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Upcoming Meetings & Events

- **February 16, 6:30-8:30 PM, Letts CC**
Public Workshop Topic: Economic Development
- **February 18, 6:00-6:30 PM, Foster CC**
Open House - view draft of Non-Motorized Plan
- **February 18, 6:30-8:30 PM, Foster CC**
Topic: Transportation
- **February 23, 6:30-8:30 PM, South Side CC**
Topic: Land Use
- **Rescheduled Green Infrastructure meeting:**
March 4, 6:30-8:30 PM
Room 209, Foster Community Center
For anyone interested in non-motorized issues that cannot attend the Transportation meeting, this topic will also be included in the Green Infrastructure meeting.

A Tale of Two Cities?

As we have had conversations about Lansing around town, one thing that has become obvious is Lansing is like two cities in one! Many people we talk to love their neighborhood. Those who live in one part of town, typically appreciate the "small town" feel or the wide lots and curving streets and suburban character in their area. Those from an older neighborhood like the urban characteristics of houses on small lots and the walkable convenience. What our planning will address is not how to make the two more alike, but how to make each better, while creating a cohesive community.

The current conditions tell us that past practices are not sustainable and we need to be more thoughtful in how we move toward becoming an appealing viable 21st century city. The success of Lansing will ride on the ability of our citizens and leaders to guide us through the coming changes, with creativity and flexibility.

How Do I Love Thee, Let Me Count The Ways!

The things that people like about Lansing:

- **Parks:** All parks! Rivertrail, Zoo, and Hawk Island were the most frequently mentioned.
- **Convenience:** Short commutes, and lots to do nearby!
- **Historic Architecture:** We love the Capitol, old churches, old houses, and those beautiful little BWL pumping stations around town!
- **Our Neighborhoods:** We love the sense of community our neighborhoods provide.

What Else Is Going On...

Tri-County Regional Planning Office completed the Regional Growth Project in 2005, two implementation activities based on it can be found here:

<http://www.mitrpc.org/pdfs/Growth%20Project%20Summary.pdf>

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"What gets us into trouble isn't what we don't know, it's what we know for sure that just ain't so."

~ Yogi Berra



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