



## Spotlight on Al Nienhuis



In this month's Spotlight, we are featuring Policy Board Member, **Al Nienhuis**. Jeff joined the MACC Policy Board earlier this year. Al has been

erving on the Olive Township Board since 2012 as a Trustee and was appointed as Supervisor in the beginning of 2023 after Todd Wolters resigned. Al is a long-time Olive Township resident for over 40 years. He recently retired from JR Automation and worked for many years at Fogg Filler Company. He and his wife LuAnn have three grown children and several grandchildren. He enjoys participating in tractor pulls and working on his nephew's farm during the spring and fall busy seasons. Al attended Zeeland High School and Michigan State University. Go Green & White!!

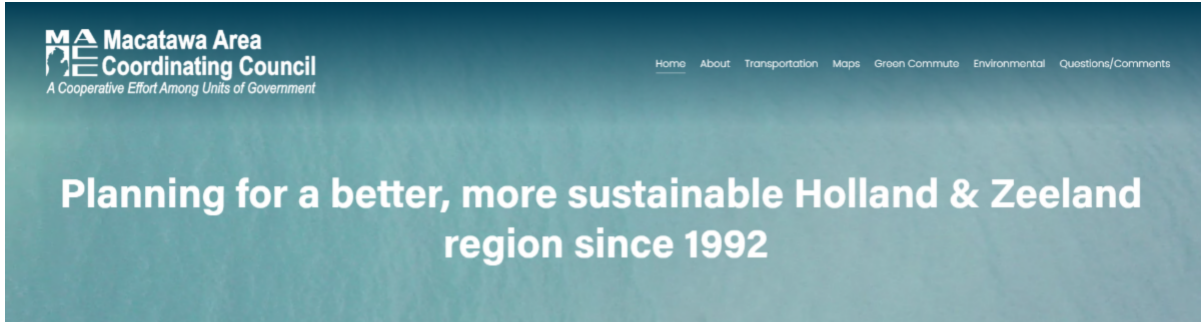
## Lakeshore Advantage Moving



Lakeshore Advantage, the Holland/Zeeland area's economic development organization, has announced plans for a \$15.3 million development in downtown Holland. The "Next Center" will be located at the northeast corner of 7th Street and College Avenue, and will serve as a hub for innovation and house a business incubator and the organization's new headquarters. The center aims to support startups and foster collaboration within the local ecosystem. It will feature a multifunctional business incubator, office space for Lakeshore Advantage and second-stage startups, and an anchor company on the top floor. Lakeshore Advantage intends to expand its support for startups, increase membership, and provide programming and learning opportunities. The project is pending

City of Holland approvals and is expected to be completed by the end of 2024.

# New MACC Website



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## 2023 at a Glance

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Policy Board

Out with the old and in with the new. The MACC has redesigned its website. Our intent was to make the website more user-friendly, more editable, and ultimately, more transparent. Please have a look **here**. As always, please let us know if we are missing anything or you would like anything improved or have any suggestions.

# Unified Work Program



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# FY 2024 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM

Questions regarding this document may be referred to:

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The MACC has compiled a draft FY2024 Unified Work Program (UWP) document, which is scheduled to be approved on June 5, 2023 at our Policy Board meeting. A UWP is a document that outlines the planning priorities and activities to be undertaken in a metropolitan planning area. It includes details such as the description of the work, responsible entities, timelines, costs, and funding sources. As an MPO, we are required to develop an annual UWP to guide the use of planning funds from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit

Administration (FTA). The UWP is governed by federal transportation planning regulations and program guidance provided by the FHWA and FTA. It ensures proper planning and coordination for transportation projects at the metropolitan level. To view the MACC's draft UWP, please click [here](#).

## Look Twice, Save a Life

The MACC urges area motorists to remain vigilant and aware of motorcyclists and other non-motorized users (bikes, walkers, joggers, runners, skateboarders, roller skaters, etc.) on the road to ensure safety. Most vehicle accidents occur on city streets rather than highways. Motorcycles and other non-motorized modes of transportation are often overlooked due to their size and profile, making them hard to see. The Michigan Secretary of State's Office is urging drivers to familiarize themselves with tips on sharing the road with motorcyclists and other users of the road. Left turns at intersections are particularly dangerous for motorcyclists and other users of the road, and drivers are encouraged to look twice before making a turn. Drivers should avoid distractions, double-check blind spots, maintain distance, and be aware of others' hand signals.

## Upcoming Meetings

### **TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:**

**July 10, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.**

MACC Conference Room

301 Douglas Avenue

Holland, MI 49424

### **POLICY BOARD:**


**June 5, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.**

City of Holland

Holland City Hall

270 S. River Avenue

Holland, MI 49423

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