



Feb. 13, 2020

Dear Chairman Hertel, Jr., Co-Chairs Lightner and Witwer and Capitol Caucus members,

The Capital Council of Governments (CAPCOG) appreciate your leadership and relentless advocacy for our region. We are excited that the \$7.6 million Coleman Road extension project will be completed this spring. Also, we were thrilled the \$40 million Heritage Hall project moved forward at the Michigan State Capitol Building. Lastly, the recent revision of MDOT's five-year plan accelerating more than \$400 million in additional projects for our region, including our top regional highway priority – U.S. 127/I-496, will benefit our region greatly. These items are terrific examples of regional cooperation between state and local units of government.

As we did last year, please find infrastructure budget requests from Clinton, Eaton and Ingham counties below. We hope the Capitol Caucus will adopt these requests as their priorities at the state level and provide these to the Governor's Budget Office.

Regional Infrastructure Budget Requests

1. Clinton County

- **\$6.5 million** – Chandler Road extension continuation.
- **\$4 million** – Dewitt Road (State Road to Stoll Road) realignment to accommodate local congestion and travels to the Capitol Region International Airport.

2. Eaton County

- **\$2-4 million (estimated)** – Crandell Lake Park development.
- **\$1-2 million** – Existing park system development, specifically Waverly Road Bike/Pedestrian Trail and deferred maintenance.
- **\$1.4 million** – Battle Creek Highway (south of Charlotte) continuation of current project. This is now included in multi-year project schedule waiting on future appropriation.
- **\$2 million** – Mount Hope Road/Nixon Road (in front of new Delta Township). This is now included in multi-year project over three years schedule waiting on future appropriations.
- **\$1.2 million** – Non-motorized “buggy” lane on Vermontville Highway between Chester Road and Main Street in Vermontville Village.
- **\$2 million** – Road and drain improvements in the vicinity of the intersection of Canal and Columbia Highways. (Eaton Rapids Township.).

- **\$3 million** – Road, drain and wetland improvements to Five Point Highway (south of Charlotte) (Carmel and Walton Townships).
- **\$500,000** – County-wide sustainability planning.

3. Ingham County

- **\$250,000** – Upgraded radios for non-emergency users on new emergency radio network.
- **\$2.5 million** – Ingham County Fair Grandstand.
- **\$3.5 million** – Reconstruction of the Rayner Creek drain to alleviate flooding and address water issues at the Ingham County Fairgrounds.
- **\$125,000** – Human Services building parking lot rehabilitation.
- **\$64,000** – Veterans Memorial Courthouse and Grady Porter building updates, includes parking lot rehabilitation and replacement of a sewage ejector pump.
- **\$8.75 - \$17.25 million** – Unfunded annual need to improve general road network. This range is based on modeling to achieve fair, better or best county road network conditions over a 10-year period.
- **\$3.5 million** – Bennett Road Extension between College Road and Collins Road. This project would improve traffic flow related to the new McLaren Hospital.
- **\$3.5 million** – Michigan State University (MSU) to Lake Lansing parks. This trail will provide a safe and enjoyable path for non-motorized users between MSU and Meridian Township and will be user friendly to people of all ages and abilities.
- **\$8 million** – Holt to Mason Trail completion. Various easements, acquisitions and a safe pedestrian crossing over the highway will provide a highly sought-after safe route between Holt and Mason and trail users coming from Lansing.
- **\$1 million** – Red Cedar Water Trail.
- **\$3 million** – Ram Trail to Burchfield Park. The Ram Trail will provide connectivity to the local Sycamore Trail and Lansing River Trail.
- **\$2 million** – Lansing River Trail Extension. This extension would allow safe access to not only Tecumseh Park, creating another destination for trail users but also connecting the neighborhoods adjacent to the park and river trail.

More detailed descriptions for these projects are available by contacting:

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