

MONTHLY WORK PROGRAM ACTIVITY REPORT
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MULTI-COUNTY/REGIONAL

- Commission staff attended the quarterly meeting of the Northeast Wisconsin Transportation Committee (NEWTC) on March 10th.
- On March 11th, the Executive Director participated in the Global Trade Steering Committee meeting teleconference to continue the implementation of the strategies outlined in the *2012 Global Trade Strategy Report*. The committee members are planning to submit a grant application to EDA to expand Foreign Direct Investment within the eighteen counties that comprise the New North.
- March 11-12th, the Natural Resources Planner participated in the *EPA 2015 Great Lakes Area of Concern Conference* in Toledo, OH.
- The quarterly full Commission meeting was held on March 13th at Heritage Hill State Park in Green Bay.
- On March 19th, the Executive Director attended the quarterly meeting of the Wisconsin Association of Regional Planning Commissions (AWRPC) in Madison.
- On March 19th, the Natural Resources Planner participated in a conference call of the Lake Michigan Forum.
- On March 30th, the Natural Resources Planner participated in a meeting of the Green Bay Watershed Partners Steering Committee in Green Bay.
- 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.
- Commission staff continued updating the Transportation Element of the Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission's Regional Comprehensive Plan.

BROWN COUNTY

- On March 10th, the Executive Director and Community Assistance Planner met with Village of Ashwaubenon officials regarding membership and the process for updating the village's comprehensive plan.
- On March 16th, the Natural Resources Planner met with the Oneida Tribe to begin the process to update their hazard mitigation plan.
- The Natural Resources Planner continued work on the Bay Beach improvement project. On March 17th, a presentation was given to the GPS Education Partners in Green Bay. (GPS Education Partners prepares junior and senior high school students for the technical workforce through accelerated, immersive learning.)
- The Executive Director attended the monthly Olde Main Street/Downtown Green Bay, Inc. Business Development Committee meeting on March 26th.

- The Natural Resources Planner continued work on the City of Green Bay EAB mitigation project with completion of the project scheduled for this coming summer.

DOOR COUNTY

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

FLORENCE COUNTY

- Commission staff continued updating the Farmland Preservation Plan for Florence County.

KEWAUNEE COUNTY

- The Commission provided technical assistance for the administration and updating of zoning and other ordinances for Kewaunee County; and the Towns of Casco, Lincoln, and Pierce.

MANITOWOC COUNTY

- Commission staff began work to update the Manitowoc-Two Rivers-Mishicot SSA Plan.

MARINETTE COUNTY

- On March 4th, Commission staff participated in a training teleconference on how to complete a shared ride taxi procurement for the city's shared-ride taxi program.
- Commission staff continued to assist the City of Marinette with the administration of its Shared-Ride Taxi Transit Program. Staff attended the city's quarterly Transportation Committee meeting on March 17th.
- On March 24th, the Executive Director attended the steering committee meeting facilitated by MCABI to look at the possibility of building a new hotel, sports complex, and convention center somewhere in the City of Marinette area.

OCONTO COUNTY

- Commission staff continued work on updating Oconto County's hazard mitigation plan.

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY

- Commission staff began updating components of the Town of Lyndon comprehensive plan.
- The Commission staff approved an amendment to the *2014 Sheboygan Metropolitan Planning Area Transportation Planning Work Program* at its meeting on March 13th. This amendment involved carryover of a small amount of funding to the *2015 Sheboygan Metropolitan Planning Area Transportation Planning Work Program*. The amendment was transmitted to WisDOT and FHWA on March 16th, and final approval was received from these agencies by March 19th.
- Commission staff completed all revisions to draft Chapter 6 (Transportation and Land Use) and continued to prepare draft Chapter 7 (Recommended Transportation Plan) of the *Year 2045 SATP* in March. Commission staff also completed draft Chapter 8 (Mitigation of Environmental Impacts of Major Transportation Projects) in March (with the exception of the environmental consultation meeting summary). In addition, Commission staff prepared the vast majority of the street and highway funding section of draft Chapter 9 (Financial Plan) in March.
- Commission staff prepared all or parts of several appendices to the *Year 2045 SATP* in March. Appendices that have been completed include: the glossary of terms; the transportation system performance indicators report; the environmental justice analysis; and the membership roster of the Sheboygan MPO Technical and Policy Advisory Committees. Appendices that are in the process of being completed include: the

conformity assessment; and documentation of the public participation process for the plan. Appendices that remain to be completed include: financial plan supporting documentation; and minutes of the multi-agency environmental consultation meeting.

- 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 March. Some of these visualization applications could also be transferred to other Commission-led planning efforts in the region.
- The Commission deferred action on a minor amendment to the *Sheboygan Metropolitan Planning Area Transportation Improvement Program (TIP): Calendar Years 2015 – 2018* at its meeting on March 13th. This minor amendment would involve an addition to the elderly and disabled transportation capital project component of the *2015 – 2018 TIP*. The new project added to the *2015 – 2018 TIP* would involve one new medium sized bus for Brooke Industries (based in Fond du Lac, and serving clients in seven counties, including Sheboygan County) to transport clients to their various services. Commissioners had questions regarding this vehicle that could not be answered due to the limited amount of information supplied to the Commission by the applicant and by the WisDOT Bureau of Transit, Local Roads, Railroads and Harbors. This amendment may be reconsidered at the June meeting of the full Commission once additional information is known regarding this project and its impacts on Sheboygan County.