

Navigating Tomorrow : Amy O'Leary's Visionary Leadership in Regional Planning

A standout leader in this arena is Amy O'Leary, whose role as the Executive Director of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) has significantly impacted regional planning and transportation in the Detroit area.

SEMCOG, a crucial organization in Southeast Michigan, plays a pivotal role in fostering collaborative planning, programming, and policymaking in the region. It serves as a vital forum where leaders and policymakers come together to address the pressing issues facing Southeast Michigan, including transportation, environmental concerns, and economic development. Under Amy O'Leary's leadership, SEMCOG has become an instrumental force in shaping a more connected and sustainable future for the region.

Before ascending to her current role as Executive Director, O'Leary's journey with SEMCOG saw her deeply involved in various aspects of regional planning and development. Her comprehensive understanding of the challenges and opportunities in Southeast Michigan has been critical in driving SEMCOG's initiatives forward.

At SMART, we greatly value the collaborative relationship we have with SEMCOG, and O'Leary's leadership has been instrumental in strengthening this partnership. Her visionary approach to regional transportation planning aligns with SMART's mission to provide efficient, effective, and equitable transit services. O'Leary's work in coordinating regional transit initiatives helps ensure that our services meet the broader goals of connectivity, accessibility, and regional prosperity.

Amy O'Leary's impact extends beyond her executive responsibilities. She is a proponent of inclusive and comprehensive planning, ensuring that diverse voices and perspectives are considered in SEMCOG's strategies. This commitment to inclusivity is a testament to her understanding that effective regional planning must reflect the needs of all community members.

Our "Women In Transit" campaign at SMART is proud to recognize the remarkable contributions of leaders like Amy O'Leary. Her dedication to enhancing regional coordination and her forward-thinking leadership in SEMCOG are vital in shaping a more cohesive and resilient Southeast Michigan.

As we celebrate Women's Month, let's acknowledge the significant strides Amy O'Leary and her peers have made in transit and regional planning. Their leadership not only influences our current landscape but also charts a course for future generations. We are inspired by Amy O'Leary's vision and commitment and look forward to continuing our collaborative efforts to make Southeast Michigan a thriving, connected, and sustainable region.