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The Honorable Patty Murray, Chairman
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Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development
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Dear Chairmen, Vice Chairman, and Ranking Member,

As your subcommittee begins to draft its appropriations bill for fiscal year 2010, we respectfully request your consideration of the following projects. These projects meet a local, state, or national public need and maintain or create jobs.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary of Transportation

MTU - Transportation Applications of Restricted Use Technology, Houghton, MI
Transportation Planning, Research and Development

We request $3,000,000 for Michigan Technological University for the MTU - Transportation Applications of Restricted Use Technology Project. The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Michigan Tech Research Institute (MTRI) are engaged in a 21-month effort to explore how satellite and other remote sensing data can address the needs of the Michigan Department of Transportation. This study, which ended in May 2007, combines data from fine detail, high-resolution remote sensing systems and other assets with advanced geospatial analysis techniques to examine transportation concerns. Phase I demonstrates the usefulness of restricted use technology in the transportation arena. Phase II will provide real benefits to MDOT and other transportation agencies by converting demonstrated benefits from Phase I into operational methods and tools.

Federal Aviation Administration

Air Traffic Control Tower - Terminal Radar Area Control (TRACON) Facility, Lansing, MI
Facilities & Equipment

We request $5,000,000 for The Capital Region Airport Authority for the first phase of the project -- site selection for the replacement of the existing Air Traffic Control Tower and TRACON facility at the Capital Region International Airport. The current facility is over 50 years old with minimal upgrades since it was originally constructed. The current facility is too short to enable safe and effective air traffic controls at this rapidly evolving international airport. The facility is located in the Airport's terminal building that is scheduled to be replaced. The new terminal building will be located on the east side of the airport, necessitating the relocation of the ATCT/TRACON facility at that time. The new ATCT Facility is also necessary to ensure the retention of 30 highly valued FAA jobs at the Airport.

Oakland County International Airport Terminal Building, Pontiac, MI
Facilities and Equipment

We request $5,000,000 for the Oakland County Department of Central Services for the Oakland County International Airport Terminal Building project. This project replaces Oakland County International Airport's obsolete terminal building. The existing terminal is inefficient, has leaky windows, asbestos and is not compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The new terminal will be smaller and will use wind power generated technology to create electrical power. Geothermal wells will heat and cool the building. The "green" terminal will be the first LEED facility in the county. This new airport terminal is vital to the economic success of the county and the region. This project will create jobs immediately through design and construction and later through increased economic development, especially in distressed areas around the airport.

W.K. Kellogg Airport Mass Grading Project, Battle Creek, MI
RED

We request $1,500,000 for the W.K. Kellogg Airport for the mass grading project. There are 125 acres of land on the west side of the Airport that have rail access and convenient interstate access. This area has been cleared of trees, however, the land is very uneven and must be balanced in order to be suitable for development. With the completion of the new parallel runway, the Kellogg Airport will have additional capacity to safely add airport traffic. Utilities can also be easily extended to serve this area.

Cherry Capital Airport Runway 10/28 Taxiway G, A, D Extensions, Traverse City, MI
AIP

We request $5,000,000 for the Cherry Capital Airport to extend Runway 10/28 and supporting taxiways to meet the current and future needs of the aircraft operating at Cherry Capital Airport. The master plan indicates a need to expand the runway to support the community both from a

safety and a financial standing. Cherry Capital Airport serves as the primary commercial service airport in the northwestern portion of Michigan's Lower Peninsula. The Cherry Capital Airport's impact on the economy is $186 million dollars according to the State Community Benefits Assessment. This project allows Cherry Capital Airport to meet the operating requirements of the current and future aircraft operating at the Airport.

