

The logo for SEMCOG, Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, features the acronym in a large, bold, dark blue sans-serif font. The letters are closely spaced, with the 'S' and 'E' being particularly prominent. The background of the slide includes a dark blue horizontal bar at the top and a white background with a thin orange line below the top bar.

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SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

A banner with a dark blue background and a white diagonal stripe on the left side. The text "SUBURBAN COMMUNITIES PEER GROUP" is written in a white, sans-serif font, centered within the banner.

SUBURBAN COMMUNITIES PEER GROUP



Welcome!

SEMCOG MEMBERS

★ 186 ★
TOTAL

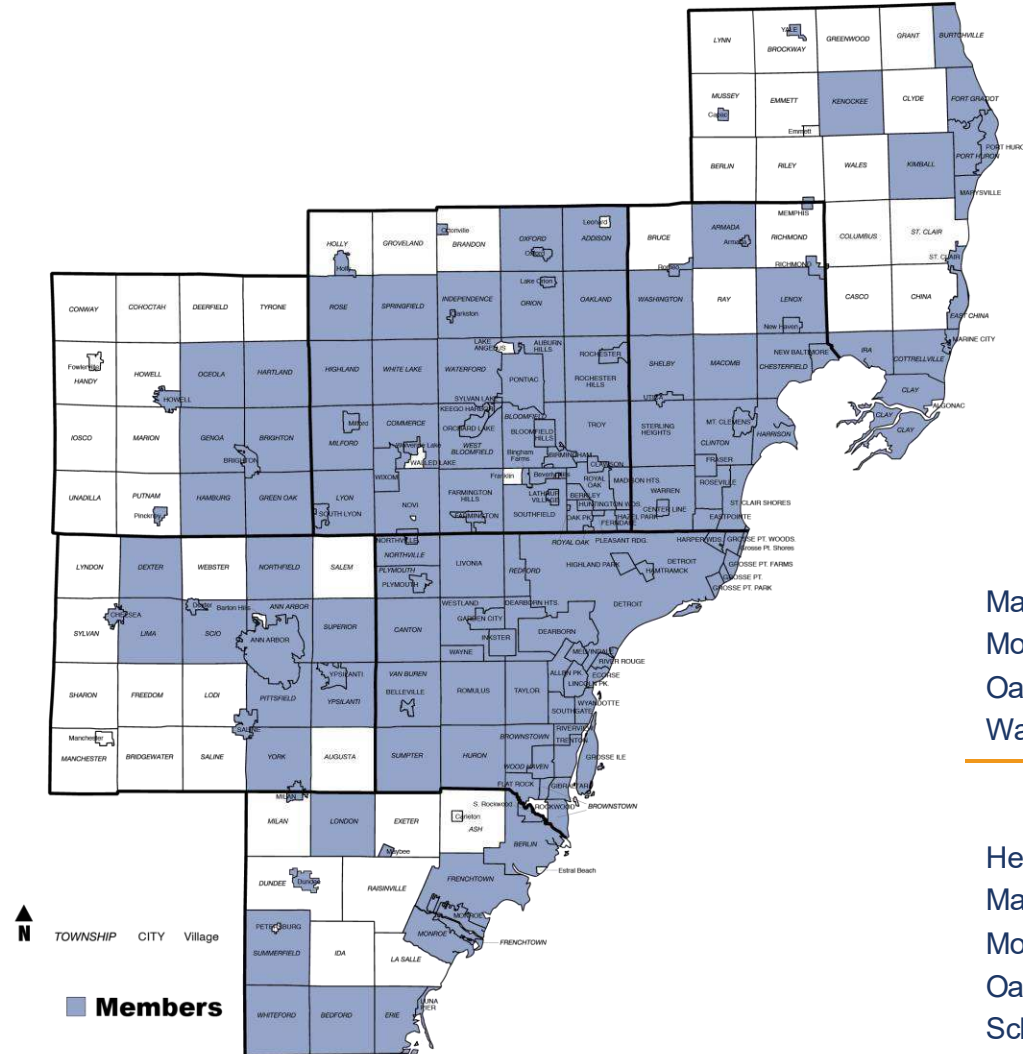
87 CITIES

16 VILLAGES

65 TOWNSHIPS

7 COUNTIES

Livingston, Macomb, Monroe,
Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw,
and Wayne



Macomb Intermediate School District
Monroe County Intermediate School District
Oakland Schools
Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency

Henry Ford College
Macomb Community College
Monroe Community College
Oakland Community College
Schoolcraft College
Washtenaw Community College
Wayne County Community College District

About SEMCOG

Regional Planning Agency

- Transportation (MPO)
- Infrastructure
- Environment
- Economic Development
- Education & Workforce
- Data Analysis

**Designated transportation, air, water,
economic development agency**

Membership Organization

- Counties
- Cities, villages and townships
- Community Colleges, ISDs



SEMCOG VISION

All 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.



