

COMMON ACRONYMS USED BY WMSRDC

ACRONYMS	DEFINITIONS
ACS	American Community Survey. An ongoing statistical survey by the U.S. Census Bureau that samples a small percentage of the population every year.
ACT 51	State of Michigan Public Act 51 of 1951. This act authorizes the collection and distribution of state fuel taxes and vehicle registration fees. Many local governments and all road commissions are "Act 51" agencies and receive funding for transportation.
ACUB	Adjusted Census Urban Boundary
AFV	Alternative Fuel Vehicle. Generally, a vehicle which uses fuel other than gasoline or diesel. Common fuels include propane, electricity, and compressed natural gas.
AGA	Association of Government Accountants
AM	Asset Management
AMPO	Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations, which focuses on urban transportation planning issues.
AMRS	Asset Management Readiness Scale
AOC	Area of Concern is a Great Lakes water body, internationally designated under the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement. Muskegon Lake is currently the only AOC within the WMSRDC region. There are 12 AOCs in Michigan and originally 28 in the United States. There was a total of 42 AOCs within the Great Lakes, including U.S. and Canada; however, White Lake achieved delisting status in 2014.
ARPA	American Rescue Plan Act
BEA	Baseline Environmental Assessment
BEA	Bureau of Economic Analysis. An agency of the U.S. Dept. of Commerce, and is the nation's economic accountant, preparing estimates that illuminate key national, international, and regional aspects of the U.S. economy.
BMP	The term Best Management Practices refers to proper techniques used to restore or manage natural resources, including designs to stop eroding streambanks, restore wetlands or develop habitat in forests or other ecosystems.
BUI	Beneficial Use Impairment. Targets provided by the EPA for watershed improvements.
CAA	County Approval Agency for the EGLE Materials Management Planning Process
CAAA	Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. Federal legislation governing air quality issues in the nation.
CDBG	Community Development Block Grant. Enabled and funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development in 1974 to assist communities responding to local needs.
CDP	Census Designated Place. Delineated for the decennial census as the statistical counterparts of incorporated places. CDPs comprise densely settled concentrations of population that are identifiable by name but are not legally incorporated places.
CEDS	Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. Replaces Overall Economic Development Program (OEDP). Examines economy; describes problems and potentials; lists goals and projects; and provisions for implementing projects.
CHIR	Community Health Innovation Region
CIP	Capital Improvement Plan
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality. A category of federal transportation funding targeted toward projects that reduce traffic congestion or improve air quality in non-attainment or maintenance areas.

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CMI	Clean Michigan Initiative. A bond issue that was passed as proposal C by Michigan voters in November 1998. Approximately \$350 million dollars will be available to fund recreation and environmental management projects statewide.
CO	Carbon Monoxide. One of many pollutants regulated under the CAAA.
COG	Council of Governments
CPI	Consumer Price Index. A measure of the average change over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services.
CTF	Comprehensive Transportation Fund. Approximately 10% of Michigan Transportation Fund (MTF) is set aside for non-highway transportation such as railroads and public transit systems.
CZM	Coastal Zone Management. CZM is a program of NOAA, and the Michigan DEQ administers a CZM federal, pass through grant program.
DBH	Diameter at breast height is a standard method of expressing the diameter of the trunk or bole of a standing tree. DBH is one of the most common dendrometric measurements.
DOI	Department of Interior
DPA	Designated Planning Agency for the EGLE Materials Management Planning Process
DPW	Department of Public Works. Department within many local units of government which deals with infrastructure issues such as water, sewer, and roadways.
E&D	Engineering and Design
EAS	Emergency Alert System. A network of Broadcast Stations and interconnecting facilities that have been authorized by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to operate in a controlled manner during wars, state or public peril or disaster, or other national emergency.
EAP	Estimated Accounts Payable (MDOT)
EDA	Economic Development Administration. Parent organization is the U.S. Dept. of Commerce. EDA provides funding for Community Economic Development projects.
EDD	Economic Development District. A program of the EDA, Dept. of Commerce. A regional development organization representing an area which has high unemployment, low family incomes, or heavy population losses. The area conditions are no longer temporary and have become chronic.
EGLE	Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy. Michigan agency dealing with environmental regulation issues and the protection of natural resources.
EHP	Environmental and Historic Preservation
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement. A study which analyzes the effect of a development on the surrounding environment, including the natural environment as well as the economic and social impacts.
EMHSD	Michigan Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division. The division within the Department of State Police that coordinates the homeland security and emergency management activities (prevention/mitigation, preparedness, response, recovery) of state and local government and maintains the Michigan Emergency Management Plan (MEMP). The commanding officer of the division is designated the Deputy State Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency. Federal agency dealing with environmental regulation issues and the protection of natural resources.
EPA GLNPO	Environmental Protection Agency – Great Lakes National Programs Office

