



Spotlight on Jeff Franklin



In this month's Spotlight, we are featuring Policy Board Member, **Jeff Franklin**. Jeff joined the MACC Policy Board in mid-2021. He is the West Unit supervisor of MPO Regional Services at the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), having metropolitan planning organization (MPO) oversight for the MACC, as well as the MPOs for Grand Rapids, Muskegon, Kalamazoo, Battle Creek, Jackson, and Traverse City (coming October 2023). Jeff and his staff work to ensure MPO compliance with Federal and State regulations, in which to maintain eligibility for Federal and State funding. Jeff is a lifelong Michigan resident, and graduate of

Western Michigan University. Jeff and his wife Lindsay enjoy travelling the state to hike and geocache (find hidden containers on public lands with given GPS coordinates) with their two Jack Russell terriers Fanny and Grady.

Road Construction Updates



When the weather starts getting nicer around West Michigan, you know it is time for road closures, detours, and orange barrels. In the Holland/Zeeland area, **MDOT** is working on three major projects. The first project is US-31 southbound between 32nd Street and Central Avenue in Holland. This 1.3-mile is scheduled to have the left lane closed until May 5, 2023. The second project is the Byron Road/Business Loop I-196 and Interstate 196 interchange. This project is being constructed as follows:

- EBD I-196 to EBD Byron Road: closed until July 23, 2023.
- EBD Byron Road to EBD I-196: closed until September 30, 2023
- WBD Byron Road to EBD I-196: closed until September 30, 2023
- EBD and WBD Business Loop I-196 is completely closed from I-196 to 84th Avenue until July 22, 2023.

Lastly, eastbound Interstate 196 between Exit 55 (Byron Road/BL I-196) and Exit 62 (32nd Avenue/Hudsonville) is under construction until September 30, 2023.

The **Ottawa County Road Commission** will be working on the following projects in our area this year:

- Butternut Drive from New Holland Street to Lakeshore Avenue in Port Sheldon Township will be milled and resurfaced.

- 64th Avenue from Byron Road to Chicago Drive (M-121) in Zeeland Charter Township will be milled and resurfaced with a 3-foot shoulder.
- 8th Street from Chicago Drive to US-31 in Holland Charter Township will be milled and resurfaced.
- Chicago Drive from 8th Street to US-31 in Holland Charter Township will have concrete joint repairs and the asphalt sections will be milled and resurfaced.
- 104th Avenue from Adams Street to Business Loop I-196 in Holland Charter Township will be milled and resurfaced with a 2-foot shoulder.
- 144th Avenue from Riley Street to Shadybrook Drive in Holland Charter Township will be resurfaced.
- Ottogan Street (32nd Street) from South Shore Drive to Old Orchard Road in Park Township will be resurfaced with 2-foot shoulders.

The **Allegan County Road Commission** will be working on the following projects in our area:

- 136th Avenue from 58th Street to 50th Street in Fillmore Township will be resurfaced.

The **City of Holland** will be working on the following projects in our area:

- 6th Street from River Avenue to Columbia Avenue will be reconstructed.
- 40th Street from US-31 to Industrial Avenue will be reconstructed.
- Ottawa Avenue from 32nd Street to 40th Street will be resurfaced.
- 16th Street from Country Club Road to Quarterline Road will be widened from four to five lanes.
- Kollen Park Drive from 16th Street to 11th Street will be resurfaced.
- Van Raalte Avenue from 9th Street to 11th Street will be reconstructed.
- College Avenue from 8th Street to 6th Street will be reconstructed.
- Columbia Avenue from 6th Street to 7th Street will be reconstructed.
- 10th Street from Van Raalte Avenue to Washington Boulevard will be reconstructed.

The **City of Zeeland** will be working on the following projects in our area:

- Main Avenue between State Street and Chicago Drive (M-121) will be milled and resurfaced.

Tulip Time is Almost Here!



We at the MACC are a proud sponsor of Tulip Time. Through our Community Enhancement Program (CEP), the MACC funded \$5,000 towards the Bicycle Showband Crescendo. This group of bicycle-riding, instrument-playing folks will be coming all the way from The Netherlands. They will be performing six times for 30-minutes each on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday (May 12-14) at Sue Smith Stadium on Hope College's campus. All performances are free of charge. For more information, please click [here](#). In addition to the Bicycle Showband Crescendo, there are many other events taking place during Tulip Time. For a full daily schedule of events, please click [here](#). As a reminder, please give yourself extra time to get around town during Tulip Time, and be a patient and welcoming host to the thousands of tourists that inject millions of dollars into our region's economy.

BL I-196 Crossing Update



As you may be aware, the MACC (in partnership with Holland Charter Township, the City of Holland, Zeeland Charter Township, and the City of Zeeland) has been working with our consultant, CDM Smith to gather public feedback and identify pedestrian crossing deficiencies along the I-196 Business Loop between US-31 and 88th Avenue/Fairview Road. The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will be starting a road rehabilitation project along this stretch of roadway in 2024.

We are excited to announce that MDOT has agreed to upgrade the existing at-grade crossings at 120th Avenue/Waverly Road, 112th Avenue, 104th Avenue, 96th Avenue/State Street, and 88th Avenue/Fairview Road. The improvements will include higher-visibility pavement markings, wider median sidewalks, and other safety enhancements and improvements. Also included in our contract with CDM Smith is the identification of the potential for two separated-grade (bridge or tunnel) crossings of the Business Loop I-196 in the study area. These would be constructed in the future with a mix of public and private funds. CDM Smith is working diligently on identifying the two sites and putting together a feasibility and cost report. Please stay tuned for more details.

Holland Votes May 2, 2023



City of Holland voters will head to the polls **May 2, 2023** for a special election. The city is looking to sell the property of the former James DeYoung Power Plant at 64 Pine Avenue and the property located at 255 Kollen Park Drive. More details about the proposal can be found **here**.

Upcoming Meetings

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

May 8, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

MACC Conference Room
301 Douglas Avenue
Holland, MI 49424

POLICY BOARD:

June 5, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

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