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Spotlight on Nathan Bocks

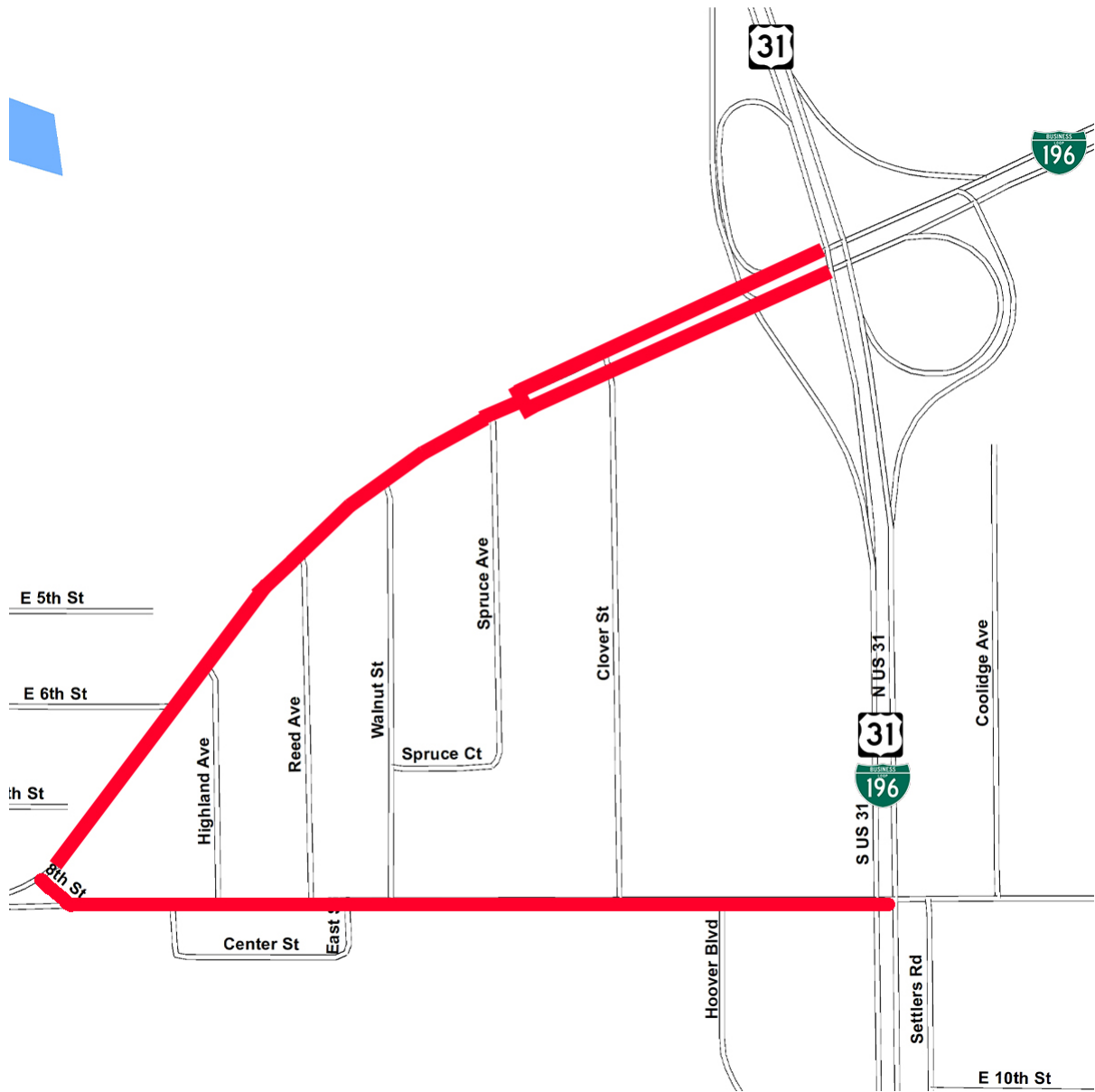


In this month's Spotlight, we are featuring MACC Policy Board Member and City of Holland Mayor, **Nathan Bocks**. Nathan has been on the MACC Policy Board since 2019 when he was first elected Mayor of the City of

