With distracted driving, bad weather, equipment malfunctions, old road designs, deer, alcohol, and more, it can be difficult to keep our roads safe and efficiently operating. Unsafe conditions can cause crashes, our insurance rates to increase, lost time at work, injuries, and even death. That's why the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC) looks at ways to make our roadway designs run more smoothly as our environmental circumstances and travel demands change. Improvements can include signal control, light detection, roundabouts, and more.

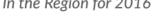


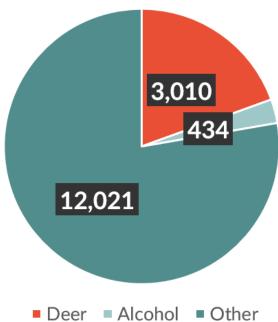


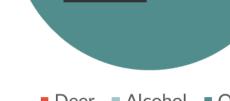
.83%

reduction in crashes since 2007

### Causes of Vehicle Crashes In the Region for 2016



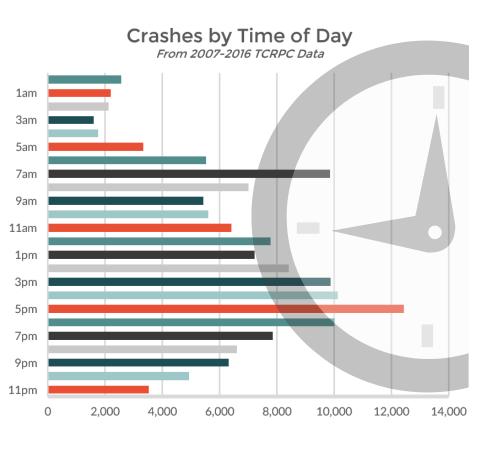


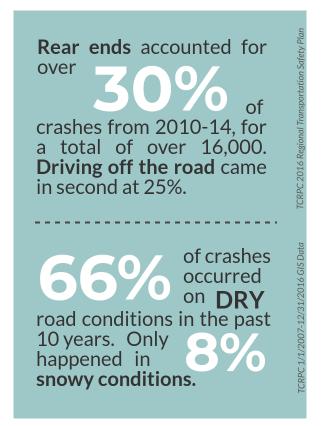


#### **Total Crashes in the Region** 18.000 16,000 14,000 12,000 10,000 8,000 6,000 4.000 2,000 2010 2011 2013

16,989 | 16,583 | 14,715 | 14,482 | 14,069 | 13,216 | 14,035 | 14,746 | 14,738 | 15,468

# 1 in nearly 6 people were injured in crashes in 201





# PAVEMENT CONDITION

The Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC) has staff who are specially trained to use the Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) scale to visually inspect and rate the region's federal-aid roads, along with MDOT, county, city, and village staff. PASER is a 1-10 scale that identifies four major categories of pavement distress: surface defects, surface deformations, cracks, and patches and potholes. The Transportation Asset Management Council (TAMC) then categorizes each PASER rating into a good, fair, or poor definition.

1,970 miles of roads rated

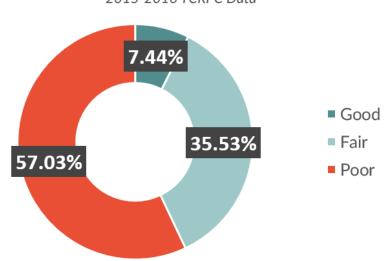
Technicians across the region visually inspected nearly 2,000 miles of federal-aid roads in 2015-16 to survey defects and serious road conditions.

\$14.3M total reconstruction investment in the tri-county region

TCRPC FY 2017 Data

### Condition of Roads in the Tri-County Region

2015-2016 TCRPC Data



## What destroys our roads?



#### Water

As water seeps into cracks and infiltrates layers of the road, it weakens the structural integrity, which eventually causes potholes.



#### Traffic

The weathering and aging of our roads are exacerbated by excessive volumes of traffic and heavy freight loads (the movement of goods).

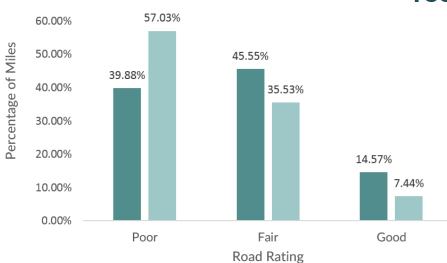


#### **Environment**

Cool temperatures cause water in pavement to expand and rise.
Oxidation also makes pavement stiffer and more brittle over time.

