MONTHLY WORK PROGRAM ACTIVITY REPORT
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MULTI-COUNTY/REGIONAL

- On April 3rd, the Community Planner participated in the CMAQ Selection Committee meeting via teleconference.
- Commission staff participated in a State-wide RPC-EMSI Analyst work group training on April 8th.
- Commission staff helped facilitate a meeting of the Northeast Wisconsin Regional Access to Transportation Committee (NEWRATC) at the Commission office on April 10th. The charge of this committee is "to coordinate and develop a regional committee to systematically address access to transportation for at-risk populations with special needs." Generally, counties covered by the Bay-Lake and East Central Wisconsin RPC regions are represented on this committee. Minutes of this meeting were drafted in late April.
- The Executive Director attended and MCed the 9th *Annual Sustainable Forestry Conference* held on April 11th in Florence.
- On April 17th, the Community Planner attended a public information meeting US 41/141 freeway/expressway designations in Brown and Oconto counties.
- Commission staff participated in a webinar on April 18th to learn how Washington State uses panoramic cloud-based technology to assess and communicate the need for future investment in statewide transportation infrastructure.
- On April 24th, the Executive Director facilitated the Regional RLF Steering Committee meeting.
- The Commission held its quarterly Executive Committee meeting on April 26th in Luxemburg.
- Commission staff continued work to inventory trails in the Region's coastal cities as part of a WCMP project.
- The Natural Resources Planner attended a workshop to learn about Hypoxia (a dead zone) in the Bay of Green Bay.
- The Natural Resources Planner continued work on the region wide GLRI beach project.
- The Natural Resources Planner conducted sewer service area reviews for the Sheboygan Urbanized Area Sewer Service Area, the Manitowoc-Two Rivers-Mishicot Urbanized Area Sewer Service Area, and the Marinette Areawide Sewer Service Area.

BROWN COUNTY

- The Natural Resources Planner continued work on the Bay Beach project.
- The Natural Resources Planner conducted an interview for the Green Bay Press-Gazette regarding the grant proposal to USFS for EAB mitigation efforts in Green Bay.

- The Natural Resources Planner met with the Oneida Tribe Emergency Management Director to discuss updating their hazard mitigation plan.

DOOR COUNTY

- No County specific activities during this period. See "Multi-County/Regional" above.

FLORENCE COUNTY

- No County specific activities during this period. See "Multi-County/Regional" above.

KEWAUNEE COUNTY

- The Executive Director participated in the Economic Strategy Committee teleconference on April 9th to address the closure of the Kewaunee Power Station.
- The Natural Resources Planner continued work on the GLRI beach survey project for Kewaunee County beaches. Implementation is moving forward in Kewaunee at Selner Park Beach. An additional beach at Red Arrow County Park was added for beach sanitary survey work.
- Commission staff continued providing zoning assistance to the towns of Lincoln, Luxemburg, and Franklin.

MANITOWOC COUNTY

- The Natural Resources Planner continued work on the GLRI beach survey project for Manitowoc County beaches. Implementation of the plan is moving forward at Red Arrow Beach in Manitowoc.
- The Natural Resources Planner continued work on updating the county's hazard mitigation plan.
- Commission staff fulfilled an EMSI Analyst data request by producing nine reports for Industry, Occupation, Demographics, Workforce Knowledge and Skills, etc. data for the Village of Reedsville.

MARINETTE COUNTY

- The Community Planner continued to assist the City of Marinette with the administration of its Shared-Ride Taxi Transit Program with the completion of the first quarter report.
- Commission staff continued updating the *Marinette County Hazard Mitigation Plan*.
- The Natural Resources Planner continued work on the GLRI beach survey project for Red Arrow Beach in Marinette. Implementation of the plan is moving forward. An additional beach at Michaelis Park in the Town of Peshtigo was added for beach sanitary survey work.
- Commission staff continues to assist WisDOT staff and Jewell & Associates staff on the US Highway 141 Corridor Study from STH 64 to Smith Creek Road in Marinette County.

OCONTO COUNTY

- Oconto City Beach in the City of Oconto was added to the GLRI Beach project and sanitary survey work will begin this summer.

