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2011 Community Project Survey

The Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission recently completed its 2011 Community Economic Development survey. Over 120 surveys were sent out to counties, cities, villages, towns, and economic development organizations to gather information on projects they have in mind and would like to complete within the next one to three years. Over 200 community and economic development projects were submitted by member counties, communities, and economic development entities. Commission staff will be working with local economic development professionals and municipal officials to identify the type of financial and technical assistance that may be available to complete the projects. Commission staff will offer as much technical assistance as possible in order for these projects to be completed in a timely manner. The project list was also forwarded to various state departments serving Northeast Wisconsin to garner their input on how to proceed with projects that fit within their jurisdiction and programming.

A complete list of the projects is available on the [Commission's website](#). If there are projects that need to be added to the list, please contact Richard Heath to ensure they are added and forwarded on to the appropriate entity for further financial and technical assistance.

Road-End and Public Access Inventory to Lake Michigan

The Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission has completed development of the "Public Access to Lake Michigan" project to inventory all the legitimate public access sites to Lake Michigan in the counties of Kewaunee, Manitowoc, and Sheboygan. The study involved a field inventory of each road that ends at the water, an assessment of local government records to determine the status of water access sites, a GIS, GPS, and tabular database of the public access sites, and a technical report. The inventory has also been created as a Google Earth file for download with photos of the sites.

The technical report discusses encroachment issues and other concerns that were found during the inventory process, an assessment of potential enhancement opportunities for some of the public access sites, and a review of relevant federal and state policies regarding public access to the water.

It was found that there are 42 public access sites to Lake Michigan within the three counties. Kewaunee County has seven public access sites (plus another three public access sites along Green Bay, which were inventoried in the Bay-Lake RPC study [Public Access to the East](#)



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IMPORTANT DATES

June 4, 2011
Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission - Executive Committee Meeting
Friday, July 29, 2011 at 10:00 AM in Oconto (Location to be determined)

NOTES

Website Update
We have been updating our [website](#)

[Shore of Green Bay](#) in 2009), Manitowoc County has 20 public access sites, and Sheboygan County has 15 public access sites along Lake Michigan.

The report and Google Earth inventory are available for download on the [Commission's website](#).



FREE Great Arc Bike Route Maps

We have copies of the Great Arc Bike Route brochure/map available for free! The Great Arc Bike Route is a compilation of asphalt roads and trails that follow the Niagara Escarpment throughout Northeast Wisconsin. The map consists of a 265-mile, one-way course that is scenic and challenging, and defines the Wisconsin landscape. The bike route allows the biker to travel near the Niagara Escarpment, over the Escarpment, and in many instances,

through it. The panoramic view this route provides is inspiring and one that will be remembered for a lifetime!

If you would like a Great Arc Bike Route map, stop by and pick one up at our office at 441 S. Jackson Street in Green Bay, or contact us to arrange mailing. If you would like a few bundles to make available in a public gathering place, give us a call and we can make delivery arrangements with you.



Looking for some GIS mapping?

Contact the Commission if you need a location map for a grant application, a large air photo display, a series of maps for an open house, or some GIS analysis.

The Commission's GIS Department will be happy to work with you to meet any of your mapping needs. Please contact Joshua Schedler with any mapping or GIS analysis needs or questions.

Sheboygan MPO June Update

The Commission approved several administrative modifications and amendments to the *Sheboygan Metropolitan Planning Area Transportation Improvement Program (TIP): Calendar Years 2011 - 2014* at its meeting in Green Bay on June 10th. The administrative modifications revise costs of existing bicycle and pedestrian transportation and street and highway projects in the *2011 - 2014 TIP* so that it is consistent with revised costs for projects provided by WisDOT staff. The minor amendments involve two additions and one deletion of bicycle and pedestrian transportation projects in the *2011 - 2014 TIP*. In addition, two additional "illustrative" projects have been listed in the *2011 - 2014 TIP* for informational purposes only; these are both bicycle and pedestrian transportation projects. ("Illustrative" projects are not programmed in the TIP, but could be added to the TIP at a later date if funding becomes available). These administrative modifications and amendments have been transmitted to WisDOT for final approval, and are posted on the [Commission's website](#).

An administrative modification is being worked on that will provide federal and state funding for intercity bus service along the Interstate Highway 43 corridor. This service is provided by Jefferson Bus Lines. (Similar service provided by Indian Trails Bus Lines is listed in the Michigan State TIP.) This will be listed as an "illustrative" project in the *2011 - 2014 TIP*, and will also be included in the Wisconsin State TIP. The Commission will take action on this administrative modification at a meeting of its Executive Committee on July 29th.

The delineation of traffic analysis zones (TAZs) and traffic analysis

to make many of its publications available for electronic download, and more will continue to be added. Please let us know if there is a publication that you are looking for that is currently unavailable on the website.

PASER Reminder

If require pavement rating assistance or have questions about the program and requirements for communities, please contact Brandon Robinson.

Affirmative Action Plan

The Commission has completed their most recent Affirmative Action Plan. Please contact us if you would like a copy.

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districts (TADs) for Sheboygan County were completed in the first half of June. These were submitted to WisDOT on June 17th. WisDOT submitted TAZs and TADs for all of Wisconsin to the U.S. Bureau of the Census by the deadline of June 22nd. The Commission also delineated TAZs and TADs for Manitowoc County. Finally, Commission staff continues to assist Shoreline Metro staff in the completion of its transit development program (TDP). The TDP Review Committee met on June 23rd to examine alternative service levels for Shoreline Metro. Recent state budget bills are likely to have an impact on Shoreline Metro and on transit operations throughout Wisconsin. Please contact Jeff Agee-Aguayo if you have any questions regarding Sheboygan MPO activities.

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