### Public and Private Infrastructure Coordination in Southeast Michigan



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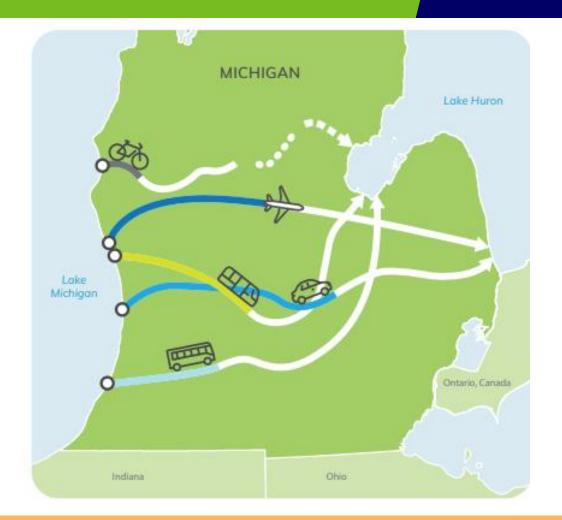
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### **MDOT Role**

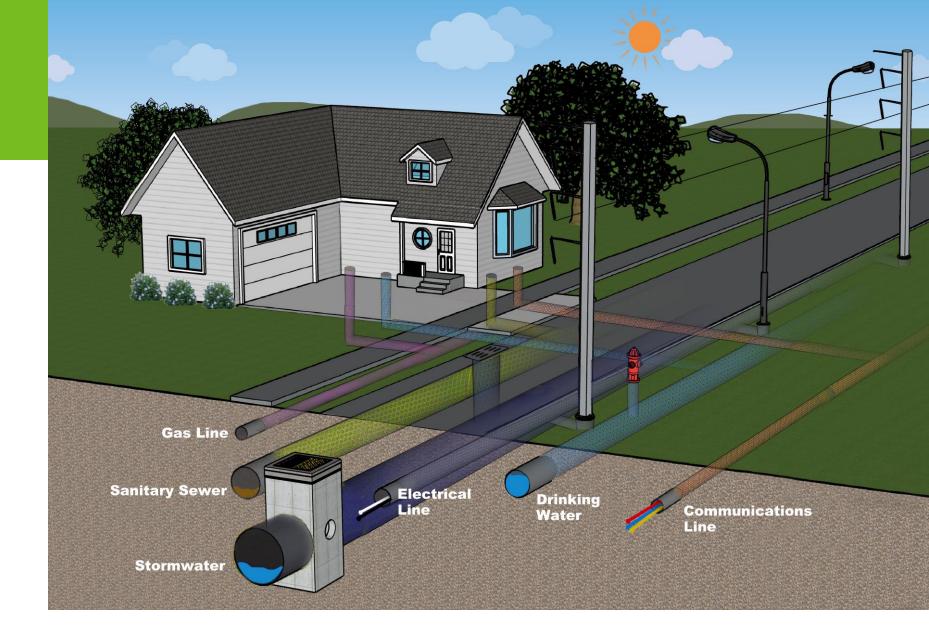
- State Planning and Research (SPR) Funding
- Partner with SEMCOG in promoting regional planning, crossjurisdictional collaboration
- A major infrastructure and ROW owner





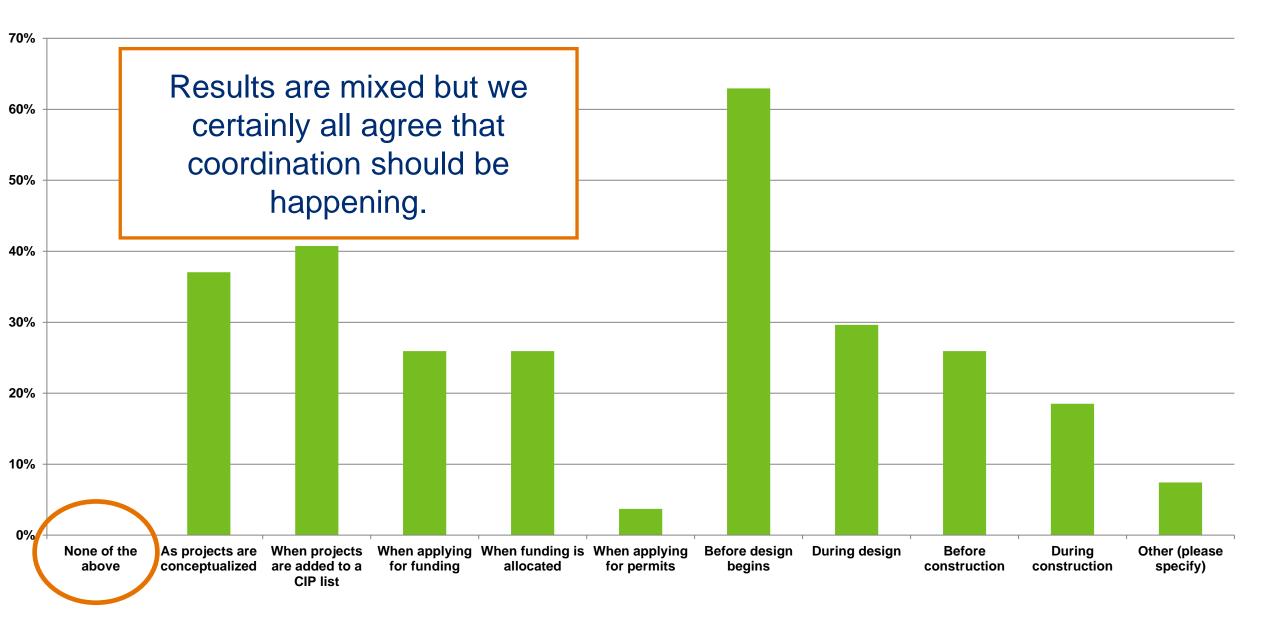
### SEMCOG Activities

- Survey
- Workshops
- Outreach
- Collaboration with Michigan Infrastructure Council, private utilities, consultants

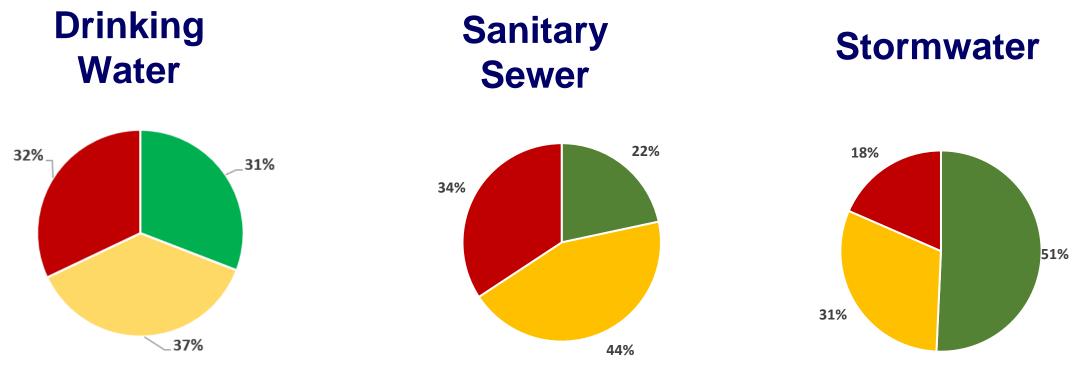








#### Investment Gap – SEMCOG Region



Good Fair Poor

### Water funding needs to be at least \$3.5 Billion annually to improve water infrastructure in the SEMCOG region

### Wastewater/Sanitary Sewer and Stormwater Systems

- Out of Sight, Out of Mind
- Limited asset management planning data
- Flooding & Climate Change: Systems were designed for 3-4 inches of rain
- Competing regulatory priorities