Member Events

- **General Assembly**
- **SEMCOG University**
- **Networking opportunities**
- **Grant training**
- **Member Meetups**
- **Committees/Task Forces**



Introductions

- **Name, Community, + Position**
- **One thing you are proud of that we should all know about your community?**
- **What is one challenge you are working to improve in your community?**



SEMCOG PEER GROUPS INITIATIVE

- Types of Peer Groups:
 - Urban Communities
 - Suburban Communities
 - Small Communities
 - Rural Communities
 - Education
- Goals of Peer Group Committees:
 - Providing space for collaboration & knowledge sharing
 - Connecting peers to information & resources
 - Ensuring needs & challenges are heard & recognized in regional planning
 - Working with federal & state partners to ensure priorities & resources reflect the unique needs of all communities

FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL CHALLENGES – ALL COMMUNITIES

- 60% reported **financial challenges**
 - **Top challenges**
 - Rising personnel costs
 - Infrastructure capital and maintenance
 - Funding uncertainties
 - **Common constraints**
 - Limited revenue flexibility
 - Staffing shortages
 - **Budgeting practices**
 - 80%: Traditional line-item budgeting
 - 45%: Experience with priority-based budgeting
 - **Greatest need for improvement**
 - Public works and infrastructure
 - Community development

KEY TAKEAWAYS FOR SUBURBAN COMMUNITIES

- Financial & Operational Challenges – Suburban Communities
- 64% reported **financial challenges**
 - **Most pressing issues**
 - Rising personnel costs
 - Infrastructure maintenance and capital
 - Funding uncertainties
 - **Most common strategy used to address issues**
 - Increased fees or taxes
 - Used reserves or rainy-day funds
 - Implemented new efficiency measures or shared services
- **Key challenges and opportunity areas:**
 - Road infrastructure
 - Water/sewer infrastructure
 - Economic development
 - Housing



DATA, MAPS & PLANNING TOOLS

*Big Three – Data for Community Planning
Transportation Access to Core Services
Crash Location Mapping Tool
Transportation – Pavement, Bridge & Congestion*



Resources for Community Planning

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SEMCOG DATA & TOOLS TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY PLANS

SEMCOG has a number of tools, maps, dashboards, and datasets to support your community planning efforts.

The Big Three...Tools for All Community Plans

Community Profiles

Discover how people live, work, and travel in your community

- **Population data** – forecasted population, population change, older adults and school age population, educational attainment
- **Economic and employment data** – forecasted jobs, daytime population, median household income
- **Housing data** – households, median housing value
- **Transportation data** – pavement condition, bridge data, crash data
- **Land use** – land use data, land cover data, commute data, tree canopy data

Community Explorer

- Population density and additional population data details
- Total households, household size, housing units and housing unit details
- Households with broadband access
- Total jobs and job density, household income, housing value

Open Data Portal

Most of SEMCOG's tools provide users the ability to download the raw data directly from the tool. If not, the Open Data Portal contains many of the data sets which can be downloaded for further analysis.



Scan for all tools and resources listed on this sheet



Additional Tools & Resources

Land Use / Existing Conditions / Demographic Trends

- **Building Footprint Data** – includes commercial, institutional, retail, community centers, libraries, etc.
- **Land Use and Land Cover** – includes impervious land and tree canopy by community
- **Population and Households** – includes census data and latest American Community Survey (ACS) estimates for various indicators by community
- **Regional Forecast** – long-range & comprehensive view of future development & economic changes for the region
- **Regional Development** – includes both nonresidential and residential development for the region
- **Aerial Photography** – high-resolution imagery, elevation data, and historic imagery dating back to 1949

Parks and Recreation / Sustainability / Resiliency

- **GREEN Dashboard** – community and regional data for tree canopy, wetlands, land conservation, recreational access, and green stormwater infrastructure
- **Access to Parks** – identify gaps in park accessibility for your community
- **ParkFinder** – information on 3,000 parks, and over 1,000 miles of trails, including amenities, and park type
- **Land Cover and Tree Canopy** – including impervious land and tree canopy by community and by sector
- **Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory** – includes a summary of emissions by county and by sector
- **Flood Risk Tool** – displays flood risk for transportation assets including roads, bridges, culverts and pump stations
- **Regional Resiliency Framework** – describes initial planning level priorities at the local, regional and state levels to address flooding in the region

Housing/Neighborhoods

- **Housing Profiles** – includes building permits data, census data, and latest American Community Survey (ACS) estimates by community
- **Residential Construction StoryMap** – includes location and details about residential development for the region
- **Main Street Handbook** – designed to support local communities in revitalizing, enhancing, and/or establishing a main street district.

