



**TRANSPORTATION
BONANZA**

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FEBRUARY 15, 2024
EAGLE EYE GOLF CLUB
15500 CHANDLER RD
BATH TOWNSHIP, MI
8:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

WELCOME to Transportation Bonanza 15. This event is brought to you by the Michigan Association of Planning, in partnership with Michigan Safe Routes to School, the Michigan Department of Transportation, and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

Thank you planning committee members:

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8:30 a.m.

Registration, coffee and refreshments

9:00 - 9:30 a.m. | Room Grand Garden

Welcome and Opening Remarks | .5 CM | **Andrea Brown, AICP**, Executive Director Michigan Association of Planning; **Max Fulkerson**, Director of Michigan Safe Routes to School, **Bradley Wieferich, P.E.** Director, Michigan Department of Transportation; **Ninah Sasy**, Policy and Planning Director, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

9:30 - 10:30 a.m. | Room Grand Garden

Opening Keynote | 1 CM

Anna Zivarts, author of *When Driving is Not an Option* will address how nondrivers get around and the changes necessary to make our communities more accessible. She will include steps organizations can take to include and promote leadership of those who are most impacted—and too often excluded—by transportation systems designed by and run by people who can drive.

10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Networking Break

11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Room: Lake Point

How to Integrate Transportation into Your Sustainability Plan | 1 CM Resiliency

This session will provide attainable actions on how to weave sustainability into your transportation network. We will cover multi-modal studies, how to reduce vehicle trips, and increase bike trips. Learn the importance of being ready to apply for grant funding that will be available from the EPA for Greenhouse gas reduction.

Kathryn Beemer, City of Fennville; **Jay Gianotti, AICP**, East Grand Rapids; **Timothy R. Schmitt, AICP**, Meridian Township
Moderator: Ben Carlisle, AICP Carlisle | Wortman Associates, Inc.

Room: Hillside

How to Implement FHWA's Safe System Approach | 1 CM Resiliency

Traffic deaths may be leveling off, but walking is more dangerous than ever. Learn how to apply the New FHWA Safe System Approach at the state level. We will discuss how to reduce injuries and deaths, trends in crash types and identify where they are happening. Particular focus will be spent on the biggest opportunities to move "toward zero deaths".

Pam Blazo, PE, RSP1, AECOM; **Jenya Abramovich, AICP**, SEMCOG; **Peter T. Savolainen, Ph.D., P.E., F.ITE**, Michigan State University; **Jeromie Winsor, AICP**, AECOM; **Moderator: Krista Phillips**, MDOT

Room: Eagles Nest

Zoning Innovations in Safe Routes to School | 1 CM Resiliency

Learn how the Crim Fitness Foundation has improved safety for kids walking and biking to and from school through the Safe Routes to School program. Millions of dollars have been invested in infrastructure improvements like sidewalks, crosswalks, pedestrian signals, and lighting.

Cade Surface, Crim Foundation;
Ryan Kelsey, Crim Foundation;
Matt Penniman League of Michigan Bicyclists
Moderator: Max Fulkerson, Michigan Safe Routes to School

12:15 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Keynote Luncheon | 1 CM Equity | Live via Zoom | **Veronica Davis, PE**, Author, *Inclusive Transportation* | **Moderator: Ashley Bradshaw**, MDHHS

2:00 - 3:15 p.m. BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Room: Hillside

Rural Transit Challenges | 1 CM Equity

There are a large number of rural transit providers in Michigan, many of which sit just outside of one of our biggest urbanized areas. This session will focus on emerging trends and challenges for rural transit providers, who often provide critical transportation linkages for employment and medical trips in their communities.

Sarah Lagpacan, AICP, Oakland County; **Greg Kellogg**, Livingston Essential Transportation Service; **Janet Geissler**, Michigan Department of Transportation; **Moderator: Jeromie Winsor, AICP, AECOM**

Room: Lake Point

Federal Funding: MPOs, TIPs, and BIL | 1 CM Law

Funding projects can be a big lift for municipalities. Learn the role of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO), the Transportation Improvement Program Process (TIP), and how the new Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) impacts local communities when looking for federal funding for transportation.

Steve Stepek, AICP, Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study; **Laurel Joseph, AICP**, Grand Valley Metro Council
Moderator: Scott Kree, Oakland County, MAP Board of Directors

Room: Eagles Nest

Safe Routes to Parks | 1 CM Equity

Safe Routes to Parks was developed in collaboration with the Safe Routes Partnership to support park and recreation professionals and their partners to implement environmental, policy, and program strategies that create safe walking and biking access to parks. We'll present the Safe Routes to Parks Action Framework: a "how-to" guide to improve walking access to parks.

Vanessa Cascio, Safe Routes Partnership
Moderator: Colleen Synk, MSPH, Michigan Fitness Foundation

3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Networking Break

3:30 - 4:45 p.m. BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Room: Hillside

Quick Builds for Better Streets | 1 CM Resiliency

Learn about this trend, its challenges, and how it works. Quick-build projects put pedestrian, bicycle and other traffic safety improvements in place using low-cost materials; they are flexible and designed to be easily changed or even removed if necessary.

Eric Hanss, Sam Schwartz;
Suzann Flowers, City of Ann Arbor;
Dave Cowan, Safe Routes Partnership
Moderator: Adam Jenks, Michigan Fitness Foundation

Room: Lake Point

Huron Street Trunkline Bridge Retrofit | 1 CM Law

Built in the late 1960s, the Huron Street & I-94 interchange converted Ypsilanti's urban grid to a series of one-way pairs and left the freeway bridge with only vehicle accommodations. A multi-use pathway over the freeway connecting City and Township and bike lanes connecting MDOT roads to the City's non-motorized network was completed. This session will focus on how the project was implemented and how local partners and MDOT worked together to build safe networks for all.

Mike Davis Jr, MDOT; **Moderator: Christine Zuzga, AICP, MDOT**

Room: Eagles Nest

Michigan Health Endowment Fund - Health Fund Transportation Report - Findings and Opportunities | 1 CM Resiliency

Too many go without healthcare because they lack transportation. This session presents trends, transit challenges in the health realm, and what funding resources are available to communities to improve access to healthcare for their residents.

Dr. Tayo Moss, Michigan Health Endowment Fund;
Moderator: Mike Smith, MDOT

4:45 - 5:30 p.m.

Networking Reception sponsored by the American Planning Association's Transportation Division | Room: Grand Garden

Expand your networks, connect with state leaders and share experiences with fellow bike and ped nerds. Cash bar and hors d'oeuvres included.