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EPACT	Energy Policy Act of 1992. Federal law which addresses the energy security of the nation.
ESRI	Environmental Systems Research Institute. Software development company producing popular Geographic Information System software products such as ArcMap and ArcOnline.
FAR	Final Acceptance Report. Year-end status report submitted to Michigan Department of Transportation identifying progress made in implementation of contracted work program items.
FAST ACT	Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act. Current Federal transportation bill 2015.
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration. Division of United States Department of Transportation which deals with highways, roads, and related issues.
FTA	Federal Transit Administration. Division of United States Department of Transportation which deals with public transportation issues
FY	Fiscal Year. Cycle on which an agency's accounting records are kept
GIS	Geographic Information System. A way of collecting, organizing, and analyzing information which allows for the production of maps and visual decision-making tools. Has become an integral part of the complex municipal decision-making process
GLC	Great Lakes Commission
GLRCS	Great Lakes Regional Collaboration Strategy
GLWQA	Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement
GPS	Global Positioning System. A method which utilizes satellites and a receiver to precisely determine the location of a point on earth.
GVMC	Grand Valley Metropolitan Council. Intergovernmental planning agency and Metropolitan Planning Organization for the greater Grand Rapids urbanized area.
HFA	Habitat Focus Area
HPMS	Highway Performance Management System.
HTMTS	Harbor Transit Multimodal Transportation System
HUD	Housing and Urban Development. Oversees Community Development Block Grant and HOME programs operated by large communities and non-profits.
HWA	Hemlock Woolly Adelgid
IAM	Integrated Asset Management.
I/M	Inspection/Maintenance. A voluntary or mandated process by which vehicles are inspected and maintenance on emissions systems is recommended as a part of an air quality improvement program
IAWG	Interagency Work Group. Group of federal, state, and MPO staff which take part in the review of the air quality implications of transportation projects.
IJA	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act – also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)
IJC	International Joint Commission
IMAGIN	Improving Michigan's Access to Geographic Information Networks. A statewide organization working to support the development of GIS technology and data sharing efforts in the state.
ISE	Information Sharing Environment
LaMP	Lake Michigan "Lakewide Management Plan"
LEPC	Local Emergency Planning Committee
LMR	Lower Muskegon River
M&A	Management and Administration
MAA	Mutual Aid Agreement

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MACC	Macatawa Area Coordinating Council. Intergovernmental planning agency and Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Holland/Zeeland urbanized area.
MD&A	Management Discussion & Analysis (audit related)
MDNR	Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Michigan agency entrusted with management of natural resources such as parks, wildlife, etc.
MAP	Michigan Association of Planning (formerly MSPO). State organization that exists to promote quality community planning through information, education, and advocacy. Their offices are located in Ann Arbor.
MAR	Michigan Association of Regions. Association of Regional Councils throughout Michigan.
MATS	Muskegon Area Transit System. Primary public transportation provider in Muskegon County, and a service of county government.
MCECC	Muskegon County Environment Coordinating Council
MDARD	Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development
MDOT	Michigan Department of Transportation. State agency with responsibility for roads, transit, rail, air, and other transportation issues.
MEDA	Michigan Economic Developers Association
MEDC	Michigan Economic Development Corporation. Formerly the economic development section of the Michigan Jobs Commission, now a public/private corporation that directs Economic Development at the State level.
MERES	Muskegon Environmental Research & Education Society
MERS	Municipal Employees' Retirement System
MIC	Michigan Infrastructure Council
MICamp	Michigan Communities Association of Mapping Professionals. Non-profit, statewide group that encourages the exchange of ideas, experiences and practical development of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) between all levels of government, non-profits, agencies and the private sector.
MI-HI	Michigan High-Speed Internet Office
MLNP	Muskegon Lake Nature Preserve
MLWP	Muskegon Lake Watershed Partnership. The MLWP is a coalition of community leaders and organizations dedicated to the restoration of the Muskegon Lake watershed. The MLWP is the state and federally recognized Public Advisory Council for the AOC.
MMRMA	Michigan Municipal Risk Management Association
MMP	Materials Management Plan. An EGLE required plan to replace Solid Waster Management Plans based on updated to PA 115 in 2023.
MMPC	Materials Management Planning Committee for the EGLE Materials Management Planning Process.
MNRTF	Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund. Grant program through the Department of Natural Resources used to fund recreation land acquisition and development projects.
MOU/MOA	Memorandum of Understanding/Memorandum of Agreement. A written description of the responsibilities of cooperating agencies. Usually non-binding, the agreements define expectations of the partnership.
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization. Transportation planning agency designated in urbanized areas of the nation. MPO's consider all modes of transportation, and delve into land use planning, economic development, environmental planning, and other disciplines. Existence is mandated by federal law for effective planning and prioritization of transportation funding.
MRWA	Muskegon River Watershed Assembly
MSA	Metropolitan Statistical Area. Relatively free standing metropolitan areas that are not closely associated with other metropolitan areas.

