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Spotlight on Alec Miller



This month, we feature Alec Miller, the MACC's Transportation Planner since January 2022. Originally from Rapid River, Michigan (**YOOPER!!**),

Alec has lived in West Michigan for almost six years. Alec started his career at the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission in Grand Rapids in 2021. Alec holds a Bachelor of Science in Urban Planning and Regional Development from Grand Valley State University. In his spare time, Alec enjoys the beach, going to concerts, cooking, maps, and exploring West Michigan. The most exciting news is that Alec is getting married to the love of his life (Bella) in 2024! Alec appreciates the MACC for its exceptional team, and how it fosters regional cooperation and collaboration. He looks forward to personal and professional growth at MACC for many years to come.

Open House January 17!

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2050 TRANSPORTATION PLAN OPEN-HOUSE

SAVE THE DATE!

Come review our region's plan for transportation and let us know what's most important to you.

Wednesday January 17, 2024
MACC Office
301 Douglas Avenue
Holland, MI 49424

Noon - 2:00 p.m. and
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

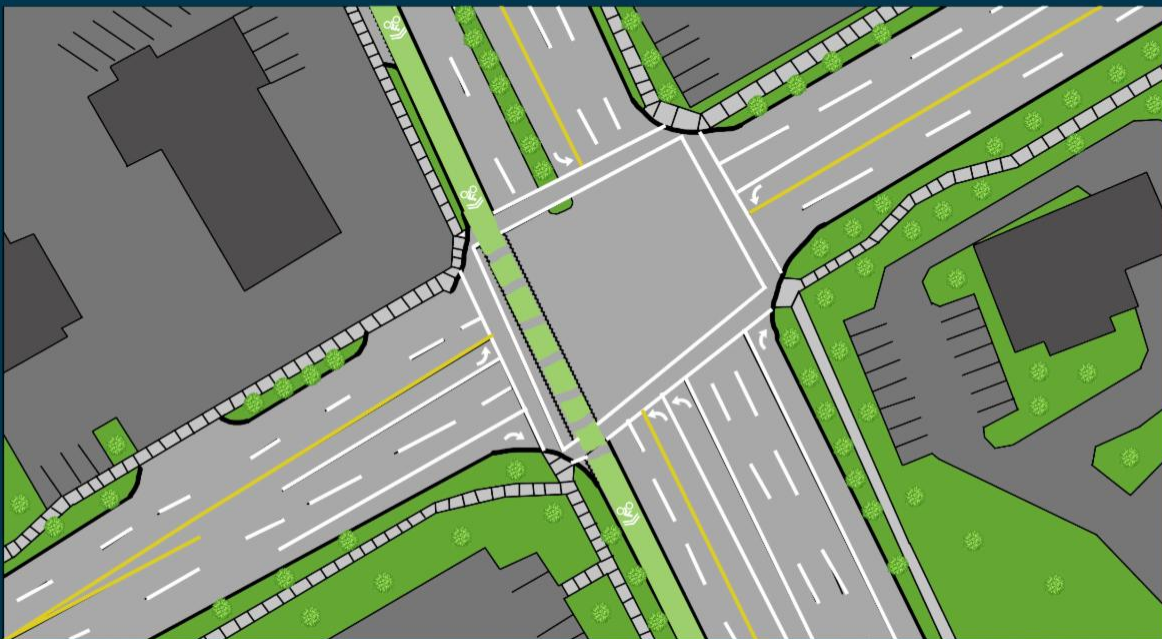
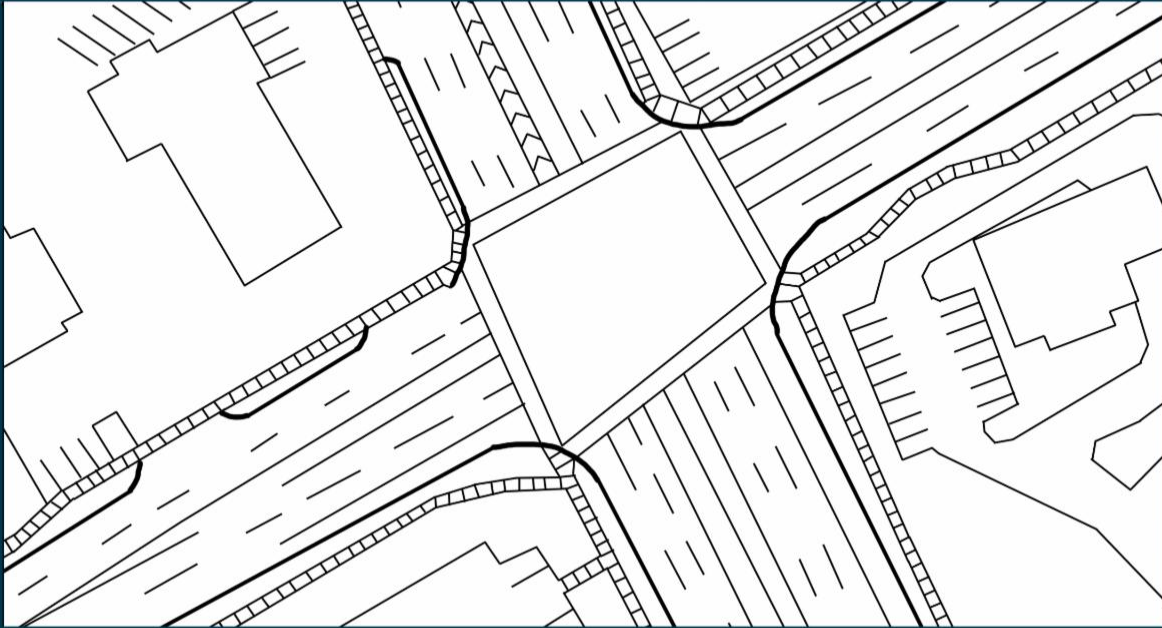
We truly hope you make plans to attend our 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) open house on **January 17, 2024**. We will have our office open for public comments from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., and from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. During these times, you can learn about the MACC, learn about our 2050 LRTP, see proposed road improvements in our region, give input on future land use and development, and suggest ideas to improve safety for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Transportation Survey