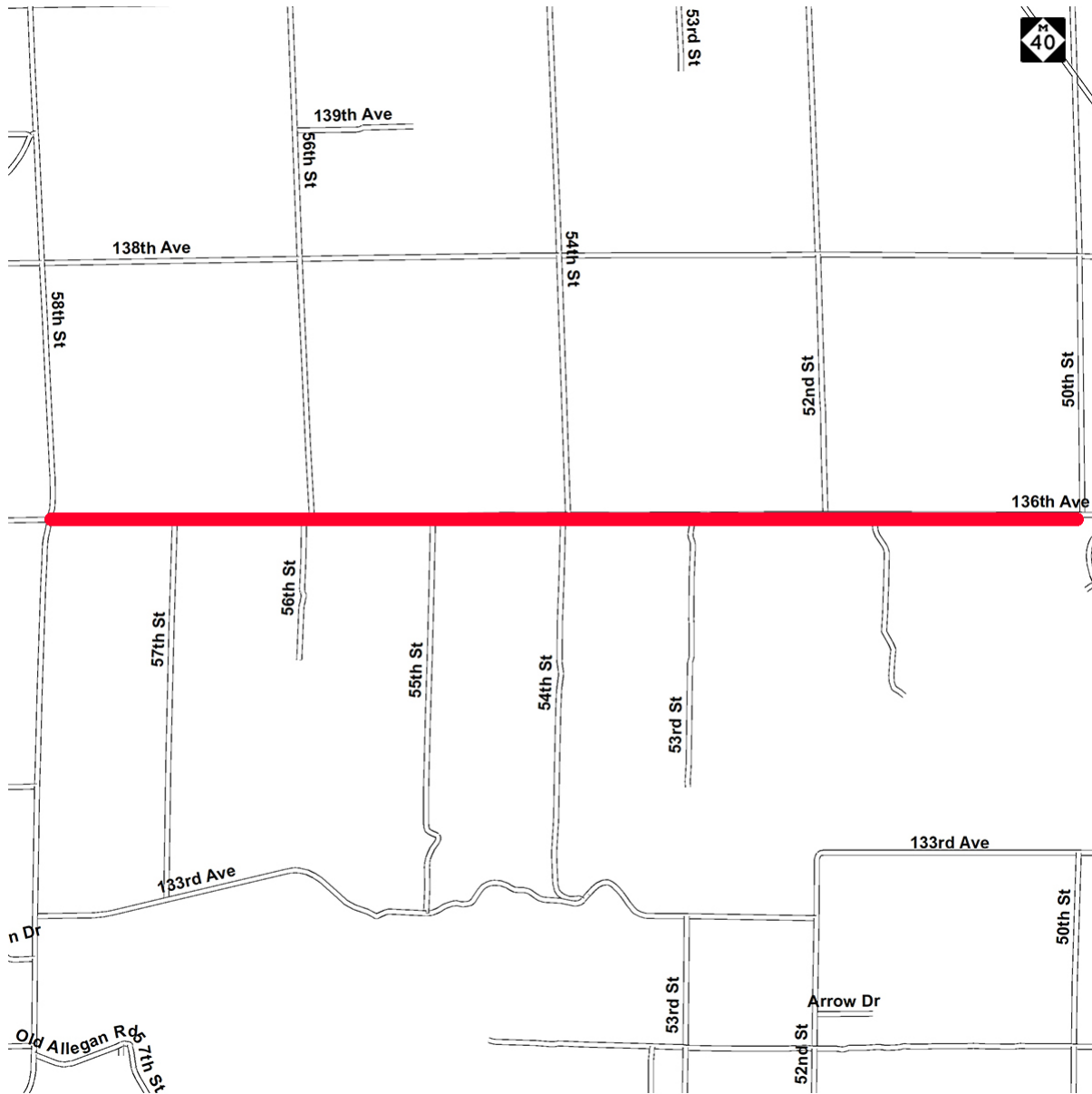
Holland. Nathan is the owner of Central Park Law, PLLC in Holland, focusing on estate planning, real estate, and small business law. Nathan received his bachelor's degree from Hope College and Juris Doctor from Marquette University Law School in Milwaukee. Nathan and his wife Elizabeth have three children, Duncan, Spencer, and Megan. Nathan and Elizabeth enjoy spending time at their "summer shed" in Pentwater, hiking and biking, and all variety of home improvement projects. They both enjoy their active roles in Holland community activities, each giving them reason to exclaim, "And we get to live here!"

