

**Focus Macomb: A Partnership for Economic Development**  
Transportation Committee Meeting  
May 23, 2007 -- Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Conference Room  
**Summary**

**Members Present:**

Lillian Adams - Sterling, Utica, Shelby Twp. Chamber of Commerce  
Thomas Christ - CenTra, Inc.  
Richard Doherty - The Beztak Companies  
Chuck Gemayal - Soil and Materials Engineers  
Fran Gillett - Road Commission of Macomb County  
Ed Hoover - Rizzo Services  
David Lakin - Spalding DeDecker Associates  
Marilyn Lane - Lane Development  
Angelo S. Lanni - Florence Cement Company  
Pat Lehman - Consultant  
Keith Rengert - Macomb County Board of Commissioners  
Roy Rose - Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick  
Jay Shah - Somat Engineering  
Melissa Trustman - Detroit Regional Chamber  
Anthony Viviano - Sterling Heights Dodge  
Greg Windingland - Lombardo Companies

**Members Missed:**

Benjamin Aloia - Aloia & Associates  
Doug Brown - ASTI Environmental  
Dan Dirks - SMART  
Richard Ives - John Carlo  
Anthony Lombardo - Lombardo Companies  
Keith McCormack - Hubbell, Roth & Clark  
Ralph Maccarone - Shelby Township  
Bill Westrick - Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick

**Guests:**

John C. Hertel, Detroit Regional Mass Transit

**Staff:** John Crumm, Maria Zardis and Kate Doyle

**Opening:** The meeting began at 3:00 p.m. with opening remarks by Co-chair Anthony Viviano who greeted the new members for 2007.

*Highlight:* Roy Rose briefed the new members on what the committee had learned in 2006 from other groups working on transportation related issues, including:

- A presentation from the Transportation Chair of the Oakland County Roundtable on county's airports
- The Oakland County Road Commission
- MDOT
- SEMCOG
- SMART
- Proposals from Better Businesses for Roads
- Problems and issues affecting construction and maintenance of roads due to costs and fiscal restraints

**Speaker: John C. Hertel, Detroit Regional Mass Transit**

Mr. Hertel briefed the committee on the history of transportation in Southeast Michigan -- its evolution, traffic patterns, the needs of the people and communities, and how those needs have changed over the past fifty years. Members of the committee were able to ask Mr. Hertel questions and appreciated his knowledge and experience.

**Discussion:**

The committee had an open general discussion of its areas of focus for 2007, along with proposed speakers in areas of interest to the committee's recommendations, the suggestion was raised to create sub-groups to work on specific issues. It was decided the best way to better understand transportation in our own communities, the meeting was closed with plans to meet at the offices of the Road Commission of Macomb County in July.

**Next Meeting:** Road Commission of Macomb County, 117 South Groesbeck Highway, July 10<sup>th</sup> (3:00 – 5:00 p.m.). Road Commissioner and Transportation Committee member, Fran Gillett will conduct a tour of the facility, explain the Road Commission's function and answer committee members questions.

**Future Meetings:** It was proposed future meetings will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month from July thru October from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.