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Spotlight on Ken DeWeerd



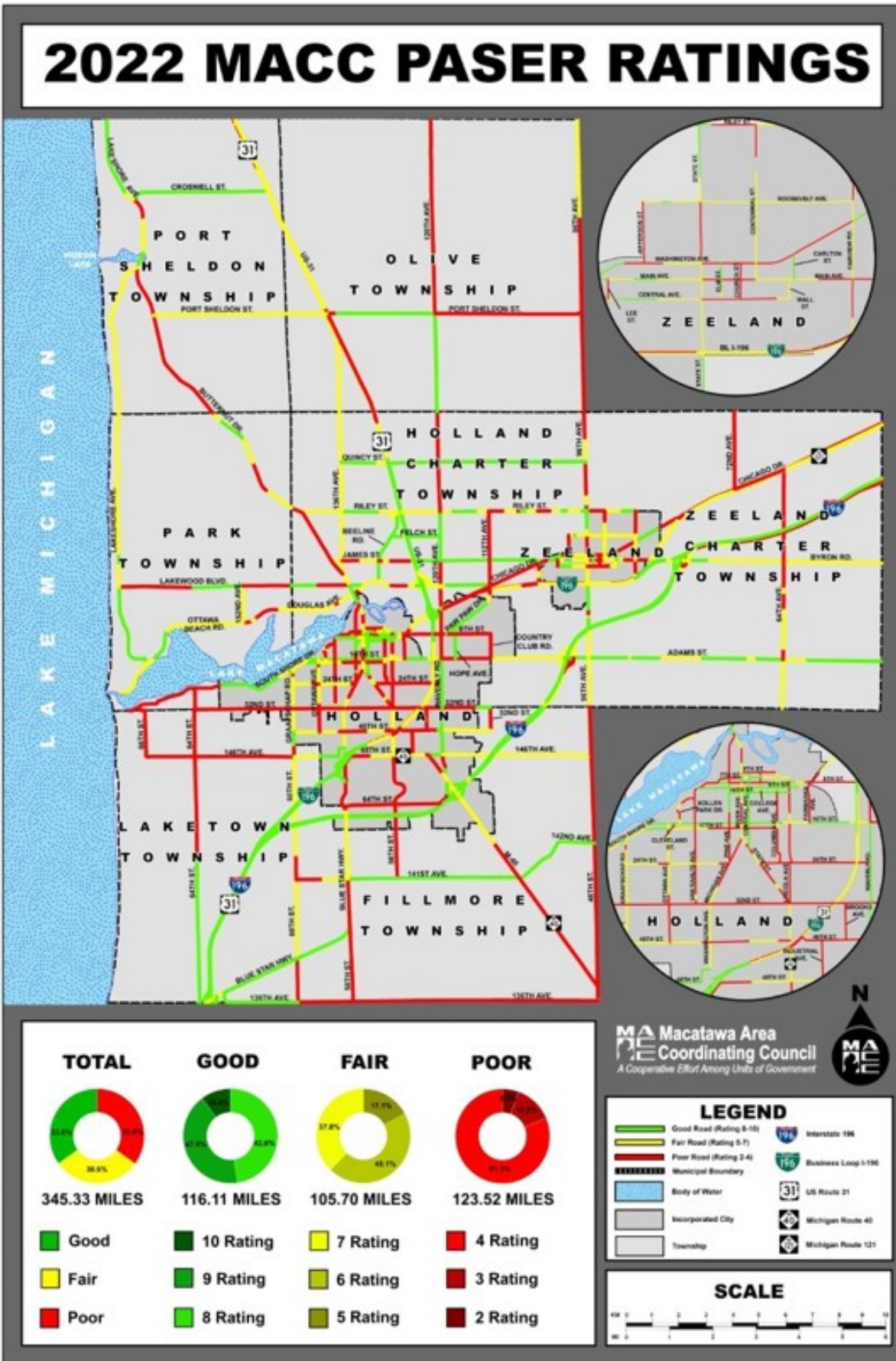
In this month's Spotlight, we are featuring MACC Policy Board Member and Fillmore Township Supervisor, Ken DeWeerd. Ken has been on the MACC Policy Board since 2012, when he became Township Supervisor for Fillmore Township. Prior to being elected, Ken served as the Clerk for Fillmore Township for 13 years. Ken is a life-long resident of Fillmore Township, and has lived on the same family-owned farm property on which he was raised. Ken is a graduate of Hamilton High School and Grand Valley College. He is also a US Army veteran, serving from 1970-1971. Ken recently retired from a building and construction career after 40 years. His interests include spending time with family and friends, travelling and serving the community he grew up in and helping preserve its way of life.

Remembering Hannes Meyers, Jr.



We at the MACC are saddened to learn of the passing of longtime MACC Policy Board member, Hannes Meyers, Jr. on September 4, 2022. Hannes' life exemplified "Service Above Self." In addition to his work for the MACC, Hannes served on numerous boards, councils, commissions, and foundations. Hannes was married to his wife, Marjorie, for 64 years. He was blessed with three sons, 10 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. In relation to transportation, Hannes was also inducted into the Michigan Department of Transportation Hall of Honor in 1994. Join the MACC as we pay tribute and remember all the beneficial things Hannes did for not only the Holland and Zeeland area, but for the State of Michigan as well.