Economic Development/Employment

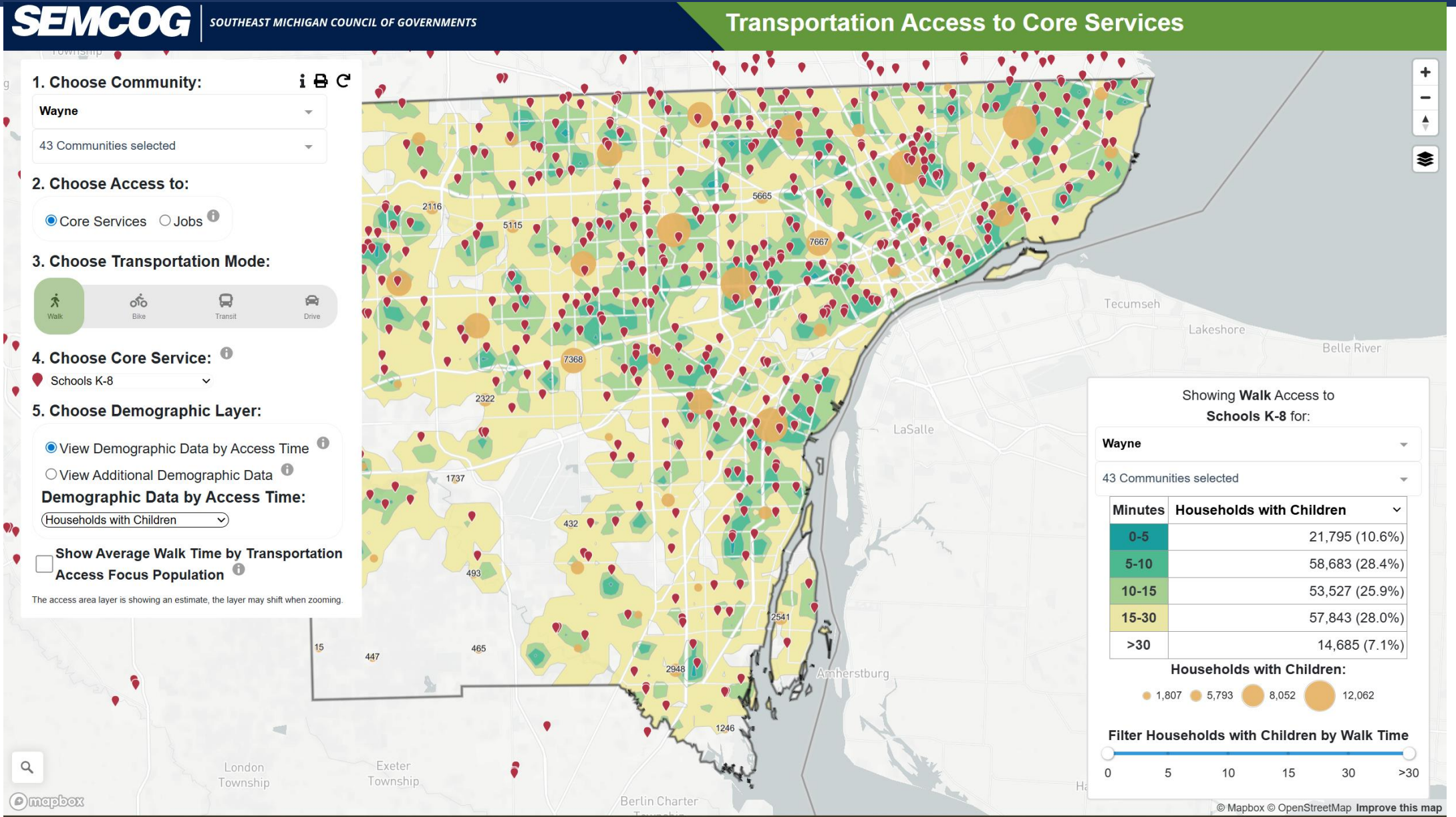
- **Socio-Economic Trends** – includes both Economic Indicators for employment, labor force, income, and housing units and High-Frequency Economic Dashboard for data updated quarterly, monthly, or weekly
- **Economy and Jobs** – includes forecast data by industry sector, daytime population, income, and poverty data by community
- **Employment Density** – shows employment concentrations by industry throughout the region and for each community
- **Commuting Patterns** – displays inflow and outflow of residents and workers for each community
- **Broadband Navigator** – provides current information about the availability and importance of fast internet services, commonly known as broadband
- **Laborshed Information** – contains data for where workers live, work, and their commutes between each community