Coleman A Young Airport - Rehabilitate Taxiway A and East End Runway, Detroit, MI
AIP

We request $2,000,000 for the Coleman A. Young Airport to Rehabilitate Taxiway A and East End Runway. The funds will be used to update and complete pre-planning documents for the proposed Runway 15/33 replacement runway. Funding would also allow for mill and removal of pavement, lighting (as needed) and replacement in accordance with FAA design and construction standards. Current pavement is at the end of its useful life in accordance with state published pavement indexes.

Sawyer International Airport - Purchase of Snow Removal Equipment, Gwinn, MI
AIP

We request $1,500,000 for Sawyer International Airport for the purchase of snow removal equipment for the airport. This equipment includes a new snowblower, material spreaders and equipment to apply de-icing and/or anti-icing chemicals to the runway and taxiways during the period of the winter season when freezing rain occurs making braking action conditions for aircraft very difficult. These conditions result in a cancellation of all aircraft/airline operations until airfield pavement and braking actions improve to resume flight operations. Sawyer International Airport averages well over 200 inches of snowfall per winter season.

Sawyer International Airport - Runway Pavement Reconstruction (Concrete Slab Replacement), Gwinn, MI
AIP

We request $1,500,000 for Sawyer International Airport for the Runway Pavement Reconstruction Concrete Slab Replacement Project. The funds will pay for airfield improvements to include continued runway concrete pavement slab reconstruction to Sawyer's one and only runway. This will allow county and airport officials to complete a Letter of Correction issued by the FAA to Sawyer in November 2006.

Sawyer International Airport- Airfield Taxiway Lighting Improvements and Lighting Vault, Gwinn, MI
AIP

We request $3,400,000 for Sawyer International Airport for the Airfield Taxiway Lighting Improvements and Lighting Vault Project. This project includes construction improvements associated with the airfield taxiway lighting system and construction of an on-airfield lighting vault with emergency backup power generation. This project will provide energy efficient taxiway lighting fixtures, proper drainage, system controls, and grounding protection from

summer-season lightning strikes, complete with the construction of a new lighting vault to replace the lighting vault constructed during the late 1950's for the USAF.

Federal Highway Administration

Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority Public Dock & Terminal Project
Ferry Boats and Ferry Terminal Facilities

We request $2,850,000 for the Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority for the Public Dock and Terminal Project. The funds would allow the Port Authority to commence construction on the off-shore wharf component to this project. The balance of $3,150,000 will be sought in FY11. The Port Authority has estimated this project will sustain or generate approximately 200 jobs, through architectural, engineering, construction and testing contracts. The project is designed to not only harbor and attract Great Lakes cruise ships, but also other vessels, including naval frigates, historical tall ships, tour boats and dinner cruisers that require dock space with public access.

St. Mary's River Ferry System Refurbish,Repair, and Upgrade, Sault Sainte Marie, MI
Ferry Boats and Ferry Terminal Facilities

We request $800,000 for Eastern Upper Peninsula Transportation Authority for the St. Mary's River ferry system refurbish/repair/upgrade. The funds would pay to refurbish propulsion systems on ferry vessels, refurbish engine and rudder compartments to include sand blasting and paint,and upgrade vessels and docks.

Belleville Road/Ecorse Road Intersection, Wayne County, Michigan
TCSP

We request $1,185,000 for Wayne County, Michigan for the Belleville Road/Ecorse Road Intersection project. This project will complete the reconfiguration and reconstruction of the intersection of Belleville and Ecorse Roads in Van Buren Township. A key component of Wayne County's economic growth strategy is to attract high-technology industrial and commercial development to the Belleville and Ecorse Corridors, which provide direct access and an intermodal link to the Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport, the Willow Run airport, I-94, I-275, and the Canadian border. The current configuration of the convergence of four-lane Belleville Road, four-lane boulevard Ecorse Road, and its service roads at this intersection creates safety and congestion issues and is a major operational barrier to national and international truck traffic and commuters.

