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TRANSPORTATION BONANZA

February 16, 2022 | 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The Michigan Association of Planning, in partnership with the Michigan Safe Routes to School Program and the Michigan Department of Transportation, designed this annual event to bring together professionals from the fields of planning, education, transportation, health, engineering, natural resource and environmental protection, architecture, landscape architecture, and others to connect around the topic of community building for health and accessibility.

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Special free virtual presentation for health professionals who attend this event on March 17, 2022, from 2-3:30 pm to learn more about Michigan Fitness Foundation's Promoting Active Communities (PAC) Assessment, a tool that can help communities better understand their barriers to active living and solutions to those barriers.

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TRANSPORTATION BONANZA AGENDA | Morning sessions on Wednesday, February 16th, 2022

Opening Remarks | 9:00 - 9:30 a.m.

Andrea Brown, AICP, Executive Director Michigan Association of Planning | **Katie Alexander**, SRTS | **Terri Slaughter**, Michigan Department of Transportation
Dr. Alexis Travis, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

General Session | 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Transportation policy has the potential to drive our work as planners, engineers, and health professionals. There has been tremendous progress and innovation at the federal and state level and a heightened recognition that our transportation systems are integral to building a prosperous, successful, and equitable nation, a competitive Michigan, and vibrant and connected municipalities. This session covers policy and practice at every level of government and highlights an aspirational vision for our transportation future.

Tony Kratofil, PE, COO and Chief Engineer, MDOT | Christopher Coes, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy, US DOT
Jason Jordan, Policy Director, American Planning Association

Breakout sessions | 11:00 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Advancing Equitable Transportation Planning: Strategies for Success from the Joe Louis Greenway Process

Detroit's Joe Louis Greenway is a 27.5-mile pathway system passing through eight city council districts and the cities of Dearborn, Hamtramck, and Highland Park, reconnecting neighborhoods previously separated by freeway development. The vision for the pathway and its priorities were established through a planning process that prioritized community participation and authorship, focusing on an equitable and inclusive representation of Detroit's racially, culturally, and economically diverse neighborhoods. Learn how to apply these effective, community-centered engagement methods from a panel of project and community leaders.

Brian Charlton, PLA, LEED AP, SmithGroup,
Christina Peltier, City of Detroit
Alicia Adams, PLA, SmithGroup
Ru Shann Long, Joe Louis Greenway Advisory Council
Moderated by **Adam Jenks**, Michigan Fitness Foundation

What Are Planning and Environmental Linkage Studies (PELs) and What Can We Learn From Them?

Planning and Environment Linkages (PELs) represent a collaborative and integrated approach to transportation decision-making that considers environmental, community, and economic goals early in the transportation planning process and uses the information, analysis, and products developed during planning to inform the environmental review process. The purpose of PELs is to create a more seamless decision-making process that minimizes duplication of effort, promotes environmental stewardship, and streamlines project delivery. Learn more about this innovative approach and where PELs are planning to be utilized next in Michigan.

Eric Dryer, OHM Advisors
Christina Ignasiak, Federal Highway Administration – Michigan Division
Carissa McQuiston, PE, MDOT - Davison TSC
Moderated by **Sarah Binkowski, PE, PTOE**, HNTB

Living Longer and Healthier by (Community) Design: Blue Zone Projects

Inspired by the world's longest-lived cultures, Blue Zones help communities live better and longer by improving the environment. Becoming a Blue Zones Community is a three-phase process. Communities are assessed for readiness in phase 1 and in phase 2: Activate work with policy, projects and programs in the areas of built environment and food systems. This structured systems wide exploration of your community is powered by the collaboration to build a plan for change. Learn how Barry County partnered with Blue Zones to tackle challenges and to create a plan to provide healthier options to residents. This program helps communities create walkable places and adopt healthier lifestyles.

Allison Troyer Wiswell, Blue Zones Activate Barry County
Additional panelists to be announced.
Moderated by **Colleen Synk**, Michigan Fitness Foundation

Lunch Break (optional networking) | 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Breakout sessions | 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Moving forward with the MM2045 Active Transportation Plan: A Bold Vision. Implementing Mobility in Michigan (pre-recorded)

MDOT, with significant input from citizens and stakeholders from around the state, recently completed the state's federally mandated long-range transportation plan – Michigan Mobility 2045 (MM2045). While developing the plan, Michigan took the opportunity to build the state's first Active Transportation Plan and a statewide Transit Strategic Plan. These documents, while not mandated at the federal level are some of the first in the nation and demonstrate Michigan's level of commitment to advancing active transportation for all Michiganders. Attend this session to learn more about these two policy documents and the vision for advancing mobility in Michigan.

