATIVE

18 blog articles

8 events

1 video highlighting a transformative community project

PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGNS

SAFE STREETS

2 Telly Awards and **1** Michigan Emmy nomination for Driving Store video

Over **34,000** safety items distributed by 112 members and partners

Multimedia campaign: TV, radio, streaming

ONE WATER

Over **28,000** water quality education items distributed by 86 members and partners

Multimedia campaign: TV, radio, streaming

EXPERIENCE SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN VIDEOS

Milan | Southfield | Belleville
Brighton | Downriver

VISION RTP VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS SERIES FEATURING:

"Mean Streets" with PEAC (Programs to Educate All Cyclists)
Gordie Howe International Bridge
Macomb County Department of Roads
Regional Transit Authority
Wixom Michigan Airline Trail

✓ **1** project selected for Regional Showcase Award

✓ **2** Taubman fellows selected for Harvard's summer program for local government leaders at Kennedy School

✓ **77** satisfaction score in 2024 SEMCOG Member Survey results, exceeding national averages and SEMCOG's 2022 result (75)

✓ **2** individuals selected for Regional Ambassador Awards