Buena Vista Township Roadway & Streetscape Improvements, Buena Vista, MI
TCSP

We request $2,800,000 for Buena Vista Charter Township for the Buena Vista Township Roadway and Streetscape Improvements project. Buena Vista seeks federal transportation

resources for new roadways and streetscape improvements needed for the economic revitalization of a long-blighted mall in the heart of the downtown. The mall is slated for a new community college campus focused on green technology and advanced medical technology programs. However, without resources for transportation infrastructure improvements, the Township will struggle to address the challenges at the site and complete redevelopment.

City of Detroit Entertainment District Street Improvements, Detroit, MI
TCSP

We request $5,000,000 for the City of Detroit Entertainment District for reconstruction and improvement to two thoroughfares. This project will improve access to and circulation within the district: Madison Avenue entering from the I-375 freeway and extending east to the center of the district and Grand Circus Park and Park Ave from Grand Circus Park to the I- 75 freeway to the north. The improvements include demolition of existing but inadequate infrastructure, the construction of new concrete and asphalt sidewalks and streets, landscape and irrigation, streetscape amenities, utility relocation and upgrades to lighting. The improvements will support considerable private investment, both past and present, as well as the 10 million annual visitors to the area.

City of Flint Police Department Safe Highway Initiative, Flint, MI
TCSP

We request $250,000 for the City of Flint to purchase permanent, electric programmable cautionary signs to alert motorists of dangerous conditions when warranted to make the roadway safer. The City of Flint has I-475 that runs the length of its border from north to south. This section of highway is extremely dangerous due to several factors. There is a large portion of this roadway that is elevated and also curved during these elevations. These two factors contribute to very slippery travel surfaces that result in numerous crashes of motor vehicles. During 2007 and 2008 there were 674 reported crashes on this section of roadway.

City of Negaunee, Croix Street Reconstruction, Completion of Phases I & II, Negaunee, MI
TCSP

We request $2,000,000 for the City of Negaunee to complete comprehensive roadway safety improvements along the entire length of Croix Street from both intersections with U.S. Highway 41. Croix Street is a major community thoroughfare which has existed in a state of disrepair for some time. The project allows City officials to efficiently address long term safety and traffic flow issues.

Detroit Economic Growth Corporation Infrastructure Improvements Program, Detroit, MI
TCSP

We request $1,500,000 for the Detroit Economic Growth Corporation for infrastructure improvements. Specifically, funding will be used to replace aging and outdated infrastructure in

the City with a focus on the East Riverfront redevelopment area, one of the City's highest economic development priorities, and other strategically located commercial development areas. The project will focus on planning, design, and development of the East Riverfront to replace and repair 80 to100 year old utilities, roads and sidewalks, and for landscaping. Planned improvements are projected to attract over 1,000 new jobs by granting access to strategic development locations.

Detroit Region Aerotropolis Mobility and Connectivity Study, Wayne County, MI
TCSP

We request $2,400,000 for Wayne County for the Detroit Region Aerotropolis Mobility and Connectivity Study. Wayne County recently completed a study identifying infrastructure improvements necessary to support the Aerotropolis. Projects included increasing capacity by widening Ecorse, Sibley and the other Aerotropolis ring roads from two to four lanes and intersection improvements connecting to I-94 and I-275. Highway improvements will facilitate access to the Aerotropolis, the Willow Run cargo airport and rail terminals. This request is to fund a planning study to prioritize and phase the highway improvements, identify environmental requirements and determining design preliminary engineering and costs.

Detroit Riverfront Conservancy Riverwalk Development, Detroit, MI
TCSP

We request $5,000,000 for the The Detroit Riverfront Conservancy for the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy Riverwalk Development project. This project will provide public access to the water's edge for the enjoyment of the general public in perpetuity. The requested funds will go towards sidewalk and pathway improvements, railing, lighting, landscaping, seawall, plazas and pavilion structures along the Detroit River. The Conservancy has expended millions of dollars redeveloping the riverfront and will contribute funds to this project. This investment will continue to create numerous jobs in an economically depressed area. The creation of public greenspaces will energize Detroit's economic redevelopment efforts. The Conservancy's Riverfront project is part of the city's broader east riverfront district, with more than $500 million in new, private investment.

