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SEMCOG announces \$10.7 million in funding for active transportation projects in Southeast Michigan

SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, has recently awarded \$10,707,004 in Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) for 10 projects across Southeast Michigan.

"SEMCOG's Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) - one of our most impactful programs - enables us to provide direct funding into communities to improve safety for all road users, connect our regional trails and greenways, and improve access to key destinations like schools, parks, and jobs", said Amy O'Leary Executive Director of SEMCOG. "These ten projects show both the need our region has for high-quality, well-maintained walking and biking infrastructure as well as the commitment our communities have to ensuring quality of life for residents and visitors," O'Leary said.



Video highlighting impact from example TAP projects

Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

TAP projects are transportation-related improvements to roadways, local streets, and corridors. Most often, they address mobility options through new or enhanced bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. This includes things such as pathways, bike lanes, sidewalks, and pedestrian crossings. These projects improve the existing transportation system, while providing safe new options to help people connect to transit, regional trails, and core service destinations. TAP can also fund green infrastructure projects that mitigate environmental concerns from the road network.

FY 2025-2027 TAP projects

Macomb County

Community: Washington Township

Project description: A 0.5-mile pedestrian safety project along the south side of 32 Mile Road between Wingate Drive and Appleview Drive, connecting residents to the nearby middle school, Downtown Romeo, and the Macomb Orchard Trail.

TAP grant: \$706,355

"We are grateful to receive this SEMCOG TAP grant for the 32 Mile Road Sidewalk Connection," said Sebastian "Sam" Previti, Washington Township Supervisor. "This important segment will connect several subdivisions to the middle school, providing a much-needed safe route for our children and families. It's a major step forward in improving pedestrian safety and walkability in our community," Previti said.

Monroe County

Community: City of Monroe

Project description: 0.8-mile combination of new bike lanes, sidewalks, and shared-lane markings, connecting Monroe Street (M-125) with Monroe Charter Township.

TAP grant: \$861,832

"This transformational project marks the first phase of a long-term effort to connect active transportation users in the City of Monroe to Lake Erie at Bolles Harbor," said Patrick Lewis, Director of Engineering and Public Services at the City of Monroe. "Made possible through SEMCOG's support via the TAP grant, this initiative builds on the groundwork laid by a multi-jurisdictional planning effort, also funded through a SEMCOG Planning grant. The City of Monroe is proud the way in not only introducing these essential non-motorized facilities, but also leveraging additional federal funding to reconstruct Jones Avenue and improve its intersection with LaPlaisance Road and Navarre Street—enhancing safety and accessibility for all users," Lewis said.

Oakland County

Community: City of Birmingham

Project description: A 1-mile bike lane and pedestrian safety project on S. Eton Road within the City's mixed-use "Rail District" between 14 Mile and Maple. The project is coordinated with road reconstruction and includes curb bumpouts, a shared-use path, sharrows, and signage to guide users across town, Royal Oak, Troy, and the greater Oakland County Bike Network.

TAP grant: \$2,231,297

"The city adopted a multi-modal transportation plan which includes bicycling and locations for implantation in the City," City of Birmingham Engineer Melissa Coatta said ([as reported in the Birmingham-Bloomfield Eagle](#)).

Community: Bloomfield Township

Project description: A 1.4-mile pedestrian safety project along Telegraph Road between Golf Drive to the north, and Mall Drive to the south, connecting people to transit, jobs, neighborhoods, apartments, parks and a school within the township and Pontiac. It also provides a critical sidewalk connection to the Clinton River Trail.

TAP grant: \$1,427,429

"The addition of this safety path will provide a secure and accessible route for pedestrians, connecting residents to nearby restaurants, retail centers, and other local destinations," said Mike McCready, Bloomfield Township Supervisor. "By improving walkability and expanding non-motorized transportation options, this project enhances both safety and quality of life in Bloomfield Township," McCready said.