Transportation/Water Infrastructure

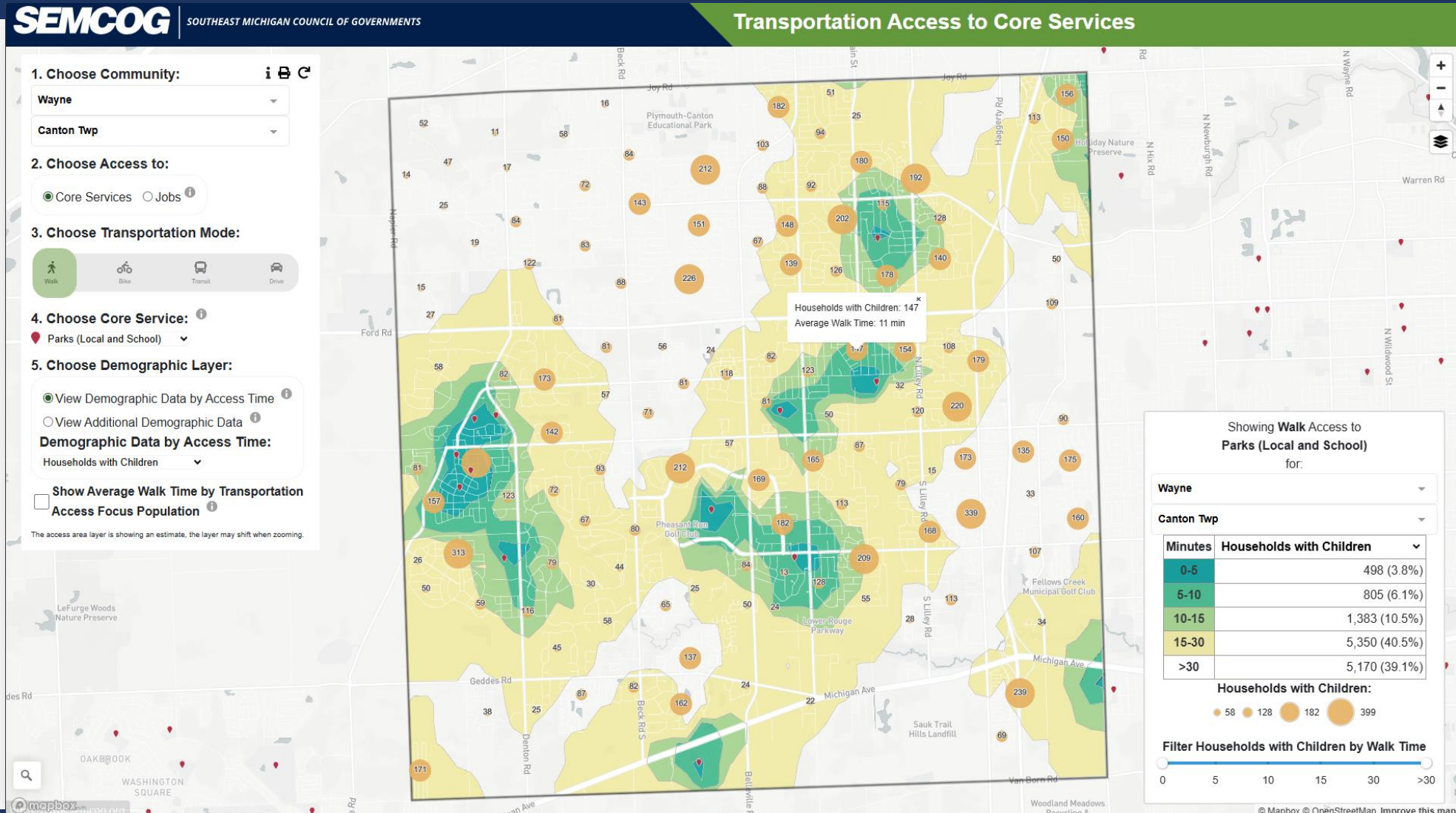
- **Transportation Data by Community** – a variety of transportation data for each community
- **Multimodal Tool** – planning tool for Complete Streets and corridor redevelopment
- **Traffic Volume** – Average Annual Daily Traffic (AADT) and Vehicle Miles Driven (VMT) data
- **Crash Locations** – current and historic traffic crashes throughout the region
- **Pavement Condition** – current and historic PASER road condition
- **Bridge Condition** – condition rating for over 3,000 bridges in the region
- **Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility Network** – data for sidewalks, trails, bikelanes in the region
- **Bicycle and Pedestrian Counts** – includes detailed information on individual pedestrian and bicycle traffic count studies
- **Electric Vehicle Toolkit** – location of current EV infrastructure and analysis of gaps in the region
- **Water Infrastructure Planning Guide** – includes guidance, policies, and actions for local community planning
- **Transportation Access to Core Services** – Geographic data on access to services such as jobs, fixed-route transit, recreational spaces, grocery stores, childcare centers, and more.

