



## Spotlight on Terry Nienhuis



In this month's Spotlight, we are featuring MACC Policy Board Member and Holland Charter Township Supervisor, Terry Nienhuis. Terry has been on the MACC Policy Board since 1996, and has served as Holland Charter Township Supervisor for 24 years. Terry's full-time job was in the solid waste industry. Terry is a native of the Holland/Zeeland area. Terry attended Holland Christian High School and Davenport University and served for six years in the Army National Guard. Terry has two children and five grandsons, all of whom reside in the area. Terry enjoys family activities,

which include traveling and boating on beautiful Lake Michigan. His two careers have afforded him countless opportunities to meet and work alongside those of all walks of life, many of whom he now considers friends.

## Traffic Counts Underway



As an annual service to the greater Holland/Zeeland metropolitan area, the MACC has contracted with DLZ to perform traffic counts at over 50 locations throughout the area. The traffic count locations are selected by the MACC after receiving input from MDOT and our Technical Advisory Committee. Proposed locations are screened to make sure they haven't been counted recently, and that the Allegan or Ottawa county road commissions were not planning to count at the locations this year. Better coordination means more coverage. The MACC and its members will use the data to help plan for our region's future transportation needs.

## Public Participation Plan Update

The image is a cover for a public participation plan. It features a circular logo in the top left corner with the letters 'MA' stacked above 'NE' and a silhouette of a person's head and shoulders. The background is a photograph of a rocky pier extending into the ocean, with a blue metal railing on the right side. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The bottom half of the image has a dark blue background with white text. The main title 'PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN' is in large, bold, white capital letters. Below it, a light blue box contains the subtitle 'For Transportation Decision Making'. At the bottom, the text 'Plan Approved - January 9, 2023' is displayed, followed by 'Public Comment Period: November 14, 2022 - January 9, 2023' in a smaller font. There are decorative light blue geometric shapes on the right side of the bottom half.

We are in the process of updating our Public Participation Plan. This document guides and directs the MACC and the public's interaction. The MACC aims to give the public opportunities for early and continuing participation in important transportation projects, plans, and decisions. We intend on opening the public comment period on November 14, 2022, and intend on holding a public hearing in regards to the Plan in November as well. We hope to have the plan adopted at the MACC Policy Board Meeting on January 9, 2023.



# US-31 Construction Update



We are pleased to announce that the northbound lanes of US-31 between Central Avenue and Interstate 196 have recently reopened to traffic. The southbound lanes are still closed to traffic, but are scheduled to reopen to traffic by mid-November, 2022. This \$8.8 million, 3.28-mile road rehabilitation project included the road being rubblized and a hot-mix asphalt overlay. This project received \$6.5 million in federal funds, \$1.4 million in state funds, and \$25,000 in local funds. This project was selected by the MACC's Technical Advisory Committee as a priority project consistent with our 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. This project was a part of the FY2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program, which was adopted by the MACC Policy Board in 2019.

## BL I-196 Crossing Study Update

PROPOSAL

# I-196 BUSINESS LOOP NON-MOTORIZED CROSSING STUDY

FOR MACATAWA AREA COORDINATING COUNCIL, THE CITY OF ZEELAND, ZEELAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP, CITY OF HOLLAND, HOLLAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP, AND THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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 A collage of three images: a paved path with a bicycle symbol, a stone bridge over a stream, and a pedestrian crossing sign.
 

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On October 27, the MACC hosted representatives from Zeeland, Zeeland Charter Township, and Holland Charter Township to discuss the potential for new or improved nonmotorized crossings for Business Loop I-196. On hand was CDM Smith, who was selected as the consultant for the project. The kickoff meeting took place to gather existing information and lay out expectations for the project. The road is planned to be rehabilitated next year. Please stay tuned for more information.

## Upcoming Meetings

NOVEMBER 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:**


**November 14, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.**

MACC Conference Room  
 301 Douglas Avenue  
 Holland, MI 49424

**POLICY BOARD:**

**November 28, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.**

Laketown Township Hall  
 4338 Beeline Road  
 Holland, MI 49423



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