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY

- Commission staff attended an open house on April 17th in the City of Plymouth to review the Sheboygan County Bicycle and Pedestrian Comprehensive Plan 2035 Update.
- On April 18th, the Community Planner met with the Town of Mosel to discuss an update to the town's Farmland Preservation Plan map as a component to the Sheboygan County Farmland Preservation Plan update.
- Commission staff participated in a quarterly MPO Directors' meeting in Madison on April 23rd.
- On April 24th, the Community Planner met with Sheboygan County Planning, UW-Extension, and the county's Agriculture Planning Committee to discuss the update to the county Farmland Preservation Plan.
- The Community Planner continued to update the text of the *Sheboygan County Farmland Preservation Plan*.
- Commission staff continued updating the *Sheboygan County Hazard Mitigation Plan*.
- The Natural Resources Planner continued work on the GLRI beach survey project for Sheboygan beaches.
- Commission staff participated in a meeting to discuss, prioritize and refine various scenarios that FHWA and WisDOT staff developed regarding funding for MPOs in Wisconsin for 2014 and beyond; this meeting was held at the WisDOT Central Office in Madison on April 8th.
- The Sheboygan MPO Technical and Policy Advisory Committees met jointly on April 18th. Agenda items addressed at this meeting included: review of the *Annual Listing of Obligated Projects for Calendar Year 2012*; continued review of the extent of urban development in the three land use scenarios for 2045 to be examined in the process leading to completion of the next long-range transportation plan; and an update on WisDOT Northeast Region and other MPO planning activities.
- The MPO Transportation Planner transmitted an administrative modification to the *2013 Sheboygan Metropolitan Planning Area Transportation Planning Work Program* to the WisDOT Bureau of Planning and Economic Development in late April. This administrative modification was a technical correction that reflected the correct amount of PL Discretionary funding that was carried over from 2012 to 2013 (The original work program was submitted in early November, and estimated this carryover because it was required to be submitted several weeks before the end of calendar year 2012).
- Commission staff continued to modify a spreadsheet that is being used to allocate housing growth (and, ultimately, employment growth) to traffic analysis zones (TAZs) under the three land use scenarios that will be examined in the planning process. Some of the subtasks that were completed in an effort to update this spreadsheet included: (1) development of preliminary population and household projections (including projections of the group quarters population and subtracting it from total projected population to account for only the projected household-based population in the spreadsheet, along with projected person per household ratios); (2) determination of whether a TAZ is in or out of a particular land use scenario, and if partially in the scenario, revision of the amount of developable land that is available for allocation; and (3) development of a suballocation methodology for the additional households that are projected in Sheboygan County (inside or outside the metropolitan planning area).

- Commission staff continued to map the geographical extent of projected development for the three land use scenarios that will be examined in the planning process in April. At the request of the MPO advisory committees, the scenarios used were similar to those in the past (Continuation of Existing Trends; Compact/Infill Development; and Corridor Development), but were modified to consider the extent of urban development in 2010, updated parcel lines, etc. The Sheboygan MPO Technical and Policy Advisory Committees approved the mapped extent of development under these scenarios at their April 18th joint meeting.
- Commission staff reviewed plots from the WisDOT Northeast Region travel demand forecast model (as applicable to Sheboygan County) in April. Commission staff reviewed how model assigned volumes compared with actual traffic counts on various links of the network. The state trunk highway network (including connecting highways) was reviewed first, followed by review of the county trunk highway network, local streets and roads, and the interchange ramps on Interstate Highway 43 and State Highway 23.
- Commission staff reviewed a small number of TAZs with no population, households, housing units or employment attributed to them in the base year of the updated model (2010); staff confirmed that it was reasonable that no activity was taking place in these TAZs in 2010.
- Commission staff continued to meet internally to discuss possible visualization applications (transportation projects and land use scenarios) for the next MPO long-range transportation plan in April. Some of these visualization applications could also be transferred to other Commission-led planning efforts in the region.
- Commission staff assisted Shoreline Metro staff with a CDBG quarterly progress report in early April.
- Commission staff reviewed the *Annual Listing of Obligated Projects for Calendar Year 2012* with members of the Sheboygan MPO Technical and Policy Advisory Committees at their joint meeting on April 18th. A copy of the *Annual Listing of Obligated Projects for Calendar Year 2012* was given to staff of the Sheboygan County Planning and Conservation Department for permanent public display in that office. The *Annual Listing of Obligated Projects for Calendar Year 2012* was posted to the Sheboygan MPO webpage in late March.