

Region 2

Planning Commission

FISCAL YEAR 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

"Serving Hillsdale, Jackson, and Lenawee Counties since 1974"



TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

►►► The Region 2 Planning Commission (R2PC) serves as the Rural Task Force Coordinator for Hillsdale, Jackson, and Lenawee Counties as well as the Jackson Metropolitan Organization (also known as the Jackson Area Comprehensive Transportation Study- JACTS). R2PC manages and plans all federally funded transportation projects in the three-county region. Per federal regulation, the planning process must be cooperative, comprehensive, and continuous. In addition, there must always be an opportunity for public involvement.

Fiscal Year 2017 Transportation Improvement Program Urban Funding (Jackson County Only)

	Federal	State	Mileage Completed
Preventative Maintenance	\$854,000	\$206,000	9.17
Reconstruction	\$10,059,000	\$1,618,000	8.04
Resurfacing	\$4,243,000	\$868,000	44.5
Transit	\$1,560,000	\$1,984,000	-
Other*	\$591,000	\$225,000	13.8
Total	\$17,307,000	\$4,901,000	75.51

*Studies, roadside facilities, traffic ops/safety

Fiscal Year 2017 Rural Task Force Funding

	Federal			
	Hillsdale	Jackson	Lenawee	Region 2
Preventative Maintenance	-	\$896,112	-	\$896,112
Reconstruction	-	-	\$862,777	\$862,777
Resurfacing	\$655,849	-	-	\$655,849
Transit	\$10,000	-	\$14,250	\$24,250
Total	\$665,849	\$896,112	\$877,027	\$2,438,988

	State Economic Development Funds			
	Hillsdale	Jackson	Lenawee	Region 2
Preventative Maintenance	-	\$224,028	-	\$224,028
Reconstruction	-	-	\$142,654	\$142,654
Resurfacing	-	-	-	\$0
Transit	-	-	-	\$0
Total	\$0	\$224,028	\$142,654	\$366,682

2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan

In Fiscal Year 2017 staff began work on the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan project. This is the official transportation plan for the Jackson Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), and forms the basis for future transportation funding decisions. The plan identifies transportation-related projects and policies, for all transportation modes and facilities including transit, rail, pedestrians, bicycles, freight, roads and vehicles. To aid in the development of the Plan, a Steering Committee has been formed and public participation has been encouraged. The Plan will be completed by June 2018. To follow the development of the Plan, go to the R2PC Website.

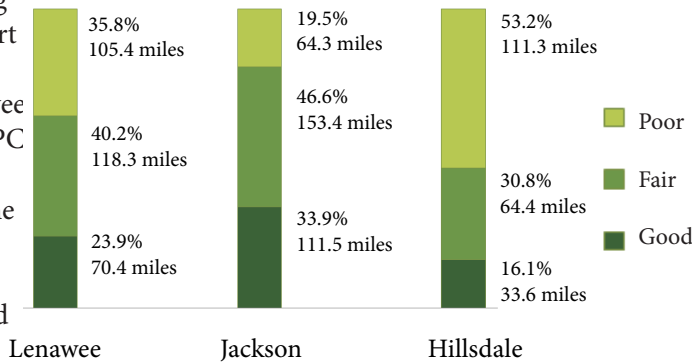


West Michigan Avenue, Jackson

ASSET MANAGEMENT

▶▶▶ The Asset Management Program, also known as Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER), in the Region 2 area is a continuous effort to monitor surface conditions of the federal-aid eligible roadways in Hillsdale, Jackson, and Lenawee Counties. The program is administered by the R2PC with the guidance from the Transportation Asset Management Council and in collaboration with the Michigan Department of Transportation, Jackson County Department of Transportation, Lenawee County Road Commission, Hillsdale County Road Commission, and the various cities and villages located in the Region 2 area. The Asset Management Program involves a comprehensive and strategic approach that looks at the entire road network, rather than individual projects, and provides road agencies with a tool to manage road infrastructure in the short-term and to plan for future investments in the long-term.

2017 PASER Ratings



Total Federal Aid-Eligible Roadways

Lenawee	550.9 miles
Jackson	684.9 miles
Hillsdale	433 miles

LOCAL PLANNING ASSISTANCE

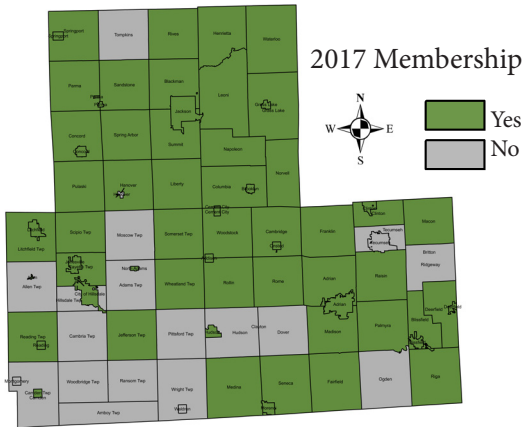
►►► R2PC staff provides technical assistance to municipalities and agencies in the Region. These services include, but are not limited to: Master Plans, Recreation Plans, Zoning Ordinances, and Hazard Mitigation Plans. R2PC also staffs the Jackson County Planning Commission (JCPC) and Lenawee County Planning Commission (LCPC), and serves as the Economic Development District (EDD.)

County Planning Commission Cases

	JCPC	LCPC
Zoning ordinance text amendments	9	7
Zoning ordinance district changes	15	6
Mater Plan Reviews	3	4
Farmland and Open Space Preservation Applications	5	26

R2PC Facilitated/Participated

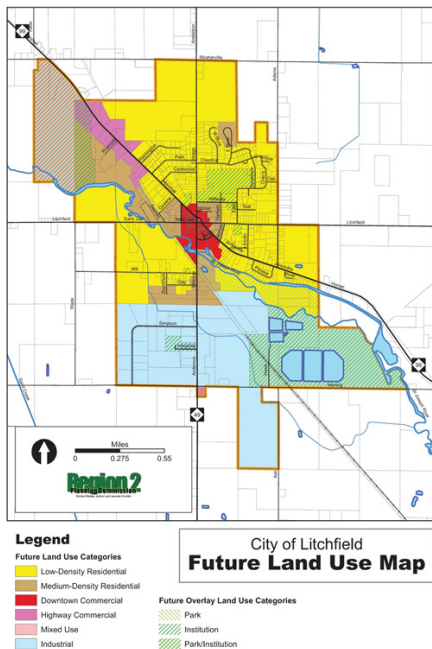
- 2017-2021 edition of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
- 2017-2021 Edition of the Blackman Township Parks and Recreation Plan
- Upper Grand River Water Trail Development Plan
- Liberty Township Master Plan (under development)
- Jackson County Solid Waste Management Plan (Amendment)
- Lenawee County Solid Waste Management Plan (Amendment)
- Grass Lake Township Master Plan
- Parma Township Master Plan
- Pulaski Township Master Plan (under development)
- Rives Township Master Plan (under development)
- Village of Blissfield Comprehensive Plan



Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

The awarding of funding through the Economic Development Administration (EDA) for public works and economic adjustment assistance is conditioned on the development and implementation of a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). A CEDS is a strategy-driven plan for regional economic development and is the result of a regionally-owned planning process designed to build capacity and guide the economic prosperity and resiliency of an area or region. It is a key component in establishing and maintaining a robust economic ecosystem by helping to build regional capacity through hard and soft infrastructure that contributes to individual, firm, and community success. The CEDS document maintains eligibility for governmental entities in the Region to apply for federal grants, bringing many positive effects to the local economy. The R2PC developed the first edition of the Region 2 Planning Commission Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy in 2010. That edition was followed by several updates. The newest edition of the Region 2 Planning Commission Comprehensive Economic Development Study was developed in 2017.

2017 edition of the City of Litchfield Master Plan



Staff worked with Planning Commissioners and the City Administration to create the 2017 edition of the City of Litchfield Master Plan. Inputs into the City's policies and plans include: the various observations, opportunities, and concerns covered in the Community Description and Issue Identification chapter of the document (i.e., demographics, natural resources, community facilities and services, transportation, parks and institutions, economic development, and existing land uses) and the 2016 City of Litchfield Survey. Goals and policies resulting from this analysis include: residential, commercial, industrial and mixed-use development; transportation; parks and recreation; the environment; utilities; and community services. The goals and policies, in turn, were utilized to develop future land use and zoning planning elements for the Plan. Those planning elements can be used by existing and future City leaders when making land use related and zoning decisions for the municipality of approximately 1,347 residents.

JACKSON TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM

▶▶▶ The R2PC administers the Jackson Traffic Safety Program (JTSP) which is funded through a portion of district court costs on paid citations as well as through the Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP). The purpose of the JTSP is to reduce the impact of traffic crashes in the County by increasing occupant protection through education and enforcement, reducing incidents of impaired and distracted driving, reducing the number and severity of all traffic-related crashes, providing safety education and training programs, and promoting and encouraging cooperative efforts among all agencies. In 2017, grants totalling \$135,555 (\$45,272 in JTSP funds) were awarded to the following agencies:

- ▶ **Blackman-Leoni Department of Public Safety and Jackson County Office of the Sheriff:** In cooperation with other county enforcement agencies, the Safe Communities Program aggressively enforces impaired driving and occupant restraint usage.
- ▶ **Family Services and Children's Aid:** Utilizes strategies that are proven to reduce recidivism, strengthen family communication, and reduce adolescent alcohol and other drug use.
- ▶ **Jackson County Health Department:** Provide funding for Safetyville, Underage and Distracted Driving Programs, and the Infant and Child Car Seat Program for low-income families.
- ▶ **Jackson County Office of the Sheriff:** Provide funds for software upgrades and maintenance for the county-wide E-Ticketing program.
- ▶ **Springport Township Police Department:** Enforcement at high crash locations, impaired driving enforcement, and education.

REGIONAL PROSPERITY INITIATIVE

▶▶▶ The R2PC's Regional Prosperity Initiative (RPI) includes funding for Challenge Grants to Region 9 applicants in order to implement strategies identified by the functional teams and included in the Five-Year Economic Prosperity Strategy document. The Region 9 Management Team consists of representatives from Hillsdale, Jackson, Lenawee, Livingston, Monroe, and Washtenaw Counties. In 2017, the following grants were awarded:



- ▶ **Ann Arbor Spark!** (\$9,500) Familiarization Tours help site selectors work with businesses on new location decisions in the Region 9 Area.
- ▶ **Jonesville Community Schools** (\$23,067) The Career Preparation Program increases local talent opportunities.
- ▶ **WIN for Southeast Michigan** (\$42,000) Allow for the expansion of MiBrightFuture in Region 9. This program funds career development programs for students K-12.
- ▶ **Livingston Educational Service Agency** (\$27,800) The MiBrightFuture Sustainability Proposal will bring the program to more Career Technical Education (CTE) students in the Region.
- ▶ **Lenawee Now** (\$22,000) Regional meetings of the six counties in Region 9 will help to share ideas and resources for maintaining, growing, and attracting talent to the Region.
- ▶ **Michigan Broadband Cooperative** (\$15,000) Provide funds for surveying, studying, and reporting on broadband availability in the Region and its importance to residents and economic opportunity.
- ▶ **Monroe County Community College** (\$30,000) Career bootcamp introducing adult learners to various technical careers and skills.
- ▶ **Monroe County ISD** (\$6,737) Expansion and support for a comprehensive CTE Program through Monroe County CTE Consortium and Monroe County Technical and Career Early College.



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▶▶▶ Visit the www.region2planning.com for drafts and final documents of plans mentioned in this report