WHAT DO YOU WANT YOUR
COMMUNITY TO LOOK LIKE?

Take our TRANSPORTATION SURVEY at www.the-macc.org



In conjunction with the release of our draft 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan, the MACC is seeking area residents and stakeholders to take our Transportation Survey of the Greater Holland/Zeeland Area. This survey will guide our transportation planning efforts going forward, as well as provide critical insight and comparison to the 2045 LRTP. To take

the survey in English, please click [here](#). *Para realizar la encuesta en Español, haga clic [aquí](#).*

2050 LRTP Public Comments

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LONG
RANGE
TRANSPORTATION
PLAN

GUIDING THE HOLLAND/ZEELAND AREA INTO THE FUTURE



ADOPTED FEBRUARY 26, 2024

Our 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update is now posted on our website. The purpose of the LRTP is to ensure that transportation investments in our area enhance the movement of people and freight efficiently, effectively, and safely over the next 20+ years. Without an LRTP, federal transportation funding could not be allocated in the region. The LRTP must be financially constrained (meaning costs don't exceed resources), project-specific, take into consideration public input as well as plans and feedback from stakeholder agencies, meet established air quality standards, and ensure that no people groups are adversely impacted by the projects in this document through our environmental justice (EJ) process. We encourage any and all members of the community to view the document and provide comments. The plan can be viewed [here](#). You may email any comments to amiller@the-macc.org.

Egg Drop in Zeeland

TEST YOUR DESIGN SKILLS

Egg Drop at the Museum
Saturday, December 30

11:30-12:30
Eggs Drop at Noon
Dekker Huis Museum
37 E Main Ave.

Instructions

1. Create your package at home to try to preserve the egg from the fall. Use whatever you have at home to be creative and don't forget to put an egg inside!
2. Come to the Dekker Huis Museum
3. Enjoy hot chocolate and cookies while we drop your egg and see if your design worked!



Dekker Huis Museum

www.zeelandhistory.org

If you need something to do on Saturday December 30, come to Zeeland for the annual Egg Drop. The Zeeland Egg Drop combines creativity and physics as participants design contraptions to protect raw eggs from breaking when dropped from varying heights. This engaging challenge encourages innovative problem-solving and teamwork. Participants construct unique containers using materials like paper, tape, and foam to safeguard their fragile cargo. The suspense builds as the creations are dropped from increasing heights, testing the durability of each egg-protecting device. The Zeeland Egg Drop not only fosters a fun and competitive atmosphere but also promotes STEM (science, technology,

engineering, and mathematics) education in an entertaining and hands-on way. For more information, please visit www.zeelandhistory.org.

Upcoming Meetings

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

February 12, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

MACC Conference Room
301 Douglas Avenue
Holland, MI 49424

POLICY BOARD:

January 22, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.

Zeeland Charter Township
Zeeland Charter Township Hall
6582 Byron Road
Zeeland, MI 49464



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