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MA NE NEWS

Spotlight on Kait Riegling



This month, we feature Technical Advisory Committee member, Kait Riegling. She has been the Procurement Coordinator and Grant Specialist

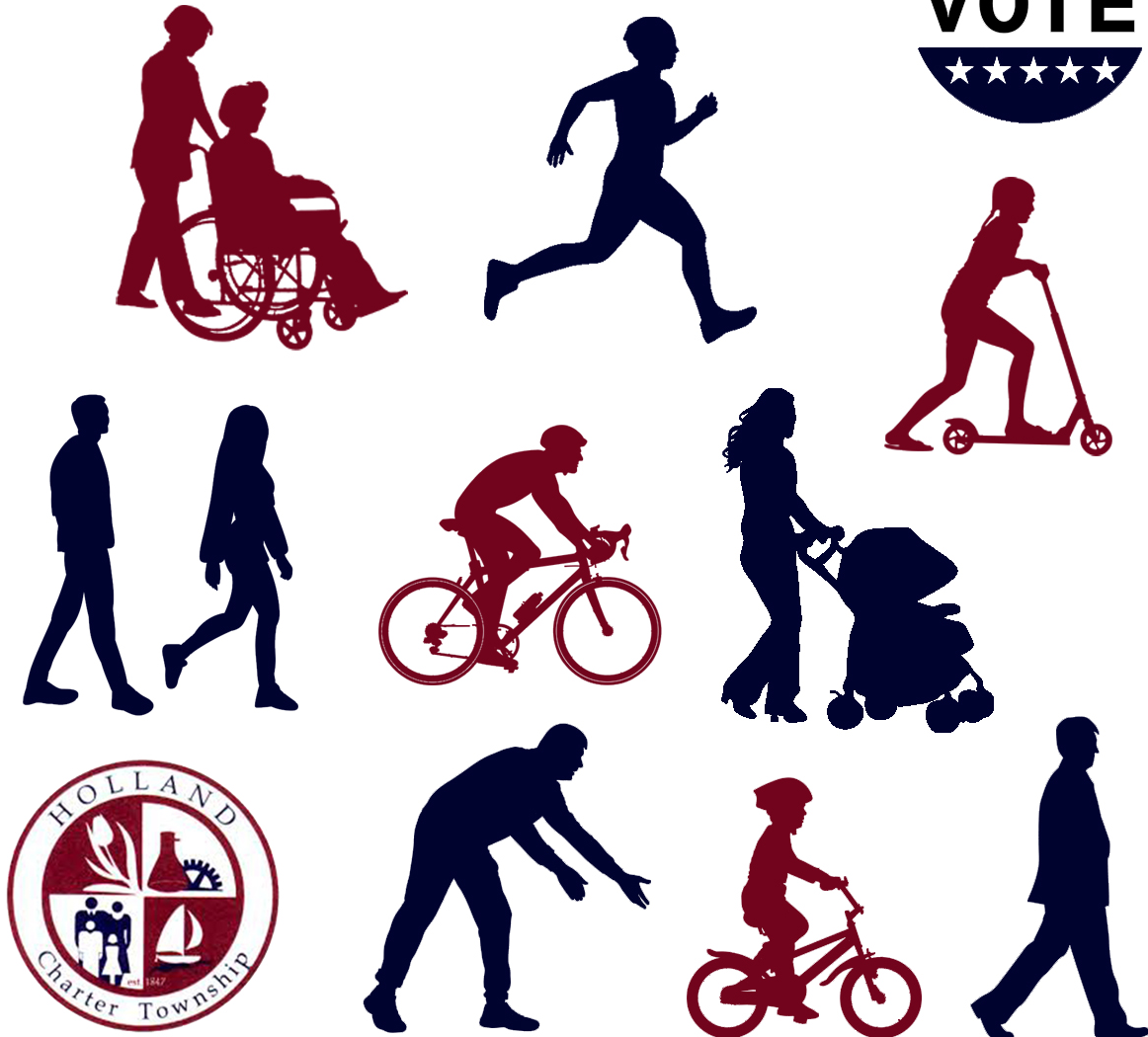
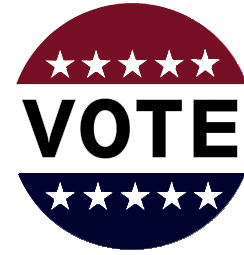
at the Macatawa Area Express (MAX) since February 2023. Kait was born and raised in Grand Rapids before moving to Grand Haven a few years ago. She lives within walking distance of Lake Michigan with her continuously shedding cat, Tiger Lily. She is an alumna of Lake Superior State University where she obtained her B.S. in International Business. Prior to working at MAX, Kait worked in the private sector as a Quality Engineer in the automotive and consumer goods industries. Kait is a fan of traveling and tries to go somewhere new every year. Kait can also be found reading quietly at home or rocking out at a concert. Kait appreciates the MACC staff for their teamwork and willingness to provide support to the MAX. She looks forward to continuing the relationship between the MACC and MAX Transit.

MACC Summer Intern Wanted

The MACC is looking for an Environmental Planner summer intern. This internship will likely take place between May 13 and October 4. This position will provide an opportunity for a college-enrolled individual to gain hands-on experience in the environmental and transportation planning fields. This person will spend three days at the MACC and two days at the Outdoor Discovery Center. Community outreach and engagement, as well as Green Commute Week, will be two critical responsibilities. If you know anyone who would be a great candidate, please have them visit our website [here](#). If you have any questions, please reach out to Alec Miller at amiller@the-macc.org.

