

Urban Peer Group Committee
SEMCOG General Assembly - The Icon, Detroit
March 19, 2026
12:30 – 2 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Welcome

Laura Kropp – *Mayor of Mount Clemens, SEMCOG First Vice Chairperson*

2. Introductions & Icebreaker

Tyler Klifman – *SEMCOG Environment & Infrastructure Planner*

3. Overview of SEMCOG & Peer Group Initiative

Michelle Leppek – *SEMCOG GIS Analyst*

4. Data, Maps, and Planning Tools

Michelle Leppek

5. Funding, Assistance, and Engagement Opportunities

Tyler Klifman

6. Group Discussion:

- Local Priorities, Success Stories, and Applied Resources
- Challenges, Needs, and Future Opportunities
- Next Steps for Urban Peer Group

7. Conclusion

2:00

Icebreaker Questions:

1. What's one thing your community is **most proud of** right now?
2. What's a **hidden gem** in your area more people should know about?
3. What's one **challenge** your community is actively working on?
4. What's something **outsiders often misunderstand** about your community?
5. What's one **recent win** (big or small) in your community?
6. If your community had a **slogan**, what would it be?
7. What's one **project or initiative** you're excited about?
8. What makes your community **unique compared to others nearby**?
9. What motivated you to get involved in **local government**?
10. What's one issue you're **personally passionate about** in your role?
11. What's one **decision you've been part of** that had a visible impact in your community?
12. What's one **recurring issue or question** you hear from residents?
13. What's one idea you've seen elsewhere that you'd love to **bring to your community**?
14. What's one **small change** that could have a big impact locally?
15. What's one thing communities should be doing more of **together**?
16. What's a **trend or issue** you think will shape your community in the next few years?
17. If your community were a **movie or music genre**, what would it be and why?
18. What local spot would you take a **first-time visitor** to?
19. What's one **seasonal highlight** your community is known for?
20. What's a **fun or surprising fact** about your community?

Group Discussion Topics:

