

MONTHLY WORK PROGRAM ACTIVITY REPORT
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MULTI-COUNTY/REGIONAL

- Commission staff participated in an EMSI Analyst training workshop on June 3rd in Madison.
- On June 4th, the Natural Resources Planner attended a TMDL discussion meeting in Menasha.
- Commission staff helped facilitate a meeting of the Northeast Wisconsin Regional Access to Transportation Committee (NEWRATC) at the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission on June 5th. The charge of this committee is "to coordinate and develop a regional committee to systematically address access to transportation for at-risk populations with special needs." Generally, counties covered by the Bay-Lake and East Central Wisconsin RPC regions are represented on this committee. Minutes of this meeting were drafted in early June.
- On June 12th, the Natural Resources Planner participated in a meeting of the Lake Michigan Stakeholders in Chilton.
- The Community Assistance Planner attended the 2013 Wisconsin Chapter of the American Planning Association conference in Sheboygan on June 13th.
- The Executive Director met with the Global Trade Strategy Committee on June 13th at New North's offices to discuss the implementation of the trade strategies and the formation of a steering committee.
- The Commission held its quarterly meeting on June 14th in Green Bay. The entire staff was in attendance at this meeting.
- Commission staff continued work to inventory trails in the Region's coastal cities as part of a WCMP project.
- The Natural Resources Planner continued work on the region wide GLRI beach project.
- The Natural Resources Planner conducted sewer service area reviews for the Sheboygan Urbanized Area Sewer Service Area, the Manitowoc-Two Rivers-Mishicot Urbanized Area Sewer Service Area, and the Marinette Areawide Sewer Service Area.

BROWN COUNTY

- Commission staff attended the City of Green Bay's press conference on June 11th to announce their receipt of a US EPA Brownfields grant for the University Avenue Corridor.
- The Natural Resources Planner continued work on the Bay Beach project.
- The Natural Resources Planner worked on finishing all the remaining required forms to secure a \$157,564 US Forest Service grant for the City of Green Bay to support EAB mitigation efforts in the city.

- Commission staff prepared EMSI summary reports for staff of Advance regarding the economic impact Sanimax has on the region.
- Commission staff continued work on a trail inventory in Green Bay as part of WCMP Regional Trail project.

DOOR COUNTY

- Commission staff continued work on a trail inventory in Sturgeon Bay as part of WCMP Regional Trail project.

FLORENCE COUNTY

- Commission staff began work on the 2013 Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan for Florence County through discussions with the Florence County Aging Resource Center.

KEWAUNEE COUNTY

- The Executive Director participated in the Scenario Planning Workshops on June 5th and 6th to identify development options in the wake of the Kewaunee Power Station closure.
- On June 17th, Commission staff attended a meeting of a group of community leaders in Kewaunee County to discuss the funding/development of a Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan for Kewaunee County.
- The Natural Resources Planner continued work on the GLRI beach survey project for Kewaunee County beaches. Implementation is moving forward in Kewaunee at Selner Park Beach. An additional beach at Red Arrow County Park was added for beach sanitary survey work.
- Commission staff continued providing zoning assistance to the Towns of Ahnapee, Franklin, Casco and Pierce.
- Commission staff continued work on a trail inventory for Kewaunee and Algoma as part of WCMP Regional Trail project.

MANITOWOC COUNTY

- The Natural Resources Planner continued work on updating the county's hazard mitigation plan. A meeting of the steering committee was held on June 20th in Manitowoc.
- The Natural Resources Planner continued work on the GLRI beach survey project for Manitowoc County beaches. Implementation of the plan is moving forward at Red Arrow Beach in Manitowoc.
- Commission staff continued work on a trail inventory for Two Rivers and Manitowoc as part of WCMP Regional Trail project.

MARINETTE COUNTY

- Commission staff continued updating the *Marinette County Hazard Mitigation Plan*.
- The Natural Resources Planner continued work on the GLRI beach survey project for Red Arrow Beach in Marinette. Implementation of the plan is moving forward. An additional beach at Michaelis Park in the Town of Peshtigo was added for beach sanitary survey work.

- Commission staff continues to work with WisDOT staff and Jewell & Associates staff on the US Highway 141 Corridor Study from STH 64 to Smith Creek Road in Marinette County.
- Commission staff continued work on a trail inventory in the City of Marinette as part of WCMP Regional Trail project.
- Commission staff met with the Mobility Manager of Oconto and Marinette counties to discuss the development of the bi-county Coordinated Transportation Plan.

OCONTO COUNTY

- Oconto City Beach in the City of Oconto was added to the GLRI Beach project and sanitary survey work will begin this summer.
- Commission staff continued work on a trail inventory in the City of Oconto as part of WCMP Regional Trail project.
- The Natural Resources Planner updated a grant application to WEM/FEMA for funding to update the *Oconto County Hazard Mitigation Plan*.
- Commission staff met with the Mobility Manager of Oconto and Marinette counties to discuss the process for development of the bi-county Coordinated Transportation Plan.

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY

- The Community Planner held a conference call with DATCP on June 27th to discuss the preliminary draft of the *Sheboygan County Farmland Preservation Plan*.
- The Natural Resources Planner continued work on the GLRI beach survey project for Sheboygan beaches.
- Commission staff continued work on a trail inventory in the City of Sheboygan as part of WCMP Regional Trail project.
- The Sheboygan MPO Technical and Policy Advisory Committees met jointly on June 27th. Agenda items addressed at this meeting included: discussion of the process of rating and ranking STP Urban candidate projects in the Sheboygan Urbanized Area; continued review of the allocation of population and housing growth by 2045 to traffic analysis zones (TAZs) in Sheboygan County under Scenario #1 (Continuation of Existing Trends); preliminary review of the allocation of employment growth by 2045 to TAZs in Sheboygan County under Scenario #1; and an update on WisDOT Northeast Region and other MPO planning activities.
- Commission GIS staff prepared maps that depicted allocated housing and population growth to TAZs under the "Continuation of Existing Trends" growth scenario in June. These maps included the following: (1) Existing Housing Units Converted for Use; (2) Total New Housing Units Allocated; (3) Occupied Housing Units Allocated; (4) Population Allocated; (5) Change in Housing Units: 2010 – 2045; and (6) Change in Population: 2010 – 2045. These maps were helpful in facilitating discussion of the allocations at the joint meeting of the MPO advisory committees on June 27th, as committee members suggested some changes to the allocations based on review of the maps.
- Commission staff spent much of June allocating employment growth to TAZs under the "Continuation of Existing Trends" growth scenario. The first type of employment that was allocated was "other" employment, which is a blend of manufacturing and other employment outside the retail and service sectors. The second type of employment that

was allocated was retail employment. By the end of June, these employment types were allocated, and staff had begun the allocation of service employment. Members of the MPO advisory committees had an opportunity to review these allocations at their June 27th joint meeting. Work on these allocations will continue into July.

- Commission staff continued to meet internally to discuss possible visualization applications (transportation projects and land use scenarios) for the next MPO long-range transportation plan in June. Some of these visualization applications could also be transferred to other Commission-led planning efforts in the region.
- Commission staff reviewed the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Wisconsin Division's correspondence approving the new adjusted Sheboygan Urbanized Area in early June, and worked with WisDOT staff to make sure that FHWA received the reaffirmed Sheboygan Metropolitan Planning Area boundary in a timely manner.
- Commission staff had a telephone conversation with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Bureau of Air Management staff on June 28th. WDNR staff informed the Commission of the department's intent to petition USEPA to redesignate a portion of Sheboygan County as attainment for ground-level ozone; the phone conversation focused on the implications that this policy may have on conducting conformity analyses in the future.
- Commission staff reviewed an e-mail and links from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) regarding the Title VI program update schedule for transit operations across the nation in June. Updates to the FTA circular that governs preparation of a Title VI program update were also reviewed. Shoreline Metro is expected to submit its Title VI program update to the FTA by December 1, 2013. Commission staff will assist Shoreline Metro in meeting this requirement.
- Commission staff reviewed Surface Transportation Program (STP) Urban candidate projects within the Sheboygan Urbanized Area that were submitted for the consideration of WisDOT and the MPO in June. Commission staff prepared a table summarizing these projects. This table, together with WisDOT's schedule for the submittal, selection and approval of STP Urban projects, were reviewed with members of the MPO advisory committees at their joint meeting on June 27th.