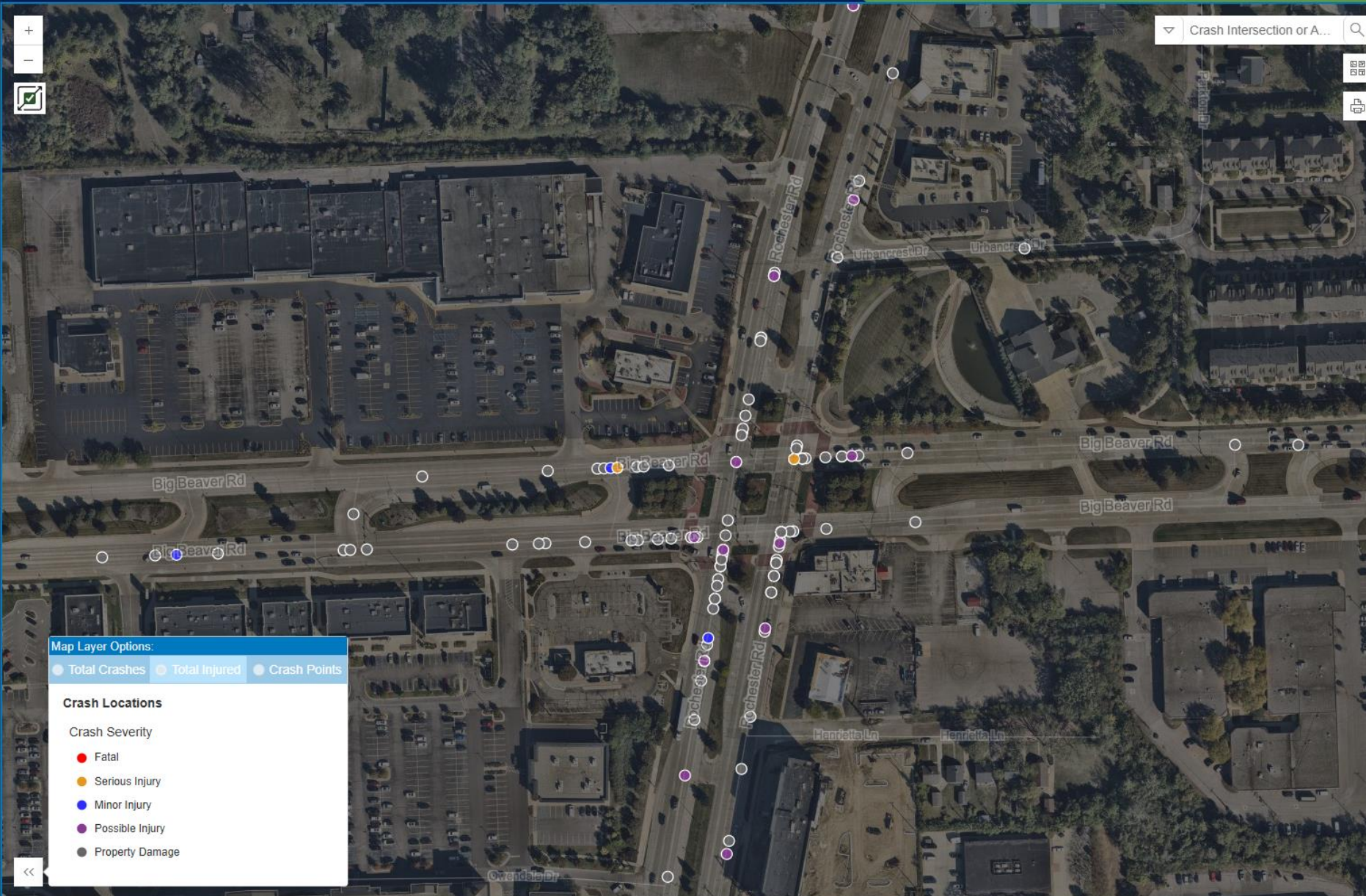


Access to Core Services Tool



Access to Core Services Tool





Filter Crashes

Crashes: 2,480

Fatal	Serious Injury	Minor Injury	Possible Injury	Property Damage
7	27	171	300	1,975
0.3%	1.1%	6.9%	12.1%	79.6%

Filter by: **Community** School District

Community

Oakland

Troy

Jurisdiction

4 jurisdictions selected

Severity

5 severities selected

Crash Type

11 crash types selected

Year/Month/Weekday/Time

2024

12 months selected

7 days selected

24 hours selected

NFC, Lanes, Surface, Traffic Volume (AADT)

