
SEMCOG 2027–2028 Legislative Policy Platform Task Force

Friday, July 17, 2026

10 a.m.– 12 p.m. (Lunch provided immediately after meeting)

Chairperson: Robert McCraight, Mayor, City of Romulus

Vice-Chairperson: Scott Benson, Councilmember, City of Detroit

*Note: To encourage robust discussion, **this task force will convene in-person at SEMCOG's downtown Detroit office** (1001 Woodward Ave., Ste. 1400, Detroit, MI 48226). **To validate parking, please bring your license plate number to the SEMCOG office.** Lunch will be provided for this meeting. Please [register now](#).*

Agenda

- **Welcome and Introductions – 10 a.m.**
Robert McCraight, Mayor, City of Romulus
Scott Benson, Councilmember, City of Detroit
- **Public Comment**
- **Overview of Task Force Objectives and Timeline – 10:15 a.m.**
Robert McCraight, Mayor, City of Romulus
Scott Benson, Councilmember, City of Detroit
- **How SEMCOG advocates for Southeast Michigan in Lansing and Washington – 10:25 a.m.**
Michael Spence, Government Affairs and Strategic Coordination Manager, SEMCOG
An overview of SEMCOG's approach to legislative advocacy during the current 2025-2026 legislative session.
- **SEMCOG's Plans, Policy Areas, and Emerging Regional Trends – 10:40 a.m.**
Kevin Vettraino, Deputy Director, SEMCOG
An overview of SEMCOG's primary planning areas and regional trends.
- **Break – 10:55 a.m.**
- **Breakout Discussion on SEMCOG's Legislative Policy Areas – 11:00 a.m.**
Robert McCraight, Mayor, City of Romulus
Task Force members will break into small groups to share their priorities for inclusion in SEMCOG's 2027-2028 legislative platform. These priorities will help guide policy discussions at upcoming task force meetings in September and November.

- **Final Questions and Next Steps – 11:45 a.m.**
Robert McCraight, Mayor, City of Romulus
Scott Benson, Councilmember, City of Detroit
- **Networking Lunch – 12 p.m.**
Please stay after the task force adjourns to enjoy lunch and networking with your peers and SEMCOG policy staff.