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Beach Sanitary Surveys Project Update

The Commission and its partners have been continuing efforts on the beach sanitary survey project, funded under the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh staff have been busy collecting samples at each of the beaches in the project area.

Once the sampling data is available for analysis, the Commission will be working with Miller Engineers & Scientists out of Sheboygan, Wisconsin to help develop beach improvement plans. Plans will identify strategies for improving beaches and will include fully engineered recommendations that are bid-ready for implementation.

Additional public meetings will be held throughout the project area to provide information on findings and preliminary recommendations. Please contact Angela Pierce if you have any questions regarding this project.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Region 5 Broadband Project

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), passed in February of 2009, provided funding for a host of economic recovery and technology programs. It built upon the Broadband Data Improvement Act (BDIA) of 2008, which allocated substantial additional funding for broadband infrastructure development and effective new broadband adoption programs.



The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) was identified by Governor Doyle as the sole Wisconsin entity eligible to apply for and receive a federal mapping/planning grant. In turn, PSC selected the LinkAMERICA Alliance as the project management team for the State.

In late 2009, Wisconsin was awarded approximately \$1.7 million for the statewide mapping and planning effort, known now as LinkWISCONSIN. This initiative was charged with developing a long-term, sustainable plan for increasing access to and use of broadband across the state.

During the fall of 2010, seven regions were established to identify opportunities for expanding broadband throughout the state. The 18 counties comprising Northeast Wisconsin were defined as Region 5. A comprehensive planning team was assembled to assess the best strategy for advancing broadband availability and use throughout the region.

After several months of meetings and discussions, a complete copy of the draft proposal prepared by the Region 5 planning team is now available for public comment at [LinkWISCONSIN](#).

2012-2013 Work Program

For nearly 40 years, the Commission has continually served as a valuable partner in the accomplishment of hundreds of local and regional initiatives - and every year this process begins with the development of a comprehensive work program. The work program is an important planning tool that is used to identify resources needed for numerous projects. A comprehensive work program enables the Commission to ensure that adequate resources are available to better assist member counties, communities, and partner organizations with their planning and development projects.

The Commissioners will adopt a preliminary work program and budget at their meeting on September 9, 2011. The Commission has begun work on its 2012-2013 Work Program and 2012 Budget, and a copy of the preliminary work program will be posted to the Commission's website for public review and comment by mid-August. With continued budget constraints that are being felt by every entity, it is important to review the

July 29, 2011
Bay-Lake Regional
Planning
Commission -
Executive
Committee Meeting
10:00 AM
Lena Village Hall

**September 9,
2011**
Bay-Lake Regional
Planning
Commission - Full
Commission
ANNUAL MEETING
10:00 AM
BLRPC Office

NOTES

PASER Reminder

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

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preliminary work program to make sure it addresses the needs of your municipality or agency.

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Sheboygan MPO July Update

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An administrative modification to the *Sheboygan Metropolitan Planning Area Transportation Improvement Program (TIP): Calendar Years 2011 - 2014* is being processed in order to provide federal and state funding for intercity bus service along the Interstate Highway 43 corridor. The Commission will take action on this administrative modification at a meeting of its Executive Committee on July 29th.

In addition, the Commission has been assisting the Shoreline Metro staff with the following activities:

- Completion Shoreline Metro's transit development program (TDP). However, Commission staff is awaiting figures regarding anticipated federal, state, and local governmental funding for Shoreline Metro in 2012 before proceeding in the TDP process.
- Preparation of Shoreline Metro's first *Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Four Factor Analysis and Language Assistance Plan* in July. Shoreline Metro intends to use the MPO's Public Participation Plan as its own plan for public participation. Both of these items (along with three others being produced by Shoreline Metro) are being submitted to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in late July as part of the transit operation's Title VI Program.
- Preparation for an FTA Triennial Review that will take place in late August.

The next joint meeting of the Sheboygan MPO Technical and Policy Advisory Committees is scheduled for August 18th.

Please contact Jeff Agee-Aguayo if you have any questions regarding Sheboygan MPO activities.



GIS Mapping

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, remember that the Commission is able to provide you with assistance. **Contact the Commission with any of your mapping or GIS analysis needs or questions.**

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