Grosse Ile Parkway/West Jefferson Roadway Rehabilitation, Detroit, MI
TCSP

We request $480,000 for Wayne County, Michigan to design and rehabilitate the Gross Ile Parkway and West Jefferson Roadways in the City of Trenton, Michigan. The project includes an extension of an insufficient right turn lane, traffic signal modernization and interconnection, drainage deficiency correction and pavement surface improvement. Approximately 22,000 vehicles per day use Grosse Ile Parkway and another 10,000 per day use West Jefferson. As there are only two access points to the island community of Grosse Ile, the improvements to these intersections and roadways will enhance the transportation system for the residents and business patrons of Gross Ile and also the visitors and users of the County's Elizabeth Park Marina located east of the West Jefferson intersection.

Iron Ore Heritage Trail, Marquette, MI
TCSP

We request $1,300,000 for the Lake Superior Community Partnership for the Iron Ore Heritage Trail. The Iron Ore Heritage Trail is a 48-mile, multi-use, year-round transportation and recreational corridor that connects Marquette County's most populated areas while interpreting our nationally significant iron mining heritage through signage, web site, wikis, podcasting, museums, guides, brochures, and other technologies. The trail reaching from Republic to Chocolay Township will consist of a combination of pavement and aggregate surfacing depending upon location. Users of the trail system have been identified as: walkers, bikers, inline skaters, cross country skiers, equestrians, ATVers, snowmobilers, wildlife viewers, and history buffs. The trail will be managed locally by the Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority and will contribute to the economic growth of Marquette and the Upper Peninsula.

Lake St. Clair Lake Shore Drive Improvements Study, Wayne County, MI
TCSP

We request $800,000 for Wayne County, MI for a Lake St. Clair Lake Shore Drive Improvements Study. The funding will complete a study of improvements to Lake St. Clair Lake Shore Drive and an adjacent seawall that are required to preserve the road and protect it from collapse into the Lake. Lake Shore Drive connects eastern Wayne and Macomb Counties to Downtown Detroit. The road is used by both commuters and residents and provides the only access to nearby hospitals and emergency services. Continued deterioration of the adjacent seawall, exacerbated by ice floes, is eroding the shoreline and undermining the highway pavement support structure. Reconstruction is necessary to prevent failure, collapse, and closure of Lake St. Clair Shore Drive.

Lansing Washington Street Revitalization, Lansing, MI
TCSP

We request $2,730,000 for the City of Lansing for the Washington Street Revitalization project. Lansing is underway with a project to improve and enhance a 5-block section of Washington Street between Allegan Street and St. Joe Street in the heart of downtown. The City would take advantage of required subsurface work as part of the Combined Sewer Overflow improvement program to revitalize the Washington Street Corridor to boost economic development, tourism, public safety and walkability. The project will include road, intersection, and sidewalk improvements; installation of rain gardens; sanitary and storm sewer upgrades; wayfinding signage; new paid parking technology; and streetscaping improvements.

Michigan State Trust For Railway Preservation Vocational Student Education, Owosso, MI
TCSP

We request $200,000 for the Michigan State Trust for Railway Preservation to re-install historic machine tools from the former Ann Arbor Railway backshop, and expand existing shop and maintenance space for historic rail equipment. This project is an educational platform for

vocational students and interns who wish to learn current and historic machine tool practices. This project would supplement an on-going relationship between the Michigan State Trust for Railway Preservation, Baker College of Owosso and Burton, and several local high schools and school districts, and supply a needed educational space for learning the lost-art education of reading blueprints and operating historic machinery.