6 national functional classes selected

6 number of lanes selected

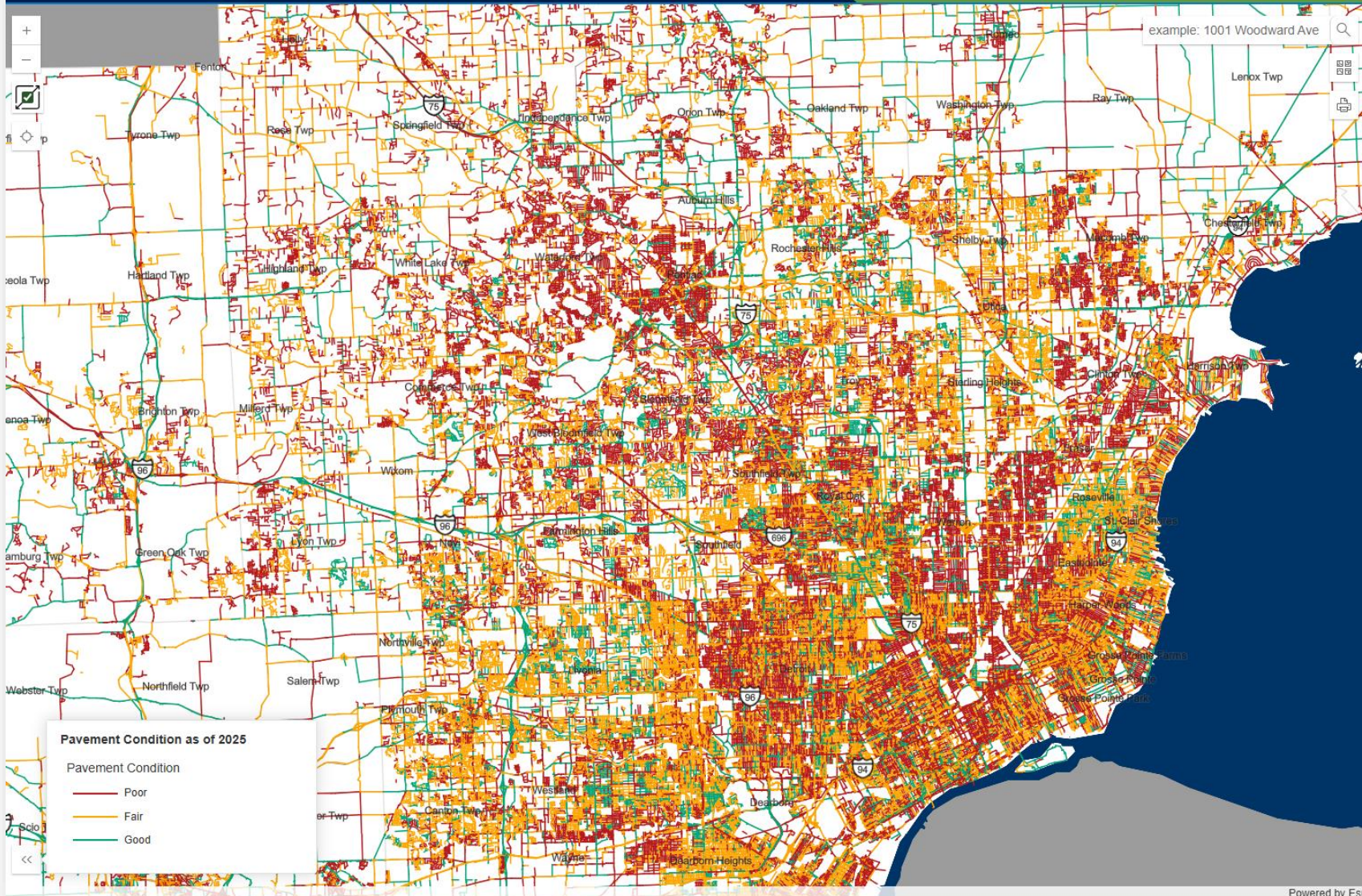
4 surfaces selected

Bridge Condition

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Pavement Condition



Summary of Map Filter:

	Good	Fair	Poor
Lane Miles	9,471	22,192	19,777
51,441	18.4%	43.1%	38.4%
Centerline Miles	4,224	9,858	9,208
23,290	18.1%	42.3%	39.5%

Year(s)

Latest year: 2024-2025

County/Community

7 counties selected

239 communities selected

Pavement Condition

Poor, Fair, Good

Federal Aid Status

Federal Aid, Non Federal Aid

Jurisdiction

4 jurisdictions selected

National Functional Classification (NFC)

8 national functional classes selected

Number of Lanes

6 numbers of lanes selected

Surface Type

4 surface types selected

National Highway System (NHS)

NHS, Non-NHS

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FUNDING, EDUCATION & ENGAGEMENT

Transportation Alternatives
Planning Assistance
Green Infrastructure
Experience Southeast Michigan
Safe Streets Southeast Michigan



Funding Resources: Planning Assistance Program

- Annual program – April call for projects
- FY2026 program focus areas
- Multi-community and regional impactful planning projects:
 - **Transportation Accessibility & Corridor Planning**
 - **Trails and Greenways**
 - **Transportation Safety**
 - **Stormwater Management**
 - **Streetscapes & Pedestrian Oriented Placemaking**
- Maximum grant – \$50,000 (18.15% match)



Filter by Categories
No category selected

-  **11.5 Mile Relief Drain Retrofit and Access Study**
Macomb County, St. Clair Shores, Roseville
-  **4 Corners Project 24 Mile at Van Dyke**
Shelby Twp.
-  **9 Mile Road Corridor Improvement Plan**
Eastpointe
-  **Alley Pathway Project**
Hamtramck
-  **At-Grade Cross Blockage Resolution Strategy**
Romulus, Huron Twp.
-  **Auburn Avenue Traffic Study**
Pontiac
-  **Belleville Road Corridor Safety and Complete Streets Plan**
Van Buren Twp.
-  **Broughton Road Corridor Planning**
Macomb Twp.
-  **Citywide Nonmotorized Plan**
Northville
-  **City-wide Pathway Mobility Master Plan**
South Lyon
-  **Clinton River Spillway & Lower Clinton River Greenway Plan**
Macomb County
-  **Clinton Township DDA Streetscape and Placemaking Initiative**
Clinton Twp. DDA
-  **Community Plan - Shaping our Future**
Royal Oak Twp.
-  **Community Transportation Needs Assessment**
Livonia
-  **Corridor Improvement Study**
Oak Park, Huntington Woods, Berkley