### Water System Management Issues

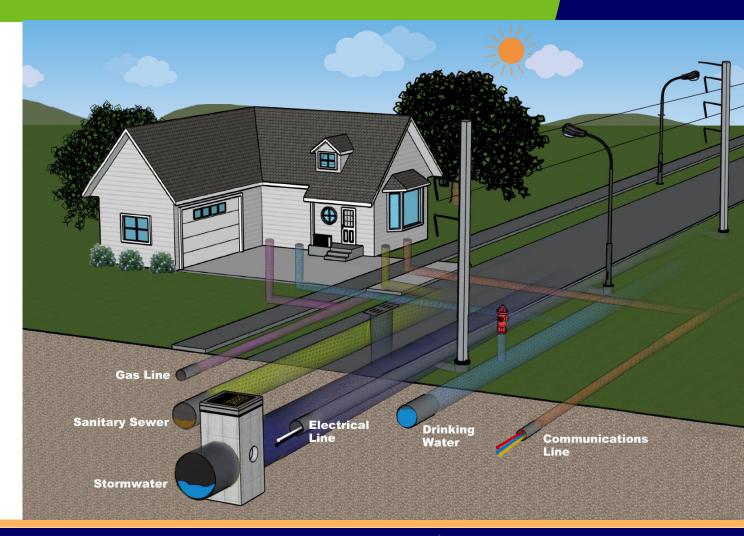
- Regulatory Silos
- Lack of standardized condition assessment methods and capital planning
- Lack of understanding of transportation planning process
- GIS capacity and "tech" readiness
- Aging workforce





### **Working Toward Common Goals**





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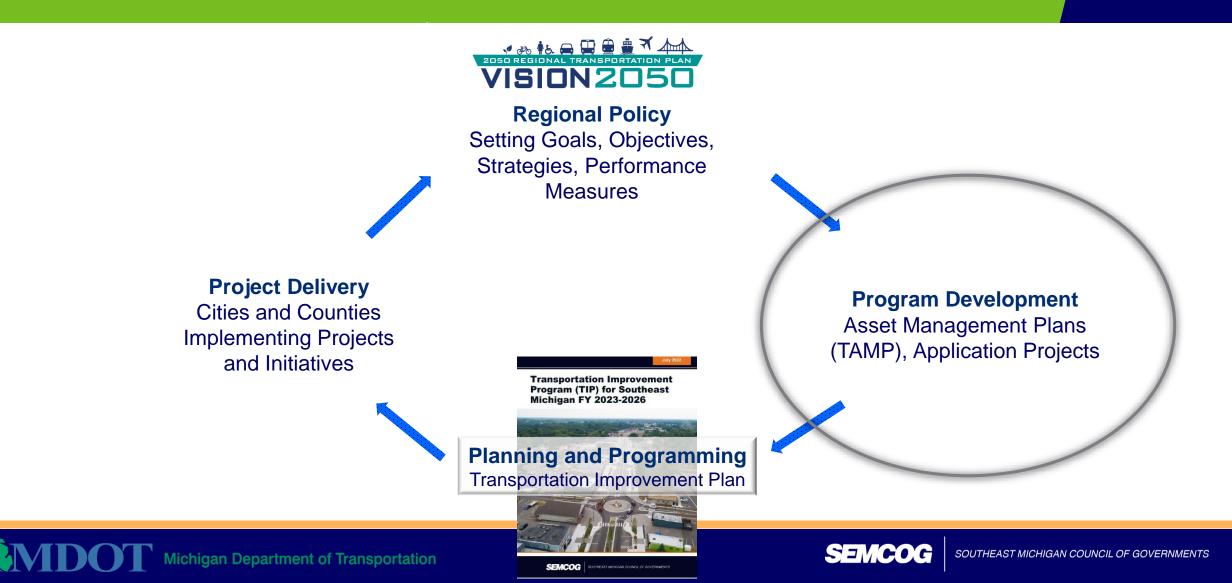






### Infrastructure Coordination in the Transportation Planning Process

### Vision 2050 - Project Planning Process Program Development



### Transportation Asset Management Plan (TAMP) Elements

"Ongoing process of maintaining, preserving, upgrading, and operating physical assets cost-effectively, based on a continuous physical inventory and condition assessment and investment to achieve established performance goals."