Non-Motorized Path Millage Vote

MAY 7, 2024



If you enjoy being active, make sure you get out and vote on **May 7** in Holland Charter Township. The 2024 Bicycle Path System Millage Proposition, slated for the **May 7, 2024** election, proposes a property tax increase of up to 0.55 mill for 4 years, funding the planning, construction, maintenance, and operation of Holland Charter Township's bike paths. This increase from 0.45 mill aims to generate around \$1,000,772 in the first year. The funds support expanding bike paths, repairing existing ones, and ongoing maintenance such as sweeping and snow plowing. The system spans 70 miles, connecting with neighboring townships and cities, providing safe non-motorized transportation and recreational options. Maps are available online and at the Township office.

Business Loop I-196 Update



I-196 Business Loop (BL) Rebuilding

US-31 in Holland to 88th Avenue in Zeeland

Ottawa County

April - November 2024

What Is Being Done?

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is investing approximately \$17 million to rebuild 4.5 miles of eastbound and westbound I-196 Business Loop (BL) from US-31 in Holland to 88th Avenue in Zeeland. Work includes asphalt resurfacing, full-depth concrete joint repairs, new signs, traffic signal work, crosswalk safety improvements, and new guardrail.

How Will Traffic Be Affected?

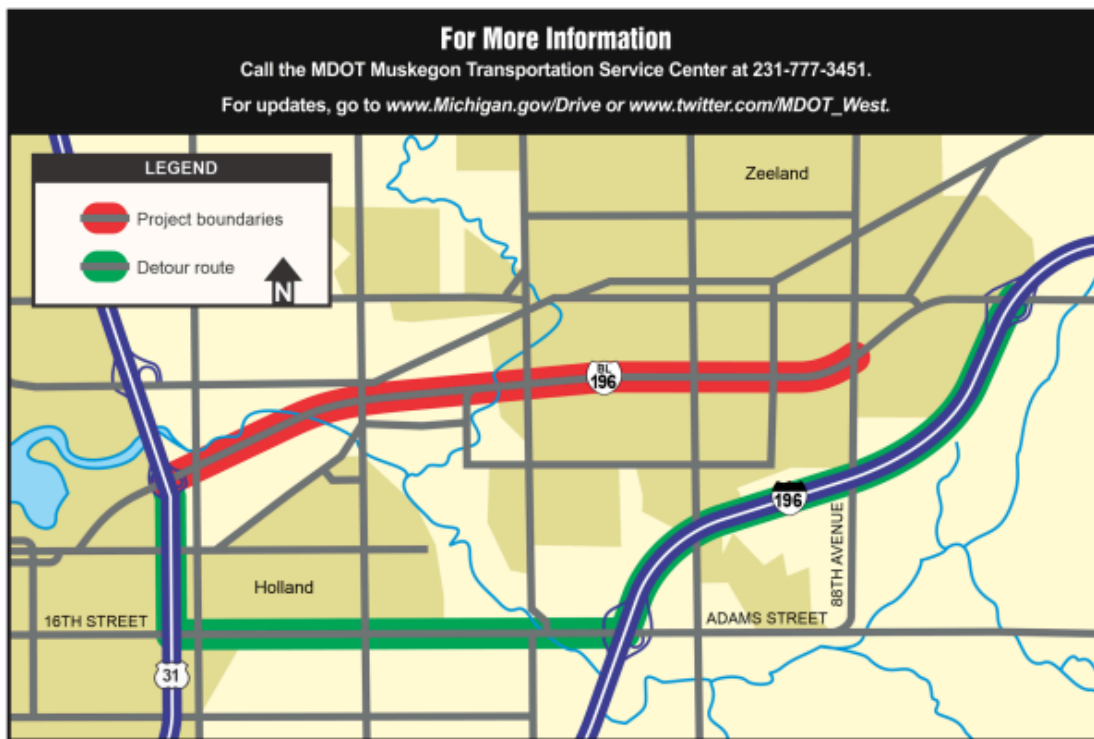
Eastbound I-196 BL will be closed and detoured from April to August, and then westbound I-196 BL will close from August to November. Traffic will be detoured to 16th Street/Adams Street. Short-term closures will be in effect on side streets during intersection reconstruction. Access to businesses will be maintained at all times.

Safety Benefit

This project will improve the ride and is a long-term investment for the service life of the corridor.

When Will This Be Done?

Work begins in April and is expected to be finished in late November 2024.



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MDOT, in coordination with the MACC, held a public open house on March 26 at the Howard Miller Library and Community Center in Zeeland. Around 30 people attended. The purpose of the open house was to discuss MDOT's planned rehabilitation of the Business Loop I-196 from US-31 to 88th Avenue/Fairview Road this year. MDOT is investing approximately \$17 million to rebuild 4.5 miles of eastbound and westbound I-196 Business Loop (BL). Work includes asphalt resurfacing, full-depth concrete joint repairs, new signs, traffic signal work, crosswalk safety improvements,

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Safe Streets For All RFP Out

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The MACC is seeking proposals for developing a regional safety action plan for our planning area area. The plan aims for zero traffic deaths and serious injuries, funded by federal grants. Proposals must be submitted electronically by **April 26, 2024**. The plan should analyze safety data, engage stakeholders, prioritize equity, suggest policy changes, and propose low-cost, high-impact strategies. Consultants must demonstrate

experience, provide a detailed work plan and budget not exceeding \$280,000. Evaluation criteria include proposal completeness, organizational experience, technical expertise, and diversity of the team. The project should conclude by May 5, 2025. For more information, click [here](#). If you have any additional questions, please contact Eric Dykstra at edykstra@the-macc.org.

Upcoming Meetings

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:


April 8, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

MACC Conference Room
301 Douglas Avenue
Holland, MI 49424

POLICY BOARD:

April 22, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.

Port Sheldon Township Hall
16201 Port Sheldon Street
West Olive, MI 49460



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