

Civic Advisory Committee

Overview

SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, is committed to providing information and opportunities to engage with its plans and programs and other quality-of-life issues that impact Southeast Michigan residents.

We provide forums and make presentations to local governments and stakeholder groups to ensure community views are heard on planning and project-related issues. We encourage public participation in the development of SEMCOG plans and programs and any substantive amendments to them.

The CAC is working to take our public engagement efforts a step further by helping educate residents on the transportation planning processes in their communities and to elevate local perspectives to guide our regional decision-makers.

Learn more about engaging with us in our Public Participation Plan and A Guide to Transportation Planning in Southeast Michigan, available at semcog.org.

The goal of the Civic Advisory Committee is to facilitate meaningful and intentional public involvement—particularly around transportation and mobility—in Southeast Michigan. The CAC will:

- Feature representation from interest groups and/or individuals throughout the seven-county Southeast Michigan region
- Provide education and engagement on key regional planning initiatives related to transportation and mobility
- Work in coordination with the Regional Transit Authority's Citizens Advisory Committee and other regional engagement efforts
- Report to SEMCOG's Transportation Coordinating Council (TCC)
- Provide opportunities to build consensus and record and report perspectives/comments from CAC to TCC and appropriate task force, committee, or the agency responsible for the work or issue area
- Report to CAC committee members on delivery of comments and response from TCC and relevant agencies, if applicable



Participation

As defined by the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT), "A civic advisory committee (CAC) is a representative group of residents, business owners, community leaders, and other interested parties that meet regularly to discuss issues of common concern." SEMCOG's CAC is open to participation from all such individuals in Southeast Michigan.



FY 2026 – FY 2027

Meeting Schedule

The CAC will hold both virtual and in-person quarterly meetings.

Meetings Begin at 6:30 p.m.

- 12.08.2025 | SEMCOG Office
- 02.09.2026 | SEMCOG Office - Hybrid
- 05.11.2026 | Location TBD
- 09.14.2026 | SEMCOG Office - Hybrid
- 11.09.2026 | Location TBD
- 02.08.2027 | SEMCOG Office - Hybrid
- 05.10.2027 | Location TBD

Learn more and register at semcog.org

CAC Leadership



Valerie Kindle
Co-Chairperson
Mayor,
City of Harper Woods



John Waterman
Co-Chairperson
Founder and
Executive Director,
PEAC

The SEMCOG Chairperson appoints two CAC co-chairpersons to serve for a term of two years. To encourage cooperation and build understanding of different perspectives, the two appointments include:

1 local elected official who
resides in the SEMCOG region

1 non-elected individual who
resides in the SEMCOG region

Please contact Trevor Layton at layton@semcog.org or Christina Nicholaides at nicholaides@semcog.org to learn more about getting involved with the CAC!

Interested in joining? Scan the QR code and complete the survey!

