

# **SEMCOG** Public Notice

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## **SEMCOG invites public comment on an amendment to the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program and the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan**

SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, announces the public comment period for an amendment to the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The RTP is a long-range vision and strategy that directs investment in the regional transportation system. The TIP is a list of specific projects which implement the policies of the RTP and are recommended by cities, villages, county road agencies, transit providers, and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) over a four-year period. SEMCOG's Executive Committee makes the final approval of the TIP project list.

### **Background**

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### **Pre-Spring Cost-Only Line-Item and GPA Amendment**

The [2024 Pre-Spring Amendment](#) revises:

- 11 cost changes to Line-Item projects
- 3 GPA's

More information is available on [SEMCOG's TIP webpage](#) or by contacting SEMCOG's Information Center at 313-324-3330.

### **How to comment**

Please use this form to submit comments.

Please address written comments to SEMCOG Information Center, 1001 Woodward Avenue, Suite 1400, Detroit, MI 48226; send faxes to 313-961-4869; call 313-324-3330, or e-mail [InfoCenter@semcog.org](mailto:InfoCenter@semcog.org). Comments can also be made during the following in-person meetings, in which the amendment will be considered:

- [Transportation Coordinating Council](#), Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 9:30 a.m., 1001 Woodward Avenue, Suite 1400, Detroit, MI 48226;
- [Executive Committee](#), Friday, February 23, 2024, 1 p.m., 1001 Woodward Avenue, Suite 1400, Detroit, MI 48226.

**Coverage of this notice**

Public notice of public participation activities and time established for public review of, and comments on, the TIP will satisfy the Program of Projects (POP) requirements of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

Lev Wood, Chairperson  
Councilmember, City of Grosse Pointe Farms

DATE: February 23, 2024

TO: Executive Committee

SUBJECT: Pre-Spring Amendment to Cost-Only Line-Items and General Program Accounts (GPA) as part of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program for Southeast Michigan

**Summary of action requested**

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**Executive Committee Resolution  
to Amend the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program for  
Southeast Michigan and the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan for  
Southeast Michigan**

WHEREAS, the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plans  
(RTP) support 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 2045 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 2045 RTP requires periodic updates to include projects not fully developed at the  
time the 2045 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 2045 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;

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WHEREAS, the amendments to the FY 2023-2026 TIP are consistent with the 2045 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 2045 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 2045 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 23rd day of February, 2024 THAT the Executive  
Committee of SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, approves the amendment of projects to the 2045 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 2045 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;

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Michigan Department of Natural Resources; Federal Highway Administration; Federal  
Transit Administration; and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Clerk

DATE: February 23, 2024 \_\_\_\_\_

SEMCOG Transportation Improvement Program  
Pre-Spring 2024 Cost-Only Line Item Amendment List