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MSHDA	Michigan State Housing Development Authority. State agency which has bonding authority to finance the production of low-income funding and assists HUD in overseeing CDBG and HOME programs for small Communities and non-profits.
MSP	Michigan State Police
MTF	Michigan Transportation Fund. State fund into which gas tax receipts and vehicle registration fees are deposited. Utilized to fund transportation needs and agencies throughout the state.
MTP	Metropolitan Transportation Plan. A planning document required under federal transportation law which outlines transportation policies and strategies for an urban area over a twenty year horizon.
MTPA	Michigan Transportation Planning Association
NAAQS	National Ambient Air Quality Standard. Pollution standards set by the Environmental Protection Agency to protect public health and provide for the general welfare of citizens. Monitored pollution levels are required to remain within the standard or be further controlled.
NADO	National Association of Development Organizations. National association of organizations dealing with economic development and other local community development issues.
NAICS	North American Industry Classification System. System of classifying all businesses in North America according to their primary product or purpose – formerly Standard Industrial Codes (SIC).
NARC	National Association of Regional Councils. Association of Regional Councils throughout the nation.
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NERRS	Natural Estuary Research Reserve System
NFC	National Functional Classification. Hierarchy of federally classified roads.
NFWF	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization refers to non-profit and other community organizations that do not employ government employees or rely on taxes for base operations. However, the success of many NGOs to carry out their mission, often involves government grants and agency partners.
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. NOAA's mission includes the protection of the nation's water resources and provides grants and resources for fish and wildlife habitat restoration in the Great Lakes.
NOFA	Notice of Funds Available
NOFO	Notice of Funding Opportunity
NPS	Non Point Source refers to land areas such as farms, streets and parking lots where pollutants exist and are washed into storm drains, lakes and streams during rainfall events.
NTD	National Transit Database. Annual reporting requirement of public transit agencies which requires detailed data collection and provides for dissemination of information on transit services in the nation.
O3	Ozone. One of seven pollutants directly monitored by the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. It is the primary ingredient in smog and can cause health problems in some people. Ozone forms when pollutants, primarily from the burning of fossil fuels, mix with sunlight and heat.
OGL	Office of the Great Lakes. The OGL is part of the EGLE. The office is housed in Lansing and includes the CZM and AOC programs. The OGL Director is a Governor appointed cabinet member.
OPT	MDOT Office of Passenger Transit office dealing with public transportation and transit issues.

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PAC	Public Advisory Council
PASER	Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating. A visual survey method for evaluating the condition of roads.
PM 10	Particulate Matter less than 10 microns in size. One of seven pollutants monitored by the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. About the width of a human hair, PM10 can come from dusty roads, burning, or other sources. It can cause irritation in some persons.
PM2.5	Particulate Matter less than 2.5 microns in size. A subset of particulate matter pollutants which is now being monitored under the EPA's new NAAQS put in place in 1997. Its primary source is the burning of fossil fuels.
PMS	Pavement Management System. A tool used to collect and analyze information about a system of roadways. It provides support for decision making and helps to optimize investments.
PSA	Public Service Announcement. Generally, a radio or television advertisement focusing on an issue of public health, safety, or other concern.
QAPP	Quality Assurance Project Plan
RAP	Remedial Action Plan
REIS	Regional Economic Information System. Information available on CD-ROM that contains personal income estimates for specified years for counties, metropolitan areas, states, and the United States.
RFP	Request for Proposals
RFQP	Request for Qualifications/Proposals
RPA / O	Regional Planning Agency or Regional Planning Organization.
RPI	Regional Prosperity Initiative.
RTF	Rural Task Force
RTTF14	Rural Transportation Task Force 14. The Task Force plans for the transportation needs and selects road construction, maintenance, and transit projects within the counties of Lake, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo and Oceana.
RWP	Regional Transportation Planning Work Program. Annual document produced to identify work elements which will be undertaken in the WMSRDC's Regional Transportation Program.
SDNT	Service Development & New Technology (MDOT)
SEMCOG	Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. One of fourteen Statewide Regional Planning and Development Commissions serving the Counties of Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, St. Clair, Livingston, Washtenaw, and Monroe. Also, the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Greater Detroit area.
SHPO	State Historic Preservation Office
SIB	State Infrastructure Bank. A low-interest revolving loan fund housed within the Michigan Department of Transportation for use in funding local transportation projects.
SIC	Standard Industrial Codes. A system of coding and categorizing all businesses by the primary type of work performed. Replaced by the NAICS system.
SIP	State Implementation Plan. Mandated state plan which identifies air quality issues in the state and identifies implementation steps that will be taken in accordance with the CAAA and the NAAQS to remedy the problem.
SS4A	Safety funding category under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)
SSCC	Specialized Services Coordinating Committee of Muskegon County. A committee of transportation providers and users which discusses the needs of special needs populations and advises on improvements to the public transportation systems in the area.

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STIP	State Transportation Improvement Program. Statewide transportation programming document that details how federal transportation funding will be utilized in the coming three year period.
STBG	Surface Transportation Block Grant
STP Rural	Surface Transportation Program – Rural. A category of federal transportation funding for use in rural areas with under 50,000 population.
STP Urban	Surface Transportation Program – Urban. The most flexible category of federal transportation funding. Is primarily used in the urban area for roadway improvements, but can also be used for studies, transit, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and in rural areas.
STP Safety	Surface Transportation Program – Safety. Federal funding category specifically for traffic safety improvements.
SWFI	Sustainable Watershed Funding Initiative
TAMC	Transportation Asset Management Council
TAP	Transportation Alternatives Program
TCM	Transportation Control Measures
TDM	Travel Demand Management. Strategies that can be implemented to improve traffic flow without additional expensive construction. Includes the institution of transit, carpooling, telecommuting, flexible work hours, and other tools.
TEDF (A, C, D, E, F)	Transportation Economic Development Fund, categories A, C, D, E, and F. A category of transportation funding provided by the State of Michigan for funding transportation projects directly related to economic development. Each category has specific requirements.
TIP	Transportation Improvement Program. Three year programming document in urban areas that details projects on which federal transportation funding will be spent.
TMA	Transportation Management Area. A Metropolitan Planning Organization in an area with a population greater than 200,000, and with greater responsibilities than a small MPO.
TMS	Transportation Management Systems. A set of analysis tools utilized by transportation planners to assist in decision making.
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
USFS	United States Forest Service
USFWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
UWP	Unified Transportation Planning Work Program. Annual document produced to identify work elements which will be undertaken in the WMSRDC's Metropolitan Planning Organization transportation program.
WAMC	Water Asset Management Council.
WESTPLAN METRO	The West Michigan Metropolitan Transportation Planning Program (WestPlan) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is the designated MPO for the Muskegon Urbanized Area. WestPlan provides direction for the development and conduct of the transportation planning process in the Muskegon Urbanized Area which includes the urbanized portions of Muskegon County and northwest Ottawa County.
WMCAC	West Michigan Clean Air Coalition. Coalition of business, government, education, and others working for the improvement of air quality in West Michigan through the promotion of voluntary activities.
WMPA	West Michigan Prosperity Alliance.

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WMSCCC	West Michigan Shoreline Clean Cities Coalition. Program sponsored by the WMSRDC to promote the development of an alternative fuels market in the region, in cooperation with the US Department of Energy Clean Cities program.
WMSRDC	West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission. One of fourteen Statewide Regional Planning and Development Commissions serving the Counties of Lake, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, and Oceana. Provides services in housing, economic development, transportation, land use, data, and other areas.
WMWC	West Michigan Watershed Collaborative
WMWP	West Michigan Watershed Partners

MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF REGIONS MEMBERS

REGION 1 SEMOG	Southeast Michigan Council of Governments
REGION 2 R2PC	Region 2 Planning Commission
REGION 3 SCMPC	Southcentral Michigan Planning Council
REGION 4 SWMPC	Southwest Michigan Planning Commission
REGION 5 GLSPDC	GLS Planning Development Commission
REGION 6 TCRPC	Tri-County Regional Planning Commission
REGION 7 EMCOG	East Michigan Council of Governments
REGION 8 WMRPC	West Michigan Regional Planning Commission
REGION 9 NEMCOG	Northeast Michigan Council of Government
REGION 10 NETWORKS NW	Networks Northwest
REGION 11 EUPRPDC	Eastern UP Regional Planning and Development Commission
REGION 12 CUPPAD	Central UP Planning and Development Regional Commission
REGION 13 WUPPDR	Western UP Planning and Development Regional Commission
REGION 14 WMSRDC	West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission