

Serving on the MAC Board

Engagement Expectations and Opportunities

- Participate in quarterly Board meetings (regular attendance strongly encouraged)
 - 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.
 - Typically at MAC's downtown Detroit offices
- Provide input and review for MAC position papers and policy statements as requested
- Serve on committees and task forces to help shape strategy; determine and communicate positions on policy issues; provide input and help direct projects
- Sponsor, purchase and/or help sell tickets for Shining Light and other MAC events
- Support MAC's coalition model of civility and collaboration

Benefits of a MAC Membership

- Enhanced prominence as a leader in Southeast Michigan
- Broadened and strengthened professional networks across sectors and region
- Increased knowledge and understanding of issues impacting region and state
- Input on regional issues of importance to you and your organization

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Metropolitan Affairs Coalition (MAC)

Throughout our 60+ year history, the Metropolitan Affairs Coalition (MAC) has brought together Southeast Michigan's business, labor, government, and education leaders to advance and support the region's economic vitality and quality of life.

MAC Legacy

- Provided research and development for creation of regional transit agency now known as SMART
- Early voice for regional rapid transit service (bus rapid transit)
- Supported development of the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge/Detroit Heritage River Water Trail
- Convened regional leadership to provide policy development for K12 reform, future skills, and infrastructure careers
- Supported the Detroit Regional Partnership's acquisition of over \$52 million in federal funding for the Global Epicenter of Mobility (GEM) initiative
- Provided strategic support of Skilled Trade careers through the STEM and Skilled Trades initiative
- Supported founding of SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments

With its partner organization SEMCOG, MAC is uniquely positioned to build consensus and create meaningful solutions for regional issues through member and community engagement and diverse perspectives.

MAC Today

MAC board members work together to raise and support regional needs surrounding:

- Economic Development
- Education
- Workforce Development
- Infrastructure

Identify Issues and Opportunities

With a commitment to building geographic and multi-sector consensus, board members identify areas in which MAC could engage and promote coalition-based opinions, policies, programs, and initiatives.

Build Coalition

MAC board members are senior leaders within their companies and organizations. They further strengthen MAC's networks, capacity, and resources by collaborating with opinion leaders, colleagues, and organizations to build MAC-supported policies and programs.

Raise Awareness

Under direction of the board members, MAC develops educational campaigns, candidate interviews, and symposiums on critical policy issues. MAC engages in legislative advocacy/funding appropriations and elevates the voices of leaders across sectors.

Shining Light

MAC's signature event – the Shining Light Regional Cooperation Awards, hosted annually with the Detroit Free Press - highlights leaders who promote civil discourse, broader understanding, regional collaboration, and impactful policy decisions and initiatives.