\$1.026 Million in New Funding

The MACC is excited to announce that we have received **\$1.026 million** in additional funding from MDOT. At our Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting on November 14, participating members agreed to distribute the funds to existing projects as follows:



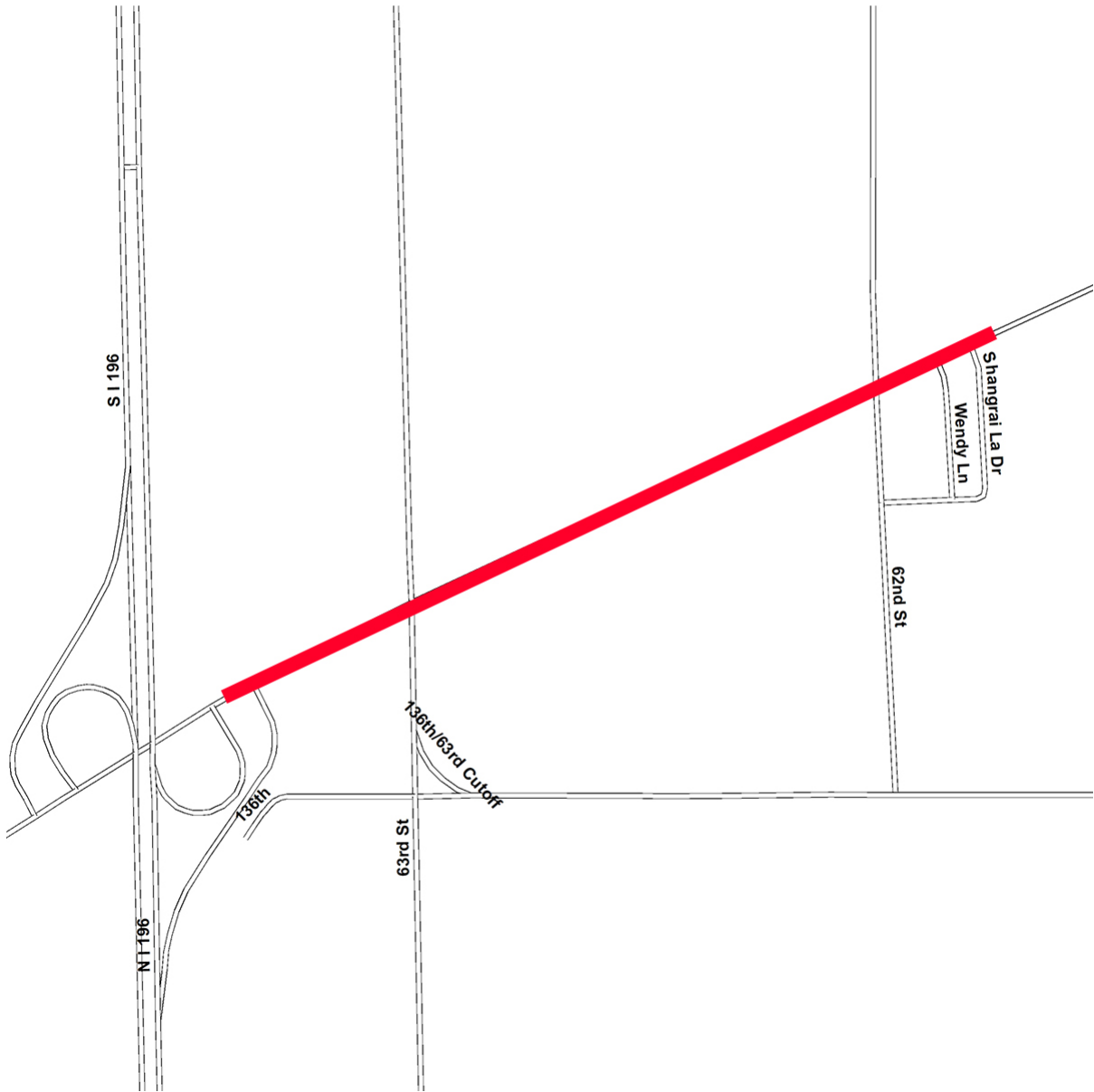
\$460,000 to the Ottawa County Road Commission and the City of Holland for resurfacing 8th Street and Chicago Drive between US-31 and their intersection



\$224,000 to the Allegan County Road Commission for resurfacing of 136th Avenue between 58th Street and 50th Street



\$144,798 to the Ottawa County Road Commission for resurfacing and paved shoulders on 64th Avenue between Chicago Drive and Byron Road




\$100,000 for the non-motorized pathway on Blue Star Highway between the MDOT Park and Ride and the Shangrai La Mobile Home Park in Laketown Township



\$100,000 for the non-motorized pathway on Greenly Street between 112th Avenue and 120th Avenue

The MACC Policy Board approved the funding allocations at its meeting on November 28, 2022. MDOT spent about \$50 million dollars in unused local funds in FY22, and are now paying that funding back in FY23. This funding was distributed to MPOs based on the balance of unused funding each MPO had from previous years, which is carried forward, but under normal circumstances, not able to be utilized.

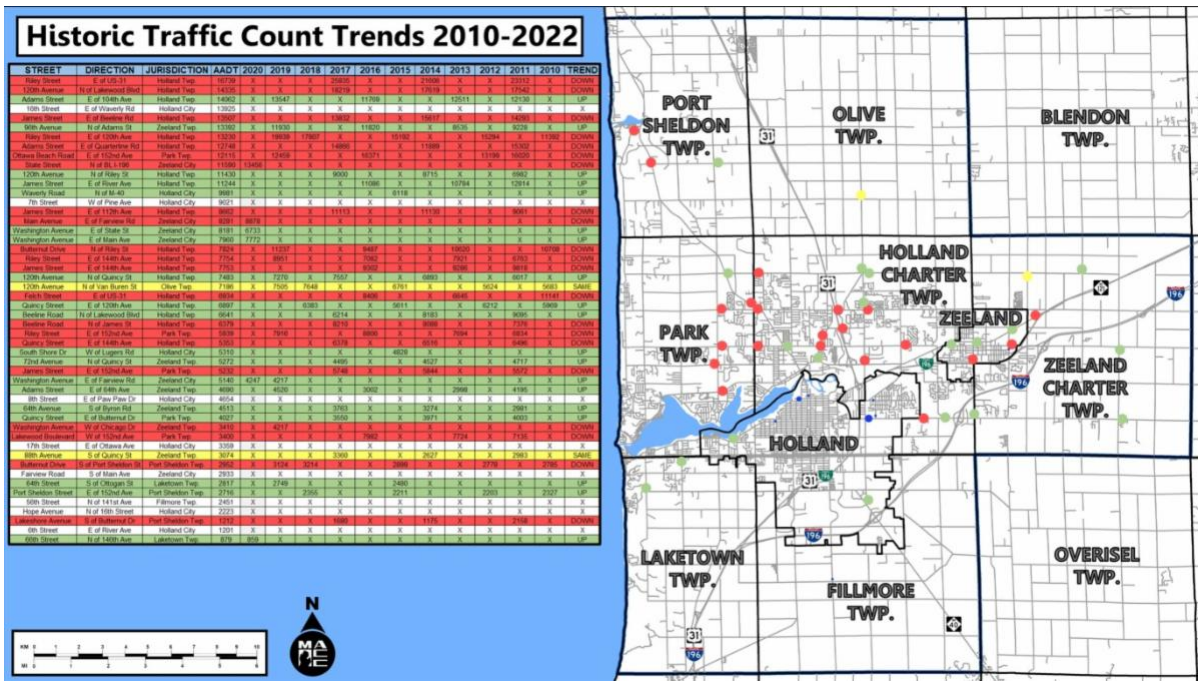
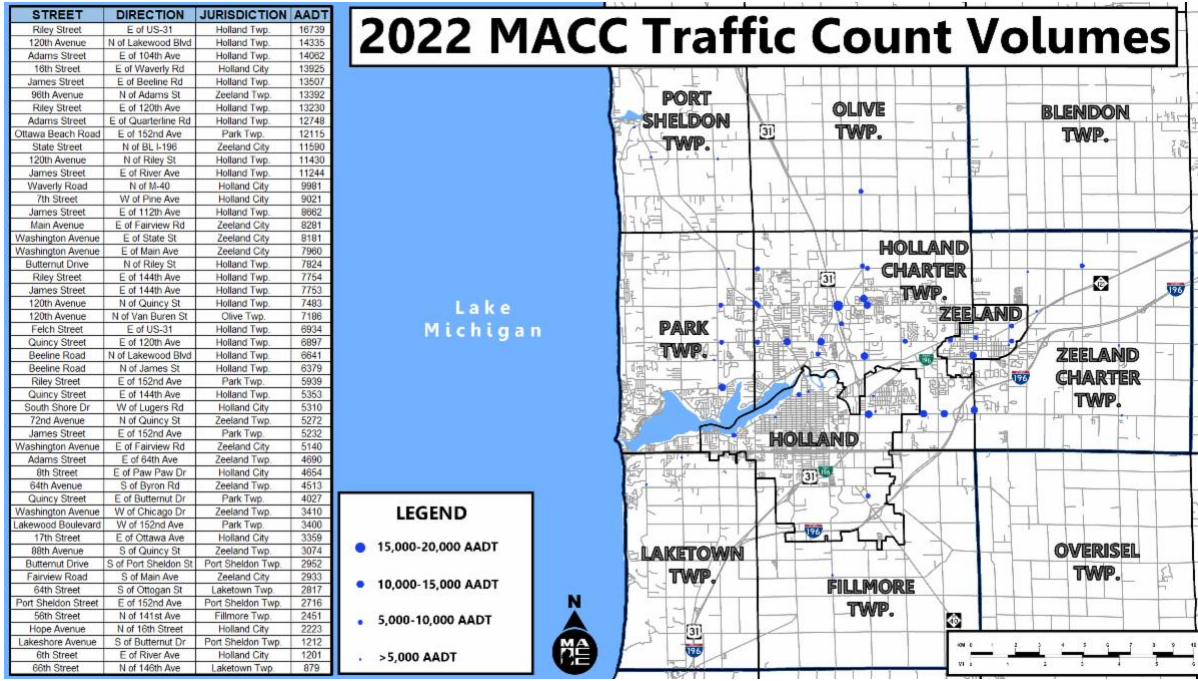
Public Participation Plan Update