Citywide Nonmotorized Plan

Zoom to Pan

Project Type Complete Streets and Corridor Safety Planning

Communities Northville

Year 2023

Award Amount \$40,000

Link to Product [View Product in New Tab](#)

Description

The creation of a citywide nonmotorized plan includes a comprehensive review of the city's existing facilities and challenges, as well as the development of alternatives to meet the needs of the community. This analysis will provide the city with a framework to manage its current and future nonmotorized transportation needs. The city desires to not only update its current plan but to develop an implementation strategy to ensure the plan is implemented.

Completed Projects

City of
Northville
Michigan



Non-motorized Plan 2023

10/02/2023



Completed Projects



giffels webster
SEMCOG Stormwater Management Planning Grant
Ecorse Stormwater Best Management Practices for Brownfield Sites
Prepared for the City of Ecorse

July 31, 2023
Issue #: 1
Project #: 20322.00

SEMCOG Stormwater Management Planning Grant – BMPs for Contaminated Sites
Project #: 20322.00 | Issue #: 1

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June 2024
MOBILITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT
LIVONIA COMMUNITY TRANSIT

PREPARED FOR:



PREPARED BY:



FINAL DRAFT FOR ADOPTION
September 2022

Funding Resources: TAP

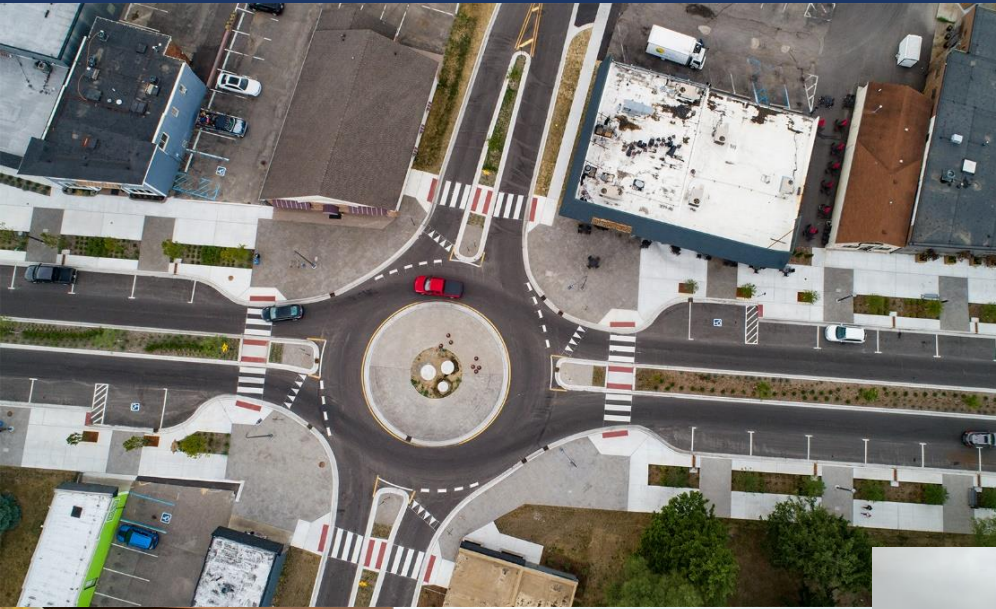
Safe Streets Now

- \$7 million- FY28-29

Regular TAP Call for FY30



SEMCOG Awarded Projects (TAP)



GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM



- \$4.2 Million from USEPA for Green Infrastructure Implementation
- Pass-Through Funding for Subawards:
 - 12-15 Projects
 - \$50,000-300,000
- Call for Projects May 2026 – August 2026
- Implementation from **Spring 2027 – June 2030**
- Demonstrate annual stormwater runoff reduction

Experience Southeast Michigan



Experience Downriver



Charming Shops



Parks



COMMUNITY EVENTS

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT PLANNING

Regional Collaboration

- SEMCOG facilitates monthly Materials Management Work Group for county staff writing the plans
- SEMCOG staff sits on each of the 7 counties' MMPCs

Educational Campaign

- Educational materials for elected officials and local municipalities
 - ✓ Educational videos (with EGLE, county reps, haulers, other experts)
 - ✓ Physical & digital materials for outreach and social media
 - ✓ SEMCOG University webinars & workshops

Once plan is developed...

67% of municipalities in the county must approve the plan within 120 days

Public Education Campaigns: Safe Streets and One Water

Place orders today!



Campaign begins in May



Campaign begins in June

SEMCOG LEGISLATIVE POLICY PLATFORM



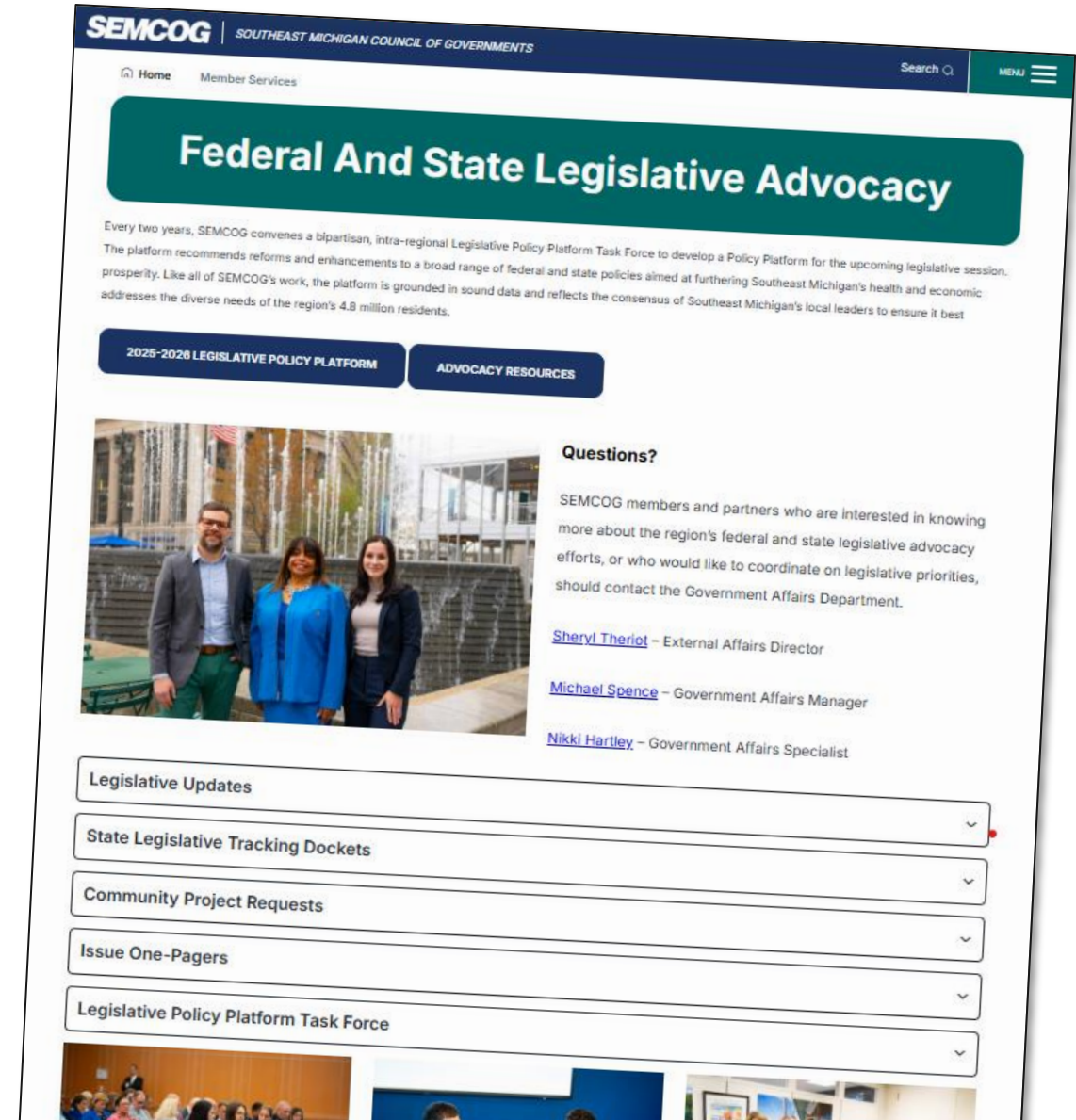
Prior to each new session of Congress and Michigan's Legislature, SEMCOG forms a Legislative Policy Platform Task Force to guide development of a new policy platform.

SEMCOG's 2026 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- **Advance sustainable stormwater infrastructure funding**, including the implementation of stormwater utilities to ensure long-term, locally driven solutions
- **Protect and preserve local government and education funding**, with a focus on safeguarding property tax revenue as a cornerstone of community services
- **Secure a surface transportation reauthorization** that protects and strengthens SEMCOG's most impactful programs
- **Defend local control** by opposing state or federal preemption that undermines the authority of local governments to address community-specific needs

CHECK OUT SEMCOG'S ADVOCACY WEBPAGE!

- Federal and State Legislative Reports from SEMCOG lobbyists
- Legislative Update and Action Alert e-newsletters
- Community Project Funding info and support
- State Legislative Tracking dockets
- Issue Area One-Pagers
- Advocacy Resources
 - SEMCOG data/reports supporting policy positions
 - Legislative district maps
 - Michigan legislator contact info



GROUP DISCUSSION



GUIDING OUR DIRECTION & FOCUS

- Next meeting
 - Timeline (Summer 2026)
 - Host community
 - SEMCOG will send follow up information

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