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MANE NEWS

Spotlight on Kurt Van Koevering



This month, we are featuring Policy Board member, Kurt Van Koevering. Kurt has been serving as the Ottawa County Road Commission representative to the MACC Policy Board since January of 2023. Kurt is a City of Zeeland resident and attended Hope College. In addition to his duties on the MACC Policy Board, Kurt serves as Vice-Chairman on the Ottawa County Board of Road Commissioners, is Co-President of the Bridge Ministry Center in Zeeland, and served on the Zeeland Shopping Area Redevelopment Board and the Zeeland Planning Commission for 27 years. Kurt and his brother are fourth-generation owners of the Zeeland Record and ZR Graphics, which are a 128-year-old family printing and

publishing business. We would like to thank Kurt for his continuing service on the MACC Policy Board and in the greater Holland/Zeeland area.

Grants Awarded by CEP



Enhancing our Region's
Quality of Life

At its October 11, 2023 meeting, the MACC's Community Enhancement Program (CEP) awarded two grants totaling **\$10,522.80** to the Graafschap Fire Department and the Holland Museum. The Graafschap Fire Department received a grant for **\$5,902.80** to provide tools and materials for advanced community/area responder CPR training and for a pulse/CO meter for responders to check for carbon monoxide poisoning. The Holland Museum was awarded a grant in the amount of **\$4,620** to produce a short introductory video to orient visitors while in the historic Cappon House Visitors Center.

Business Loop I-196 Meeting



On October 23, 2023, the MACC in coordination with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), held a follow-up meeting on the topic of potential non-motorized crossing opportunities along Business Loop I-196 between US-31 and 88th Avenue. The meeting was held at the Howard Miller Community Center and Library in Zeeland, and was attended by over 30 people. Those in attendance included several elected and appointed officials at the state, county, and city/township level, as well as many members of the community at large. At the meeting we unveiled MDOT's proposed existing crossing improvements at 120th Avenue, 112th Avenue, 104th Avenue, 96th Avenue, and 88th Avenue. We also unveiled the schematic plan for two grade-separated, non-motorized bridges that would span the Business Loop I-196 near Van Hill Drive in Holland Charter Township, and Maple Street in Zeeland. The study completed by our consultant, CDM Smith, can be found by clicking [here](#). MDOT's Business Loop I-196 road rehabilitation project is expected to start next year. This will include full reconstruction from US-31 to Paw Paw Drive, and joint repair from Paw Paw Drive to 88th Avenue. The anticipated cost is nearly \$26 million. The MACC is currently awaiting award determination for a Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods federal grant that would help pay for a portion of the proposed pedestrian bridge.

Road Projects Wrapping Up



This month, we'd like to highlight the Ottawa County Road Commission's 64th Avenue project from Chicago Drive (M-121) to Byron Road in Zeeland Charter Township. This 1.9-mile project had a total cost of \$912,500, of which \$370,000 of federal funding was earmarked in the MACC's FY2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This road capital preventative maintenance project saw this road segment resurfaced and 3-foot paved shoulders were added to the road. The MACC appreciates our regional partners and members working together to disperse the limited amounts of federal funding for important and regionally significant projects that help make the greater Holland/Zeeland area a great place to live and work.

MACC Awarded Federal Grant



The MACC is excited to announce that we have been selected to receive a **\$300,000** federal grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation under the Safe Streets For All funding opportunity. This grant includes \$240,000 in federal funding, with a \$60,000 local match. We will be using the funds to hire a consultant to develop a regional Safety Action Plan, which is required to be in place before applying for additional funding opportunities for the next three years of funding. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) established the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary program, with \$5 billion in appropriated funds over 5 years, 2022-2026. The SS4A program funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. The SS4A program supports the U.S. Department of Transportation's *National Roadway Safety Strategy* and their goal of zero roadway deaths. We are excited to work together with our partners and members to help reduce traffic-related deaths in the greater Holland/Zeeland area. Stay tuned for more information. To learn more about Safe Streets for All, click [here](#).

Upcoming Meetings

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

November 13, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.


MACC Conference Room
301 Douglas Avenue
Holland, MI 49424

POLICY BOARD:

November 27, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

Laketown Township

Laketown Township Hall
4338 Beeline Road
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