#### Road Rating Trends

From 2010-11 to 2015-16



■ 2010-11 ■ 2015-16

# Why don't we just reconstruct all the bad roads?

Preventative maintenance is significantly more costeffective than structural improvements or total demolition and reconstruction.

every \$1 invested on preserving a road in good or fair condition can save as much as \$6-14

in reconstruction costs

## What is asset management?

Asset management is the systematic process of developing, operating, maintaining, and upgrading physical objects. In this case, it's weighing the pros and cons of cost versus how long certain road fixes will last, but you do it every day if you make repairs on a car or house!

 10 &9
 8
 7&6
 5
 4
 3
 2
 1

 PASER Excellent Very Good Good Fair Fair Poor Very Poor Failed

 TAMC GOOD FAIR POOR



PASER vs. TAMC Rating Scale



# **BIKING &** WALKING

The Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC) recognizes the growing exploration of healthier, more cost-effective, and more eco-friendly alternatives of transportation. TCRPC hosts an Advisory Work Group of industry experts and stakeholders in the community to brainstorm ways to improve connectivity and accessibility for bicyclists and pedestrians in the tri-county region. Ideas from the work group will be incorporated into a non-materized plan that will prioritize projects that from the work group will be incorporated into a non-motorized plan that will prioritize projects that will fills gaps of connectivity from county to county.



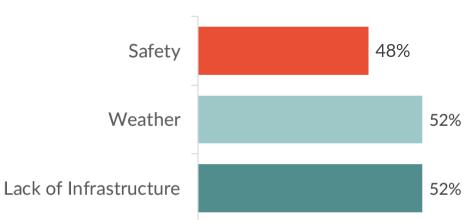
706

miles of non-motorized facilities & modifications in the tri-county region

bicyclists who commute by bicycle at least twice 2014 MDOT Economic Benefits of Bicycling Study

# **Top 3 Barriers to Bicycling**

2014 MDOT Economic Benefits of Bicycling Study

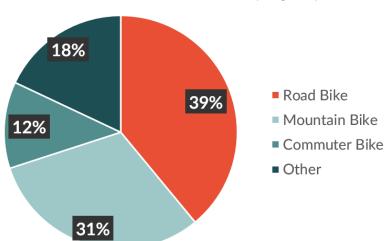




# People employed by the bicycling industry in Michigan

# Top Primary Bicycle Types

2014 MDOT Economic Benefits of Bicycling Study



K-8 students from area schools participated in Walk to School Day 2017 in the tri-county region.

Michigan Fitness Foundation 2017

## Michigan Bicycle Friendly Statewide Ranking

(OUT OF 50)

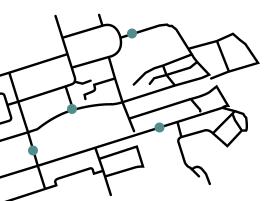




# **CONGESTION**MANAGEMENT

Congestion is caused when traffic approaches or exceeds the available capacity of the road network. There are two types of congestion: recurring congestion, which is when traffic congestion is relatively predictable, and non-recurring congestion, which is when traffic jams are unexpected or out of the norm. The Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC) works toward solutions for congestion in several ways, including collecting traffic counts of the region's rural and urban roads, managing a database and interactive map of area road construction, and analyzing data and trends to forecast the region's travel demands in the future.





locations in the region used for traffic counts



Recurring congestion is caused by routine traffic volumes on typical days, such as rush hour.

What causes non-recurring congestion?





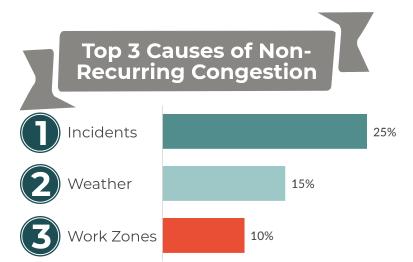


inclement weather construction





special events



Traffic congestion costs American motorists

121 billio

a year in wasted time and fuel costs.

