

Regional Review Committee



SEMCOG's Regional Review Committee (RRC) is a permanent committee established by the Executive Committee. Membership of Regional Review consists of local elected officials in Southeast Michigan that come together as a united body to make decisions for regional benefit.

The role of Regional Review is to ensure fairness by having these important project funding decisions made by peer local governments. It is asked that committee members refrain from advocating for projects from their specific communities and do not make a motion on a project from a community they represent. Recognizing the time sensitivity of grant applications and processes, Regional Review is the only committee other than the Executive Committee and General Assembly that can take final action on program and project decisions. It is important that RRC members make their best effort to attend all meetings to ensure committee quorum.

Primary Functions of the RRC

- Selection of projects awarded through SEMCOG, including:
 - *Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)*
 - *Congestion Management Air Quality (CMAQ)*
 - *Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)*
 - *Local Road Pavement Program*
 - *Planning Assistance Program*
 - *Road Safety Audits (RSA)*
 - *Green Infrastructure Implementation*
 - *Other competitive grant programs dependent on available funding*
- Oversight of Taubman Fellowship program – this includes periodic review of criteria and eligibility for fellowship candidates and assisting staff in seating a Taubman Fellowship Selection Committee.
- Selection of Grant Writing USA Training scholarship recipients – each year, grant writing and grants management training sessions are held at SEMCOG offices. Funding is available to provide scholarships for these training sessions.

Interested in serving on the Regional Review Committee?

SEMCOG Members are seated in three ways:

- ① Annual elections at Bloc Caucus meetings in June – the Education Bloc Caucus elects 2 delegates to serve on Regional Review; the other 3 Bloc Caucuses elect 4 delegates.
- ② SEMCOG's officers serve on Regional Review.
- ③ The SEMCOG Chair may appoint up to four local elected officials as needed to balance regional representation

The Committee typically meets quarterly, but frequency may change depending on programs and funding available.

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