- Asset data inventory
- Performance goals
- Risk of failure analysis
- Anticipated revenues and expenses
- Performance outcomes
- Coordination with other entities-water/sewer/utility
- Proof of acceptance
- Multi-year programs



### **Program Development: Asset Management**

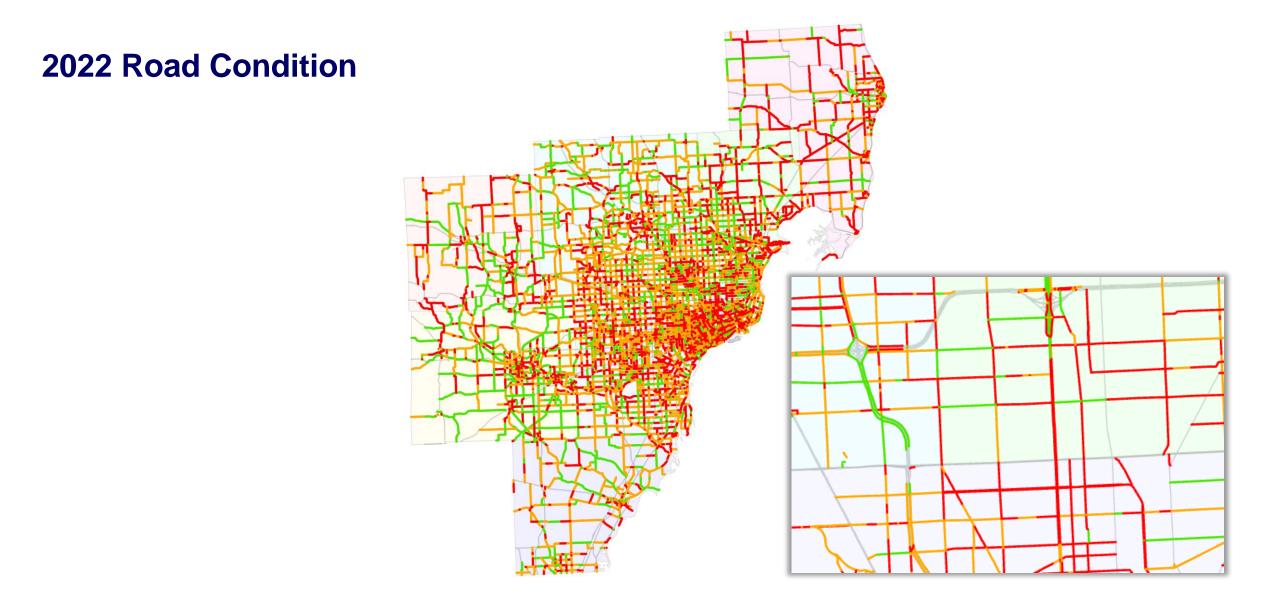
### Where do I start?

- If you have an Asset Management Plan Start there
- Look at asset conditions-particularly in high volume areas
- Develop a general treatment plan to address assets
- Cross reference with municipality Capital Improvement Plans for water/sewer improvements
  - get coordination going in these early steps to incorporate and prioritize efficiently