TCAT-Traffic Crash Analysis Tool/Traffic Improvement Association (TIA), Sylvan Lake, MI
TCSP

We request $350,000 for the Traffic Improvement Association for the traffic crash analysis tool project. This project will increase safety, decrease congestion caused by accidents, enhance engineering and save lives. The funding will pay for a 12 to 18 month project that will upgrade and allow TIA to expand the benefits of TCAT throughout Michigan. The funding would support equipment upgrades, providing: necessary software changes for new reports; statewide traffic crash report format changes; inclusion of a statewide report; new enhancements to the collision diagram report; and other technology improvements to collect traffic crash data electronically. Upon completion, all cities and road commissions in Michigan will be able to access TCAT data and analysis to help improve safety in their communities.

Transportation Operations Center, Wayne County, Michigan
TCSP

We request $800,000 for Wayne County, Michigan for a transportation operations center. The request establishes a Transportation Operations Center (TOC) in the county to centrally manage, integrate and control ITS improvements that have been installed and deployed throughout the County. The TOC will also help the county coordinate with the MDOT, Macomb, Oakland and Detroit Metropolitan Airport TOCs, increasing safety and efficiency, reducing congestion and vehicle emissions and providing real-time information to travelers throughout the region. Completion of the Wayne County TOC is the only remaining link to completely integrate the regional system.

Williams and Front Street Upgrades, Ovid, MI
TCSP

We request $248,000 for the Village of Ovid for Williams and Front Street upgrades. The funds will improve Williams Street, replace an aging road culvert and realign the turn and intersection above the culvert. Additionally, this request would improve 5 to10 miles of Front Street so that it can be a second access to the Michigan Milk Producers Association (MMPA) plant. When MMPA completes its expansion in 2010, truck traffic to the plant will increase by 50-75 percent to 270 to 320 trucks per day. Improving plant access and having a second usuable access will allow the plant to continue to receive raw milk from the farmers and ship out product without interruption. If the plant does not operate, milk from 1,500 farmers will not processed and must be dumped on the ground, in violation of DEQ regulations.

Woodward Avenue Façade improvements, Highland Park, MI
TCSP

We request $1,000,000 for the City of Highland Park for Woodward Avenue facade improvements. Woodward Avenue has been designated a National Scenic Byway. This project will renovate the stretch of Woodward that runs through the City of Highland Park by refacing and replacing storefronts, improving and replacing lighting, and resurfacing the street as needed.

Woodward Avenue Historic Research, Royal Oak, MI
TCSP

We request $100,000 for the Woodward Avenue Action Association for Woodward Avenue Historic Research. Funding is being requested to research, document, and prepare for state registry sites that are an integral and significant resource to the auto heritage story. Minimal research has been conducted on byway automobile heritage sites and buildings. As a result, many have been demolished out of ignorance because it appeared to be a plain factory building and its beginnings of historical significance were unknown. Information and historic designation is lacking on numerous sites that we know are important to the auto heritage story such as the first Cadillac Plant, the Davison Freeway (first urban expressway) and the Labor Building. Without adequate documentation and understanding of their importance, these sites are at risk of demolition.

Woodward Avenue Welcome Center, Royal Oak
TCSP

We request $2,000,000 for the Woodward Avenue Action Association for a Woodward Avenue Welcome Center for visitors. In 2002, Woodward Avenue was designated Michigan's first National Scenic Byway by FHWA, recognizing the globally important heritage of this roadway, in particular the birthplace of the automobile industry. The Woodward Avenue Action Association has developed various tourism products for the byway, including maps, travel itineraries, audio tours and merchandise. This project will provide a physical facility where visitors can orient themselves; obtain tourism information to plan their visit; experience interpretive displays; make reservations and obtain tickets for venues; enjoy videos of Woodward's heritage; board tours buses; and purchase souvenirs.

