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Michael Hotz Elected Chairperson of Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission

DE PERE, Wisconsin – Michael Hotz was elected Chairperson of the Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission (RPC) at the annual meeting of the full Commission on September 9, 2022. Mike served for 32 years in various administrative roles for the City of Sheboygan, has served as an alternate or Commissioner for Bay-Lake RPC since 1975, and has been involved in numerous civic activities in the Sheboygan area. Mike has a B.S. in Business Administration from Lakeland College, as well as an M.S. in Organization and Management from UW Madison.

The Bay-Lake RPC is a multi-service entity that delivers a variety of federal, state, and local programs, and provides planning and technical assistance to member local governments in an eight-county region in northeast Wisconsin. The Bay-Lake RPC was created in 1972, and recently celebrated 50 years of service to northeast Wisconsin.

The Bay-Lake RPC has served as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Sheboygan Metropolitan Planning Area since 1982. This MPO work has included long-range transportation plans and shorter-range Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs), along with numerous other tasks. The Commission provides technical assistance to Shoreline Metro, including completion of transit development programs.

Other recent planning activities in which the Bay-Lake RPC has been involved in Sheboygan County and its municipalities include development of sewer service area plans, review of development proposals for consistency with the most current sewer service area plan, prevailing wage compliance monitoring for the City of Sheboygan and for Sheboygan County, stormwater outreach and education for Sheboygan County, development of a comprehensive plan and downtown design guidelines for the City of Plymouth, development of a comprehensive plan update for the Village of Cedar Grove, development of online cemetery applications for the cities of Plymouth and Sheboygan Falls, and development of a hazard mitigation plan for Sheboygan County.

Just recently, through the grant writing efforts of the Bay-Lake staff, the City of Sheboygan was awarded over \$5.3 million in funding to build a bicycle and pedestrian swing bridge over the Sheboygan River through a “Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity” (RAISE) grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT).