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### **Executive Committee to meet September 28**

SEMCOG's Executive Committee will meet at 1 p.m. on Friday, September 28, 2012, in SEMCOG's downtown Detroit office. [Read More](#)

### **New push for Regional Transit Authority legislation**

*You are encouraged to attend critical House Committee hearing this week*

On Thursday, September 27, 2012, at 9 a.m., the Michigan House Transportation Committee, chaired by Representative Paul E. Opsommer, will hold an informational hearing on two of the four bills comprising the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) package. [Read More](#)

### **SEMCOG data: A sampler of good news**

Southeast Michigan continues to recover from the decade-long recession, although there still is much work to be done. SEMCOG continuously monitors the changes in the region. Below is a sampler of some of the positive trends happening now. [Read More](#)

### **Executive Director's blog: "Those representing the Ambassador Bridge have flooded the political debate with blatant misperceptions and falsehoods."**

In his most recent post on SEMCOG's Think Regional/Act Local blog, Executive Director Paul Tait debunks misinformation being circulated by the owners of The Ambassador Bridge, regarding the proposed New International Trade Crossing (NITC). [Read More](#)

### **SEMCOG invites public comment on an update to the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy**

The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy provides a roadmap for effectively investing the region's resources and seeking new means to diversify and reposition the economy, create jobs, strengthen and refocus our human capital, develop and promote our natural and community assets, improve our business climate, and maintain and enhance the necessary infrastructure to achieve the maximum economic impact and global competitiveness. [Read More](#)

### **City of Novi receives SEMCOG Sustainable Community Recognition Program Award**

Through its Sustainable Community Recognition Program, SEMCOG

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recognizes member communities that have taken initiative to incorporate sustainable activities into their practices. For local governments, sustainability is about achieving economic prosperity while protecting the environment and providing a high quality of life for residents. SEMCOG-supported initiatives help local governments achieve and maintain sustainability. [Read More](#)

### **SEMCOG compiling building footprint data**

Member communities will be able to use this data for a variety of applications, including community and economic development, market analysis, streetscape visualization, and housing census. This data will also assist in the areas of public safety, planning and zoning, building inspections, and assessing. [Read More](#)

### **Last chance to register! SEMCOG and City of Novi present 2012 Local Winter Maintenance Workshop and Expo**

SEMCOG, in collaboration with the City of Novi, has announced details for its 2012 Local Winter Road Maintenance Workshop and Expo, to be held Thursday, September 27, 2012, at the Novi Public Services, Field Services Complex. [Read More](#)

### **Register now! SEMCOG to host two-day designing for pedestrian safety workshop on October 15-16**

BoSEMCOG and the Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center will host a two-day workshop on October 15-16, 2012, focused on helping state and local transportation professionals address pedestrian safety issues through design and engineering solutions. [Read More](#)

### **We want feedback from your residents! Ask them to take the SEMCOG/MAC "Pulse of the Region" survey on transportation**

SEMCOG and the Metropolitan Affairs Coalition (MAC) invite Southeast Michigan residents to comment on the region's transportation system – its roads, bridges, and transit – via an online survey. [Read More](#)

### **University of Michigan report shows trend of easing fiscal stress for state's local governments**

The University of Michigan's Center for Local, State, and Urban Policy (CLOSUP) recently released a report presenting the assessments of Michigan local government leaders of Michigan jurisdictions' fiscal health and budgetary conditions in 2012. [Read More](#)

### **SEMpeople**

Congratulations to Westland Mayor William Wild, who was recently awarded "The Pure American Award" by the Lions Club of Westland. [Read More](#)

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