

Greetings!

As an advocate for community health and active transportation, I wanted to alert you to some free upcoming educational opportunities being offered by the Michigan Association of Planning (MAP) in partnership with the Michigan Safe Routes to School Program and the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Transportation Bonanza is a day-long virtual conference scheduled for **Wednesday, February 16, 2022**, that focuses on current transportation issues. The sponsors of this event are working in partnership with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to provide programming targeted to health advocates interested in learning more about the linkage between active transportation and public health. The registration fee of \$45 is waived for the first 45 registrants.

This year's Transportation Bonanza program will feature a session by Charles T. Brown, founder of Equitable Cities, who will speak about ways to move to implementation of policies focused on transportation, health, and equity. In addition, a special health track will feature sessions on Blue Zones, integrating health data into transportation planning and Safe Routes to School success stories.

Health professionals who register for Transportation Bonanza are also invited to a special virtual presentation on **March 17, 2022, from 2-3:30 pm** to learn more about Michigan Fitness Foundation's Promoting Active Communities (PAC) Assessment, a tool that can help communities better understand their barriers to active living and solutions to those barriers. Attendees will learn about how this tool can be the catalyst to implement important change in their community, such as developing improved active transportation infrastructure, increasing physical activity, and enhancing community connections.

During this training, you will hear about the PAC from Mary Moomaw, Michigan Fitness Foundation Senior Project Manager, Kerri Vasold, MFF Evaluation Specialist, and Jill Myer, Public Health Program Supervisor with Kent County.

To register, go to [Transportation Bonanza \(planningmi.org\)](https://planningmi.org) and click on the Register Now button. When you are asked to pay, use the promo code **Health2022** to waive the registration fee.

Please feel free to contact myself, Katie Alexander or Wendy Rampson, if you have any questions.

We hope you will join us!