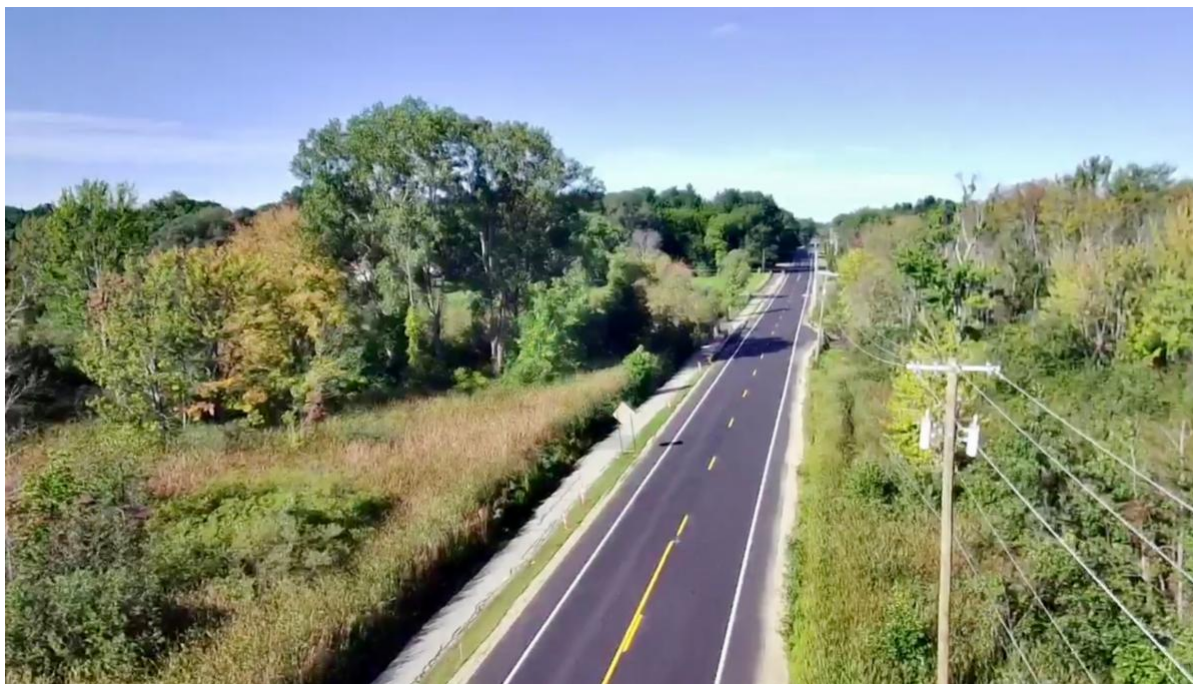
2022 PASER Ratings



On July 19 and 21, in conjunction with the Grand Valley Metro Council, the

MACC was out rating our planning area's federal aid-eligible roads. We drove and rated our entire network of roads, which totaled just over 345 miles. PASER gives road surfaces a 1-10 rating, with 10 being a brand new road, and 1 being a road that needs complete reconstruction. Our region's roads were given the following ratings: 33.6% were good (8-10), 30.6% were fair (5-7), and 35.8% were poor (1-4). To view the 2022 PASER Ratings Map, please visit: <https://www.the-macc.org/2022-paser-ratings/>

Lakewood Boulevard Progress



While there is plenty of road construction going on around town, we are pleased to announce that Lakewood Boulevard has recently reopened between Lakeshore Avenue and 144th Avenue. This \$1.2 million, 3.5-mile resurfacing project received \$750,000 in federal funding from the MACC. 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.

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immediate implementation priorities for transportation projects and strategies from the MACC's Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). This TIP cycle is from Fiscal Year 2023 to 2026.

- FY23-26 has 104 total projects. Not all of these are true road construction projects — only 25 of them are. The other 78 jobs are either transit capital, planning and design research, or traffic safety lane marking projects.
- When combining all 104 FY23-26 projects, they amount to a cost of \$75,037,958!
- Each year, the MACC receives approximately \$2.8 million in federal funding, which will be distributed among the local agencies.
- The Macatawa Area Express (MAX), the public transit agency within the MACC area, receives approximately \$1.8 million in federal aid transit funding each year for capital and operating expenses.



From left to right – Eric Dykema, Jason Latham, Judy Wischer, and Alec Miller

- Even though the MACC receives the federal funding, we do not make executive decisions as to how the funds are divided up between our members. We have the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to help us with that. The TAC consists of usually one person from each of our members. Generally, these people are road commissioners, planners, or engineers. We hold monthly meetings to discuss funding splits, new projects, and anything transportation related! These monthly meetings are held at the MACC office and we encourage the public to attend. If you are interested, the details can be found on our website: <https://www.the-macc.org>

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Jason has over 30 years of experience in the road industry — having worked for the Maryland State Highway Administration, Michigan Department of Transportation and as the first Director of the Berrien County Road Department. Jason is known for his ability to collaborate and find innovative ways to solve difficult transportation challenges. Jason is well versed in MDOT's transportation planning process and the project development process used by County Road Commissions. He looks forward to further working with an amazing team of professionals to help the MACC member communities continue to achieve their goals. Jason believes infrastructure improvements that support all users can create a sense of Place that supports safe and vibrant communities.



The MACC was featured in the September 2022 issue of The West Coast Way magazine. The article discusses the history and founding of the MACC, the activities the MACC performs, the Transportation Improvement Program, and current projects and funding sources. The West Coast Way

magazine is published monthly by the West Coast Chamber of Commerce.

To read the full article, please visit:

<https://www.westcoastchamber.org/chamber-media-videos/>

Upcoming Meetings

OCTOBER 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	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					

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

October 10, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

MACC Conference Room

301 Douglas Avenue

Holland, MI 49424


POLICY BOARD:

October 24, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

Holland Energy Park

1 Energy Parkway

Holland, MI 49423

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