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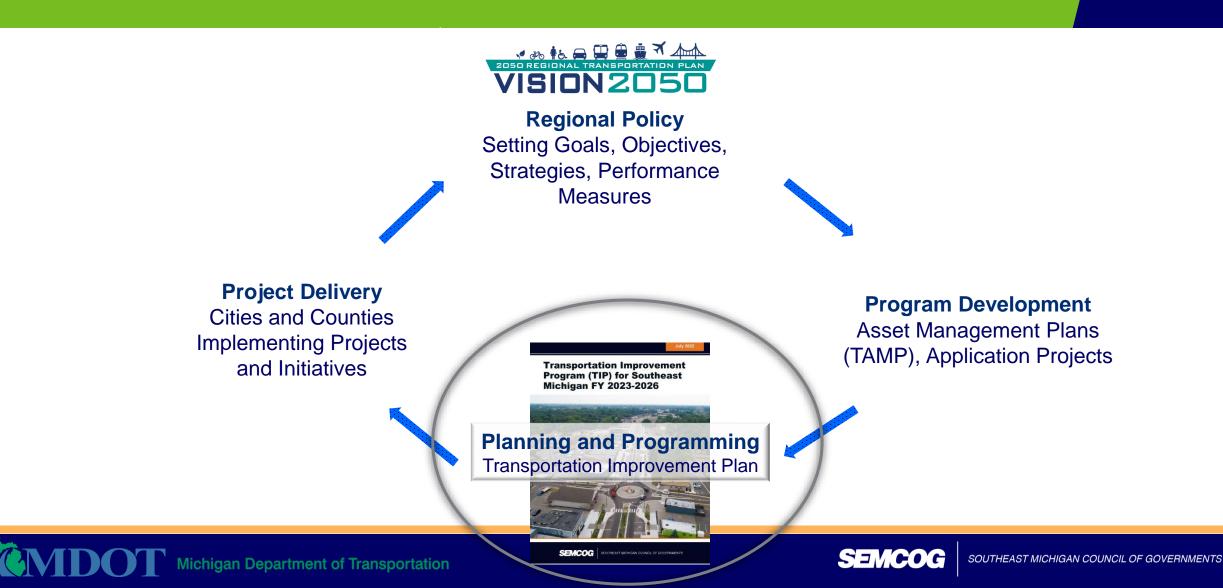


### Implementation Focus on Preservation

- Mix of fix approach to ensure right fix at the right time
  - Poor conditions
  - Highly utilized roadways
- Infrastructure Coordination identify overlapping needs with water/sewer and prioritize
  - Particularly for reconstruction projects



### Vision 2050 - Project Planning Process Planning Projects



### MDOT Call for Projects Process Early Project Development

#### Annual MDOT Call for Projects (CFP) process

- 1. Identify upcoming projects from across the state and provide high-level cost estimates, scheduling, and design
- 2. Select highest priority projects across geographic regions and work types for inclusion in the rolling 5-year plan





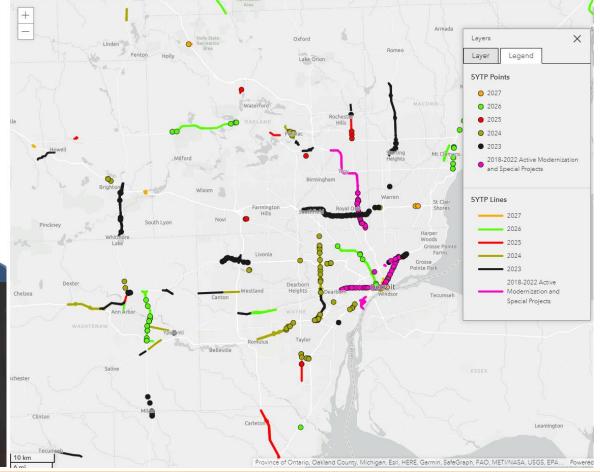
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### **MDOT 5-Year Transportation Program (5YTP)**

<u>Michigan Transportation Program Portal</u> – online maps showing the location and key information of 5YTP projects, Rebuilding MI bond-funded projects, and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)







### **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

- SEMCOG is responsible for planning and managing the flow of federal-aid highway and transit funding in Southeast Michigan.
- Four-Year list of projects using federal-aid highway and transit funding.
- Public review of list
  - Project Estimates are included in the TIP –
  - significant changes to projects may require amendments that may delay work
- List must be fiscally constrained to funding "reasonably expected to be available" during each of the four years of the TIP period.
- Currently we are in the 2023-2026 TIP cycle.

