



Spotlight on Judy Visscher



This month, we feature Judy Visscher, the MACC's Office Administrator since May 2019. Judy is a "transplant" to West Michigan, having moved around to various military bases in the Midwest and Newfoundland as a child. She married her husband Mike (now deceased) after stalking him at a singles volleyball club back in the 1970s. Their union was blessed with four children and six grandchildren. Ripley, the youngest, is currently an

“unofficial” MACC staff member, raising office morale with her sunny disposition. Judy obtained a BS and MS from Iowa State University and University of Delaware respectively (go Blue Hens!). She retired from the Holland Board of Public Works, where she was the Environmental Regulatory Specialist for 16 years, having the unique experience of working in the James De Young coal-fired power plant as well as the natural gas-fired Holland Energy Park. In her free time, she cares for grand-children, travels, gardens, cooks, and makes Kahlua. Judy enjoys her time at the MACC, sharing her personal and office “wisdom” with the younger staff members.

St. Patrick's Day Parade



Bundle up and join the fun at the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Downtown Holland! The parade begins at noon at the Holland Civic Center and continues east up 8th Street until it reaches Columbia Avenue! This community celebration is fun for the entire family! (Don't forget to wear green). For more information, please click [here](#).

Business Loop I-196 Meeting



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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On **March 26, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.**, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will be holding a public meeting for the upcoming construction on Business Loop I-196. The meeting will be an open house format, and will take place in the North Activity Room of the Howard Miller Public Library in Zeeland. MDOT will be working on the entirety of the Business Loop this year, with a full reconstruction between US-31 and Paw Paw Drive, and joint repairs between Paw Paw Drive and 88th Avenue.

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LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

GUIDING THE HOLLAND/ZEELAND AREA INTO THE FUTURE

ADOPTED FEBRUARY 26, 2024

At its meeting on February 26, the MACC Policy Board approved the 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). After its Policy Board approval, the document now goes to the respective state and federal authorities for final approval. The LRTP is a strategic document that outlines

transportation goals, policies, and projects for a region typically spanning at least 20 years into the future. It serves as a blueprint for transportation infrastructure development, addressing various modes of transportation such as roads, highways, public transit, biking, and walking paths. The 2050 LRTP was developed by MACC staff in collaboration with federal, state, and local partners, as well as stakeholders and the public. The plan considers factors like population growth, economic development, environmental impact, and emerging technologies to create a comprehensive vision for the region's transportation system. To view the MACC's 2050 LRTP, click [here](#).

Non-Motorized Meeting



In preparation of our region-wide, 2024 Non-Motorized Plan, the MACC hosted 13 members of the public at our office on February 7 for our Non-Motorized Planning Committee (NMPC). The members in attendance represented bicycling and pedestrian advocacy groups, business owners, citizens, local and state government representatives, and MACC staff. The Non-Motorized Planning Committee (NMPC) is a specialized group within transportation planning that focuses on infrastructure and policies related to pedestrian and cyclist mobility. Its primary objective is to promote and

enhance walking and biking as viable modes of transportation within our community. The committee's efforts contribute to creating a more sustainable, healthy, and inclusive community by prioritizing non-motorized modes of transportation alongside traditional motorized options. Our next meeting will be **March 13, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.** at the MACC Offices. We will be discussing a path rating system and other exciting topics.

Upcoming Meetings

NON-MOTORIZED PLANNING COMMITTEE:

March 13, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

MACC Conference Room
301 Douglas Avenue
Holland, MI 49424

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:


March 11, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

MACC Conference Room
301 Douglas Avenue
Holland, MI 49424

POLICY BOARD:

March 25, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.

Olive Township Hall
6480 136th Avenue
Holland, MI 49424



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