Community: Orion Township

Project description: A pedestrian safety project along Maybee Road, consisting of a nearly 0.25-mile, 8' wide boardwalk and 120' of sidewalk filling a critical gap in multiple miles of path within Orion and Independence Townships between Baldwin and Dixie Hwy and connecting to the Iron Belle Trail.

TAP grant: \$825,948

"This TAP grant is a game-changer for Orion Township," said Orion Township Supervisor Chris Barnett. "It helps us complete a long-awaited safety path connection to Independence Township, Clarkston, and beyond, connecting thousands of residents to Orion and the Iron Belle Trail. For more than a decade, this has been a top priority for our community. Now, thanks to this SEMCOG partnership and funding, we're making it safer and easier for people to get moving, stay active, and experience Orion Township, where living is a vacation," Barnett said.

Community: City of Southfield

Project description: A 0.9-mile, 10-foot-wide shared-use pathway filling gaps in Oakland County's 9Line Trail, a SEMCOG-identified Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Corridor.

TAP grant: \$1,094,801

"The City of Southfield is pleased to partner with the adjacent communities of Farmington, Farmington Hills, Oak Park, Ferndale, and Hazel Park to embark on the ambitious Nine Mile Road Greenway Corridor project," said Southfield Mayor Dr. Ken Siver. "We are also greatly appreciative of the generous financial support provided by the SEMCOG Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding to help enable these important pathway projects that will greatly increase our collective connectivity and community placemaking efforts," Siver said.

Washtenaw County

Community: City of Saline

Project description: A 0.5-mile pedestrian safety project along US-12 (Michigan Avenue) that will connect an existing gap from the Saline River to existing sidewalk west of River Oaks Boulevard, connecting residents on the west side of the city with the primarily commercial Downtown.

TAP grant: \$505,914

"I'm happy to see that we're making steps to get closer," said Janet Dillon, City of Saline Mayor Pro Tem. "This is something that we have committed to for the west-side residents and expansion on the west side," Dillon said.

Wayne County

Community: City of Grosse Pointe Park

Project description: A 0.2-mile pedestrian safety and streetscape modernization project along Charlevoix Street, between Beaconsfield Avenue to west of Wayburn Street, coordinated with a roadway rehabilitation project, resulting in a curbless street with wider sidewalks, easier ADA access, increased landscaping buffer, streetlighting, and bioretention islands.

TAP grant: \$1,811,344

"The City of Grosse Pointe Park has embarked on an aggressive effort to transform one of its prime corridors - the Charlevoix District, and the awarded TAP grant substantially moves the project forward," said Michele Hodges, Mayor, City of Grosse Pointe Park. "We are grateful for the partnership, and what will lead to vibrancy for the community businesses, visitors and neighbors," Hodges said.

Community: City of Wyandotte

Project description: A sidewalk modernization project within the downtown area, which directly connects to the Iron Belle Trail and Great Lakes Way.

TAP grant: \$796,294

"This is a major win for our community," said Joe Gruber, Director of the Wyandotte Downtown Development Authority (DDA). "By securing this additional funding, we are able to further invest in the safety, accessibility, and longevity of our downtown sidewalks. The replacement of aging brick pavers with exposed aggregate concrete will ensure a more resilient and aesthetically pleasing streetscape for generations to come," Gruber said.

Community: Van Buren Township

Project description: A 1.5-mile, shared-use path along Tyler Road between Quirk Road and Morton Taylor Road that will address both local safety and mobility needs and is part of a larger effort to connect to regional trails, the Iron Belle Trail to the southwest and I-275 Metro Trail to east.

TAP grant: \$445,790

"The Tyler Road Non-Motorized Trail Project is crucial for connecting our neighborhoods and residents safely, ensuring everyone can access essential community amenities," said Merrie Coburn, Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority. "Improving mobility enhances lives and promotes a more connected, active, and inclusive future," Coburn said.

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