Tripnet.org 2017 Fact Sheet

o increase in vehicle travel on Michigan's highways from 2000-2016

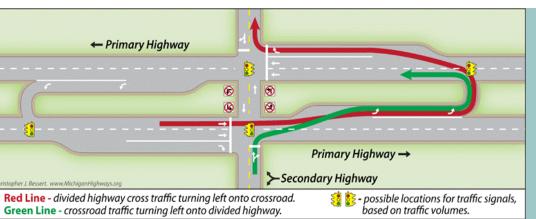
Tripnet.org 2017 Fact Sheet

Have you considered?

If an emergency vehicle cannot reach us in an appropriate amount of time because of traffic congestion, it can be a



danger to our health, safety, and property.



# How do Michigan Lefts help congestion?

Did you know the average wait times at Michigan Left intersections are much shorter than if that same intersection had a traditional four-phase traffic signal with protected left-turn movements?

Michigan Lefts provide 20-50% greater than direct left-turns, which reduces average delays to leftturning vehicles and through-traffic.

# **'RANSIT** PLANNING

The Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC) works with multiple public transportation service agencies in the region to examine changes in our region's demands and coordinate planning efforts.



# **Capital Area Transportation Authority (CATA)**

The Capital Area Transportation Authority provides public transportation services in Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham counties. The Authority's governmental membership includes the Cities of Lansing and East Lansing, and the Townships of Delhi, Lansing, and Meridian. Curb-to-curb and disability services include Redi-Ride, Spec-Tran, and CATA Rural Service (CRS). CATA also provides commuter and recreational transportation routes, namely, "The Limiteds" and Entertainment Express.

254,052 total service area population



88.36%



10.9M

total ridership for 2016 (fixed routes & paratransit)

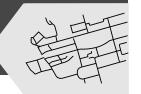


218

total vehicles in CATA's fleet



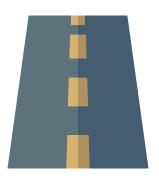
total number of fixed routes



#### Did You Know?

of CATA's large buses are hybrids





# **Eaton County Transportation Authority (EATRAN)**

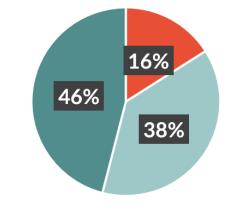
EATRAN provides open-door, curb-to-curb public transportation throughout Eaton County, including demand response services, a downtown Lansing express, and out-of-county medical trips.

buses maintained by EATRAN

rides provided by EATRAN in 2016

# **EATRAN Funding Sources**

2014 EATRAN Data



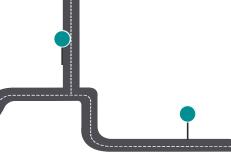
■ Federal ■ State ■ Local

# **Clinton Area Transit System**

Clinton Transit provides origin-to-destination services to meet transportation needs of passengers in all of Clinton County. The Blue Bus is a demand-response system; there is no fixed route bus service due to Clinton County's population size.



ders in 2016

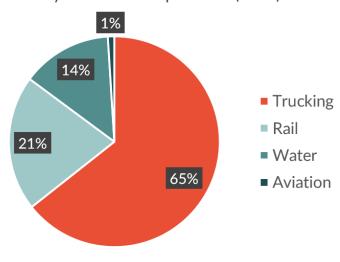


# FREIGHT PLANNING

An efficient and well-maintained transportation system serves as the backbone for all economic activity. Accessibility to a network for freight, which is defined as any good, product, or raw material carried by a commercial means of transportation, plays a critical role in influencing where businesses operate, how roads are maintained, and what solutions to poor traffic flow are implemented. The tri-county region is as the center of truck, rail, and air freight routes, and there is a growing need for freight services resulting from increased consumer demand, congestion, and the ability of our transportation infrastructure to support such demand.

# Top 3 Commodities moved by truck throughout Michigan NONMETALLIC METALS such as sand and gravel 75.6 million tons AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES 38.6 billion tons

Tonnage Moved in Michigan By Mode of Transportation (2014)



**FOOD PRODUCTS** 

32 million tons



22,948

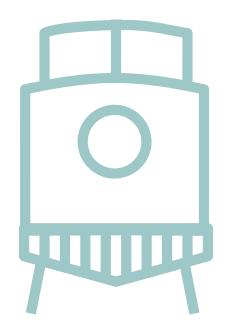
tons of products shipped by Lansing's Capital Region International Airport