#### Planning Projects Transportation Improvement Plan

#### July 2022

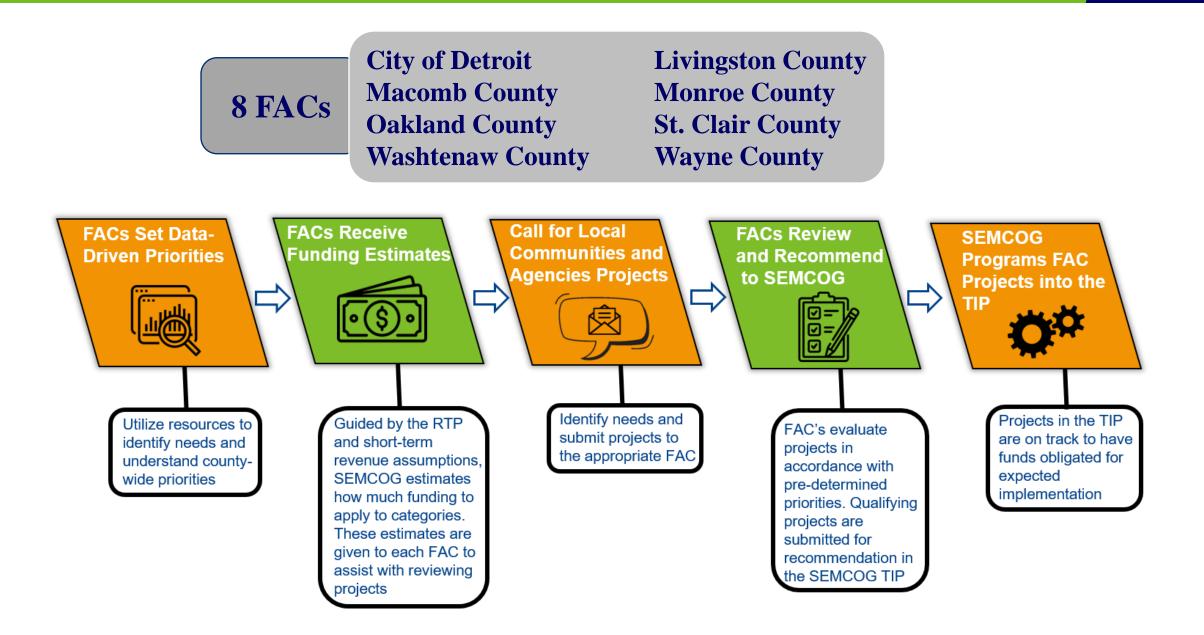
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Southeast Michigan FY 2023-2026



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#### **SEMCOG Federal Aid Committees (FACs)**



### **Opportunities for Coordination – Transportation planning process**

- Regular coordination meetings with ROW owner and other infrastructure agencies to align project planning
- Early proactive outreach/notification
- TIP committees In SEMCOG, FACs
- Public-facing project portals and planning documents (CIP, Five-Year Program, TIP, etc.)
- Utility coordination as part of project scoping and design



