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## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Date: July 26, 2019

To: Mark F. Miller, City Manager

From: Robert J. Bruner, Assistant City Manager  
Drew Benson, Assistant to the City Manager

Subject: Standard Purchasing Resolution 9: Approval to Expend Funds for Membership Dues and Renewals Over \$10,000 – Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG)

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### History

Since its inception in 1968, The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) has supported local planning through its technical, data, and intergovernmental resources. The work SEMCOG does improves the quality of the region's water, makes the transportation system safer and more efficient, revitalizes communities, and spurs economic development.

Membership is open to all counties, cities, villages, townships, intermediate school districts, and community colleges. SEMCOG serves the Southeast Michigan region, made up of Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw, and Wayne Counties. Associate, non-voting, memberships are offered to eligible public universities. The City of Troy has been a member of SEMCOG since 1968.

### **As southeast Michigan's regional planner, SEMCOG's essential functions include:**

- Promote informed decision-making by improving Southeast Michigan and its local governments through insightful data analysis and direct assistance to members.
- Promote the efficient use of tax dollars for infrastructure investment and governmental effectiveness.
- Develop regional solutions that go beyond the boundaries of individual local governments.
- Advocate on behalf of Southeast Michigan in Lansing and Washington.

### Financial

Funds are budgeted for FY 2019/20 under Council - Membership and Dues (101.102.7958)

### Recommendation

Staff recommends authorization of the expenditure of funds for membership dues to SEMCOG in the amount of \$10,328.00 for the period of July 15, 2019 - July 15, 2020.



June 28, 2019

Ms. Beth Tashnick  
City of Troy  
500 W Big Beaver Rd  
Troy, MI48084-5285

Dear Ms. Tashnick:

Thanks for participating with over 170 SEMCOG members to create a successful region! **Your SEMCOG membership represents working together to create strong communities and a stronger region. We thank you for your financial support, and we thank you for partnering with us.**

**In a recent membership satisfaction survey, you told us SEMCOG adds value to your local decision making by providing local data, workshops/trainings, a bi-weekly, and the SEMCOG website. We will continue to focus on these high value services in 2019.**

For additional information on making your SEMCOG membership work for you, visit [www.semco.org/members.aspx](http://www.semco.org/members.aspx), or contact Amy Malmer at 313-324-3308 or by e-mail at [malmer@semco.org](mailto:malmer@semco.org).

It is an honor to serve your organization. Please let us know if we can better serve you.

Best Regards,

Kathleen Lomako, AICP, CAE  
Executive Director  
SEMCOG

**SEMCOG**  
**Southeast Michigan Council of Governments** Sales Order # :  
1001 Woodward Ave • Suite 1400 • Detroit, Michigan 48226  
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**MEMBERSHIP NOTICE**

City Of Troy

Invoice Date

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07/01/2019

07/01/2019

2019 Membership Dues

Invoice Amount

\$10,328.00

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SEMCOG, serving local units of government and education in the seven-county region of Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw and Wayne

**INVOICE**  
**Annual Membership in**  
**Southeast Michigan Council of Governments**

For the Period From July 15, 2019

To July 15, 2020

[The annual contribution is established by the by-laws and action of the General Assembly]

Membership Fee

\$10,328.00

Balance Due

\$10,328.00

**Please enclose yellow copy with remittance to ensure proper credit**

## SEMCOG Committee Descriptions

The following description of SEMCOG committees is accompanied by information regarding who is representing your organization at SEMCOG and who is representing the Bloc Caucus to which your organization belongs.

Please contact Amy Malmer ([malmer@semcog.org](mailto:malmer@semcog.org) or 313-324-3308) if you need further information.

### **General Assembly**

Consisting of delegates and alternates from all SEMCOG member communities and institutions, the General Assembly provides input and takes action on SEMCOG's major regional plans, budget and dues, and election of SEMCOG officers. SEMCOG member local governments, intermediate school districts, and community colleges each appoint a delegate and alternate to the General Assembly. Counties and the City of Detroit appoint additional delegates and alternates; these appointees also serve on SEMCOG's Executive Committee. All General Assembly members additionally serve on a bloc caucus.

### **Bloc Caucuses of the General Assembly**

All SEMCOG General Assembly members serve on a bloc caucus. The General Assembly caucuses in four groupings: Cities/Villages, County, Education, and Townships. Bloc caucuses elect caucus chairpersons and vice chairs, who must be elected officials. Bloc chairs who are not otherwise elected to the Executive Committee also serve on this committee as non-voting members. Caucus chairs also serve or appoint a designee to serve on SEMCOG's Nominating Committee, which recommends a slate of officers to the General Assembly.

### **Regional Review Committee**

The Regional Review Committee serves several functions: selection of projects to be funded annually by the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP); selection of other awards as funding is available; and, oversight of the Taubman Fellowship program.

### **Transportation Coordinating Council**

The Transportation Coordinating Council (TCC) works to develop the Long-Range Transportation Plan. This includes monitoring and implementing the plan through the Transportation Improvement Program and recommending transportation projects and amendments. This work will be enhanced by including a diverse set of stakeholders on the council, including those with expertise in local economic development, the environment, workforce development, and education. Goals are to align planning initiatives, improve project coordination, and enhance regional performance measures. Reports to the Executive Committee.

### **Executive Committee**

A subset of the General Assembly, the Executive Committee is the chief working committee and financial control body for SEMCOG. It proposes, discusses, and reviews regional studies and plans, and takes action on policies and legislative positions. The education bloc caucus elects a delegate and alternate to represent community colleges, and a delegate and alternate to represent intermediate school districts for one-year terms. City/village and township bloc caucuses from each county elect General Assembly members to serve on the Executive Committee as delegates and alternates for one-year terms.

**Annual member report - City of Troy****General Assembly**

**Delegate** Ed Pennington, Councilmember, City of Troy

**Alternate** Mark F. Miller, City Manager, City of Troy

**City/Village Bloc Caucus**

**Chair** Michael Lesich, Councilmember, City of Fraser

**Vice Chair** Lois E. Allen-Richardson, Mayor Pro Tem, Ward 1, City of Ypsilanti

**Regional Review City/Village Representation**

**Delegate** Tasha Green, Councilmember, City of Westland

**Delegate** Rock Abboud, President Pro Tem, Village of Beverly Hills

**Delegate** Florence Hayman, Mayor Pro Tem, City of New Baltimore

**Delegate** Suzanne Pixley, Mayor, City of Eastpointe

**Transportation Coordinating Council City/Village Representation**

**Delegate** Lev Wood, Councilmember, City of Grosse Pointe Farms

**Delegate** Steven Wietecha, Councilmember, City of Roseville

**Executive Committee Oakland County City/Village Representation**

**Delegate** Bryan K. Barnett, Mayor, City of Rochester Hills

**Delegate** Jeffrey Jenks, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Huntington Woods

**Alternate** Sharlan Douglas, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Royal Oak

**Alternate** Dale A. Hetrick, Councilmember, City of Rochester Hills