# **479 million tons**

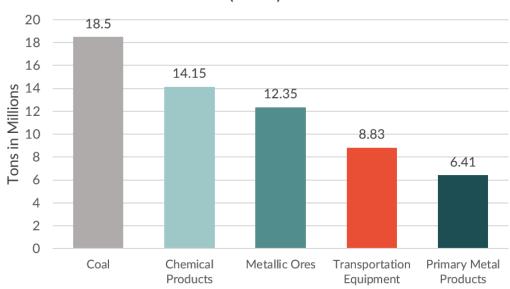
of commodities moved to, from, and within Michigan







Top 10 Commodities Moved by Rail in Michigan (2014)





## TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT

is the top commodity **by value** moved by truck in Michigan, at \$139.01 billion in 2014





# PASSENGER AIR PLANNING

Increasing air travel to Michigan supports businesses and individuals that want to locate and invest in Michigan. It also diversifies the public's transportation options. In July 2017, the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission TCRPC helped facilitate a Capital Region International Airport and Regional Transportation study group to explore how to better improve signage and increase connectivity and accessibility to and from the airport. In October 2017, TCRPC followed up on those discussions and collected traffic count volume, freight, and speed data on 14 specific road locations surrounding the airport to assess its accessibility.

# Direct Flights from the Capital Region International Airport



#### International

Cancun, Mexico Montego Bay, Jamaica Punta Cana, Dominican Republic



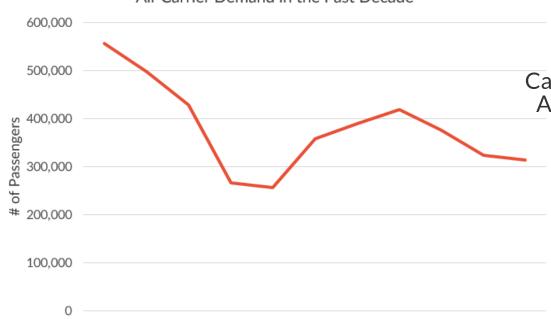
#### **Domestic**

Detroit Chicago Minneapolis Washington, D.C.



# Capital Region International Airport Passengers

Air Carrier Demand in the Past Decade



2010

2009

2011 2012

2013

314,659

Capital Region International Airport passengers in 2016

39.5M

passengers traveled by air in Michigan in 2016

# PASSENGER RAIL PLANNING

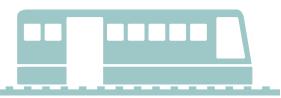
Preserving and developing city-to-city passenger rail diversifies the public's transportation network and increases safety by relieving congestion on the highway. It also reduces emissions over other modes of travel. The Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC) works with partners and agencies across the state to research new ways to connect citizens with long distance, commuter, and regional passenger rail travel options.



68,216

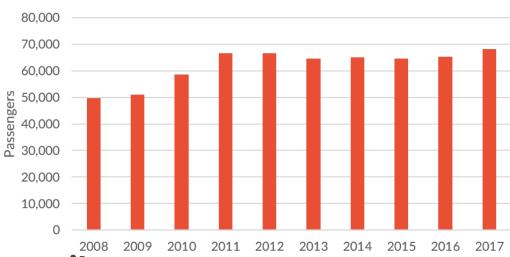
riders of the East Lansing Capital Area Multi Modal Gateway station in FY 2017

National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) as compiled by MDOT, Bureau of Transportation Planning



#### East Lansing Amtrak Station Ridership

Fiscal Year 2008-2017



# Types of Passenger Rail



Intercity rail includes express long distance passenger train services. MDOT sponsors three passenger rail routes serving 22 station communities in Michigan. Operated by Amtrak, these trains provide safe, affordable transportation alternatives. The services in Michigan include:

- Wolverine service
- Pere Marquette service
- Blue Water service



Commuter rail includes passenger rail between a city center and nearby suburbs or towns/cities to draw large numbers of commuters.

Michigan's Commuter Rail Program is actively working to help plan and implement locally-led projects in the state.

Efforts include:

- Lansing to Detroit Passenger Rail Study
- Ann Arbor to Detroit Regional Rail Project



Light rail is a form of urban public transportation, which operates within dense urban areas with exclusive rights-ofway. It can be elevated or on the ground, but it is smaller than a traditional metro system. Light rail in Michigan is evolving, with exploration of new projects such as:

- Detroit People Mover
- Detroit's M-1 Electric Rail Project (QLine)