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, the subtitle 'For Transportation Decision Making' is in a smaller, white font inside a light blue rectangular box. At the bottom, the text 'Plan Approved - January 9, 2023' is in white, with 'Public Comment Period: November 14, 2022 - January 9, 2023' in a smaller white font below it. There are also some light blue geometric shapes on the right side of the bottom half.

We are in the process of soliciting and receiving comments for our updated 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 opened the public comment period on November 14, 2022, and intend on holding a public hearing on **January 9, 2023**. Please feel free to submit any comments,

questions, or concerns to Transportation Planner **Alec Miller** at amiller@the-macc.org. The draft PPP can be found [here](#).

2022 Traffic Count Results



As an annual service to the greater Holland/Zeeland metropolitan area, the MACC contracted with DLZ to perform traffic counts at over 50 locations throughout the area. The traffic count locations were selected by the MACC after receiving input from MDOT and our Technical Advisory Committee. Locations are screened to make sure they haven't been counted recently,

and that the Allegan or Ottawa county road commissions did not 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. Generally, regional traffic counts have decreased, however, there were many locations around Holland Township, Zeeland Township, and Holland that have seen traffic increases. The busiest road counted was Riley Street east of US-31, which recorded an Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) of 16,739 cars.

Upcoming Meetings

DECEMBER 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	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	31

JANUARY 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	31	1	2	3	4

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

December 12, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

MACC Conference Room

301 Douglas Avenue

Holland, MI 49424

POLICY BOARD:


January 9, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

Holland Charter Township

Riley Street Fire Station

131 Riley Street

Holland, MI 49424



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