Josh DeBruyn, AICP, MDOT

Ellen Kent, MDOT

Janet Geissler, MDOT

Charles Brown: Transportation & Equity

Mr. Brown is founder and managing principal of Equitable Cities, LLC — a nationally known consulting firm working at the intersection of transportation, health, and equity. He serves as a senior researcher with the Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center (VTC) and adjunct professor at the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, both at Rutgers University. As a “street-level researcher,” he has 17 years of experience in urban and regional planning, public policy, and community outreach and engagement across the US and abroad. He has developed and led courses on transportation equity, environmental justice, complete streets, crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED), and public involvement for the National Transit Institute, Federal Transit Administration, Federal Highway Administration, Smart Growth America, and state, regional, and local transportation and health departments. He recently authored 12 Strategies for Centering and Prioritizing Equity in Transportation for the Institute of Transportation Engineers Journal. This session will focus in on Mr. Brown's work at the intersection of Transportation and Equity.

Charles Brown, Equitable Cities, LLC

Moderated by **Katie Alexander**, Michigan Fitness Foundation

Safe Routes to School Success: East Bay Township Case Study

East Bay Connections: The Three Mile Plan is a collaborative planning effort that brings together five schools, East Bay Township, The Grand Traverse County Road Commission, the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy, and TART Trails, to transform the Three Mile and Hammond area into a more walkable and bike-able place for all. The vision of this pathway is to extend the three-mile multi-use trail, safe crossings of Three Mile and Hammond, and connector trails to and from the schools. Discussion of the Three Mile Trail project; the collaborative efforts between non-profits, the Grand Traverse County Road Commission, and Township; lessons learned; and SRTS connections will be highlighted during this session.

Beth Friend, Supervisor, East Bay Township

Elizabeth Calcutt, TART Trails, Inc.

Facilitated by **Max Fulkerson**, Michigan Fitness Foundation

Breakout sessions | 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

The New Mobilities: Smart Planning for Emerging Transportation Technologies

New transportation technologies are coming online faster than ever. While many of these emerging technologies are helping to expand our world, they need to be evaluated critically. Todd Litman, author of the new book *New Mobilities: Smart Planning for Emerging Transportation Technologies*, will discuss 12 emerging transportation modes and services that will likely significantly affect our lives as they become more commonplace. Litman will explain how these modes and services, including bike and car sharing, micro-transit, and electric vehicles, may affect travel activity, costs and affordability, infrastructure design and cost, and other elements.

Todd Litman, Founder and Executive Director, Victoria Transport Policy Institute
Moderated by **Mike Smith**, MDOT

Improving Signal Systems

Ever feel like you catch one red light after another, never getting a green light break? And are the lights timed to give pedestrians adequate time to safely cross? This session will address a holistic approach to signal system design that meets the needs of all users. Learn about advanced pedestrian times, when to extend all red signal phases, Smart Signals, and timing for signals at rail crossings.

Charles Alexander, PE, AICP, RSP1, Fehr and Peers
Kiel McIntosh, PE, Carrier & Gable
Jeremy Papuga, HNTB Michigan, Inc.
Moderated by **Lauren Warren, PE, PTOE, PMP**, Cincar Consulting Group

Integrating Health Data into Transportation Planning

The Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is among the first MPOs in the United States to recognize the interplay of transportation and public health, particularly regarding physical activity, air pollution, and traffic crashes. This session will explain how the Nashville MPO has taken a multifaceted approach to identify their health priority areas and how they use this information to prioritize funding and active transportation initiatives to simultaneously improve the transportation system, quality of life, and health status of the region's population.

Leslie Meehan, MPA, AICP, Tennessee Department of Health

Ask an Expert | 3:45 - 4:30 p.m.

Join us to meet with experts from today's program (and others within the industry) for an opportunity to have your questions answered. We encourage everyone to join this interactive session with questions they have about the presentations or topics discussed today.

Join the Safe Routes to School movement. Develop your school's active transportation program and apply for non-infrastructure funding with the SRTS mini-grant. Funds can pay for programs that help educate and encourage students in grades K-8 to walk and bike to school safely. Deadline is March 5th. Learn more at www.saferoutesmichigan.org

Thank you to our planning team:

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