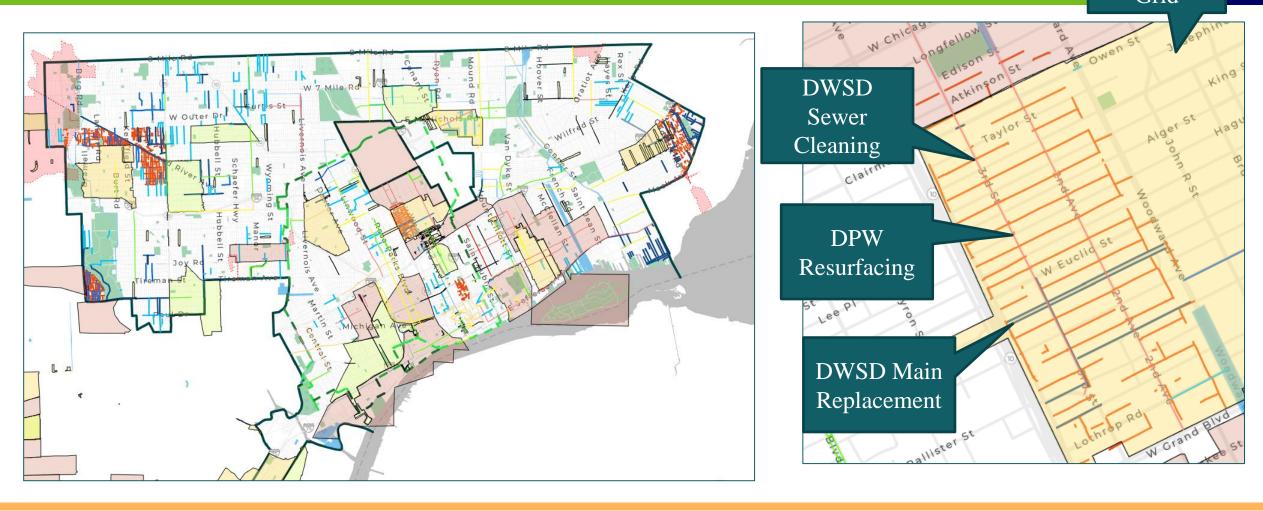
### Examples

- Ferndale/Pleasant Ridge cycle track project
  - City coordinating with state
- City of Detroit ongoing coordination meetings
  - City of Detroit internal coordination + outside partners
- MDOT Metro Region coordination meetings
  - Major public/private partners (e.g. City of Detroit, ITC., GLWA, SEMCOG, etc.)
  - Sharing information about planned construction projects, planning studies, major events and opportunities
- MDOT Metro Region 'High-level scoping'
  - State reaching out to local communities/utility owners early in process



### Case Study: City of Detroit Infrastructure Coordination

DTE Gas Renewal Grid







# INFRASTRUCTURE COORDINATION WORKSHOP





### **Workshop Discussion Outcomes**

- Difficulty in aligning timeframes + funding sources
- Political risk
- Integrated portal is needed
- Public education is needed
- Lack of transparency in prioritization process
- Funding issues





# **COORDINATION WITH MIC**





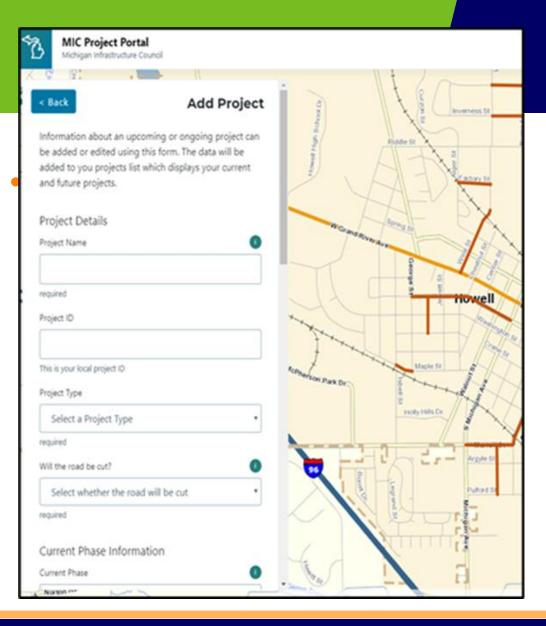
### Integrating with MIC

#### Challenges to Improved Coordination

- Lack of Standards or Procedure
- Changing Workforce
- Time and Resources Constraints
- Lack of Technology and Resources

#### **MIC Project Portal Solution**

- Taking Lead on Coordination
- Standardized and Repeatable Approach
- Simple, Accessible, Free to use
- Leverages existing data when available





### **MIC Dig Once Portal**





Reliable



### **How Does It Work**

The Portal analyzes the temporal and spatial relationships between user submitted GIS infrastructure investment plans to identify conflicts and opportunities in planned work.

### **Benefits**

- Project savings and avoided delays
- Improved workforce utilization and safety
- Proactively notify impacted parties years in advance of delivery.
- Dedicated workspace for coordination activities. (Connecting owners, customized coordination workflows, timely resolution)
- Repeatable and Teachable
- Simple and Interoperable



# **NEXT STEPS**





### **Going forward**

### Pain points still exist

- GIS Capacity is huge challenge to standardize / share data
- Capital plans/timeline between agencies are not always flexible
- Hard to quantify benefits of coordinating work
- Sharing project resources not always possible/desired

### Future goals:

- More organized data sharing
- Coordinated projects that share resources (MOT, restoration, etc.)
- 5-year integrated CIP for road/utility work



### **Next Steps**

- Small Framework Strategy Groups
- Understand policy, regulatory, and legislative impediments
- Continue to meet with MDOT + infrastructure partners
- Rollout of MIC portal and integration of SE Michigan communities



### Thank you! Questions?

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