Line Item	Job#	Phase	Fiscal Year	County	Responsible Agency	Project Name	Limits	Length	Primary Work Type	Project Description	Federal Budget	Fund Source	State Budget	Local Budget	Total Phase Cost	Amendment Type	RTP Goal
1	106613	CON	2024	Wayne	MDOT	OLD M-14	over the Middle Rouge River	0.000	Bridge Replacement	Bridge Replacement	\$ 5,689,750	IPD,ST	\$ 1,198,952	\$ 62,733	\$ 6,951,435	Cost Change	1
2	110611	CON	2024	Wayne	MDOT	OLD M-14	Newburgh Road to Market Street	0.393	Reconstruction	Reconstruct	\$ 11,377,150	NH	\$ 2,207,493	\$ 315,357	\$ 13,900,000	Cost Change	1
3	202101	CON	2024	Livingston	MDOT	I-96 W	under I-96 BL (on ramp)	0.000	Bridge Replacement	deck replacement	\$ 1,294,963	IM	\$ 143,885	\$ -	\$ 1,438,848	Cost Change	1
4	210679	CON	2024	Livingston	MDOT	I-96	I-96 over Grand River Avenue Interchange	1.519	Reconstruction	Construct a Diverging Diamond Interchange at I-96 over Grand River Ave	\$ 43,202,085	CPM,CRSM,IM,VRU	\$ 4,515,232	\$ 285,000	\$ 48,002,315	Cost Change	1
5	211792	CON	2024	St. Clair	MDOT	I-94 E	Blue Water Bridge Plaza	0.939	Reconstruction	BWB Plaza Expansion	\$ -	MBWB	\$ 242,774,957	\$ -	\$ 242,774,957	Cost Change	1
6	213665	CON	2024	Wayne	MDOT	I-96	Virgil Over I-96	0.000	Bridge Replacement	Bridge Deck Replacement	\$ 3,609,972	BOI	\$ 401,108	\$ -	\$ 4,011,080	Cost Change	1
7	214269	CON	2025	Wayne	MDOT	I-75	Four bridges along I-75 in Detroit.	0.000	Bridge Rehabilitation	Substructure Repair	\$ 29,320,376	BFPI	\$ 3,257,821	\$ -	\$ 32,578,195	Cost Change	1
8	214976	CON	2024	St. Clair	St. Clair County	Marine City Hwy	at Palms Road	3.467	Traffic Safety	Roundabout Construction	\$ 841,906	CPMG	\$ -	\$ 458,094	\$ 1,300,000	Cost Change	2
9	219459	CON	2024	Wayne	Wayne County	City of River Rouge to City of Flat Rock	City of River Rouge to City of Flat Rock	20.980	Roadside Facilities - Preserve	Non-Motorized Path Improvements and Reconstruction	\$ 2,582,720	EAR	\$ -	\$ 645,680	\$ 3,228,400	Cost Change	3
10	217653	CON	2024	Macomb	Macomb County	Garfield Rd	Garfield Road from 14 Mile Road north to 15 Mile Road	1.013	Reconstruction	Road Reconstruction	\$ 4,501,750	STU,ST	\$ -	\$ 998,250	\$ 5,500,000	Cost Change	1
11	211921	CON	2024	Macomb	Macomb County	Romeo Plank Rd	Romeo Plank Road from 21 1/2 Road to 23 Mile Road	1.053	Reconstruction	Widen from 2 to 5 Lanes	\$ 6,408,605	CRU,ST,STU,ST,EDC	\$ 3,408,605	\$ 3,497,083	\$ 13,314,293	Cost Change	1

SEMCOG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Goal Key

2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

The ten ‘Overarching Regional Transportation Policies for Southeast Michigan’ as noted on page 4 of the 2045 RTP, are as follows:

1. Preserve Infrastructure through fiscally-responsible, data-driven asset management practices.
2. Increase Safety for all travelers, regardless of mode.
3. Increase Access to jobs and core services, regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, national origin, age, physical ability, or income.
4. Utilize Technology to cost-effectively improve the transportation system.
5. Integrate Environmental Protection into the transportation system, enhancing community health and increasing the overall resiliency of infrastructure.
6. Support the Regional Economy through the reliable movement of goods, efficient trade connections, expanded labor mobility, and support for tourism and local placemaking.
7. Educate and Collaborate with local governments, transportation agencies, utility providers, and residents to improve understanding and operation of the transportation system.
8. Increase Funding and Expand Local Options to provide resources that are sufficient to meet regional transportation needs.
9. Anticipate the Socio-economic Challenges of an Aging Region including sustaining mobility for all ages and mitigating labor shortages.
10. Measure Transportation System Performance to facilitate strategic investment through developing, collecting, analyzing, and disseminating data.

**SEMCOG Transportation Improvement Program**  
**Pre-Spring 2024 General program Account (GPA) Amendment List**

<b>FY</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>GPA Name</b>	<b>Previously Approved</b>	<b>New Cost</b>
2025	Local	Local Road	\$75,573,179	\$90,242,484
2026	Local	Local Road	\$41,396,098	\$78,091,705
2026	Trunkline	Trunkline Road	\$10,873,402	\$13,377,349