Wyandotte Municipal Services Green Utility Vehicle Fleet, Wyandotte, MI
TCSP

We request $1,000,000 for Wyandotte Municipal Services (WMS) for a Green Utility Vehicle Fleet. This project will design, engineer, and construct three plug-in hybrid electric charging stations in prominent spots in the community. Wyandotte will also replace 20 deteriorating, petroleum fueled fleet vehicles with cleaner, fuel-efficient vehicles. Seven of the newly acquired vehicles will be used as staff vehicles. Twelve of the vehicles will be working vehicles used to inspect service lines, utility substations and meters. The remaining vehicle will be a heavy vehicle with a "cherry picker" crane attached that will be used to repair downed lines

and other elevated infrastructure. WMS's need to replace aging vehicles creates an opportunity to pursue environmental and economic innovation through fleet conversion.

Bay City - Johnson Street Reconstruction (Center Avenue to Columbus Avenue), Bay City, MI
STP

We request $2,668,397 for the City of Bay City for the Bay City - Johnson Street Reconstruction (Center Avenue to Columbus Avenue). This road is approximately 0.509 miles long and the average daily traffic on this road is 6,719 vehicles per day. The current pavement rating score for most of this road is two out of ten (ten being best) which indicates that this facility is a candidate for reconstruction. Bay Regional Medical Center and Bay City Central High School are both directly served by this section of road.

Bay City - Lincoln Street Reconstruction (22nd Street to Fremont Street), Bay City, MI
STP

We request $2,623,416 for the City of Bay City for the Bay City - Lincoln Street Reconstruction (22nd Street to Fremont Street) Project. This road is approximately 0.495 miles long and the average daily traffic on this road is 3,388 vehicles per day. The current pavement rating score for this road ranges from two to four out of ten which varies by location. These ratings indicate that this facility is a candidate for reconstruction. Portions of this road are in extremely poor condition. This section of roadway serves the Peavey Company and Do-All, Incorporated. The estimated cost to reconstruct this section of road is $2,623,416.

Bay City - Trumbull Street Reconstruction (Center Avenue to Woodside Avenue), Bay City, MI
STP

We request $3,212,196 for the City of Bay City for the reconstruction of Bay City - Trumbbull Street from Center Avenue to Woodside Avenue. This road is approximately 0.656 miles long and the average daily traffic on this road is 17,789 vehicles per day. The current pavement rating score for this road is three out of ten which indicates that this facility is a candidate for reconstruction. This section of road connects travelers to the Independence Bridge and M-15 and is a major north-south route through the city.

City of Ann Arbor Northwest Neighborhood and Gutter Improvements, Ann Arbor, MI
STP

We request $3,000,000 for the City of Ann Arbor to repave approximately one mile of a five-lane thoroughfare that is badly deteriorating; rebuild two bridges that must be replaced due to deterioration; construct new underground utility systems; and add bike lanes and LED street lighting.

City of Brighton, NW Neighborhood and Gutter Improvements, Brighton, MI
STP

We request $2,300,000 for the City of Brighton for NW Neighborhood and Gutter Improvements. This project involves the reconstruction of residential streets in the NW quadrant of the City's core downtown and old residential neighborhood to add curb and gutter and storm sewers to the area. Houses and streets were originally constructed in the early 1900's without storm sewer and storm drainage. A storm sewer was started in 1997 and completed in 2004 to serve as the outlet sewer for this area in preparation of adding storm sewers to this neighborhood.

City of Coloma, East St. Joseph Street Reconstruction, Coloma, MI
STP

We request $304,000 for the City of Coloma for the reconstruction of East St. Joseph Street (Red Arrow Highway). This street is an Urban Minor Arterial along the I-94 Highway corridor. The roadway is currently in poor condition and is at the end of its useful life cycle. The road reconstruction would include placing curb and gutter, additional drainage, and sidewalks. The roadway is on the federally eligible routes map.

City of Detroit - Pedestrian Crosswalks, Detroit, MI
STP

We request $1,000,000 for the City of Detroit for the removal of faded crosswalk-markings at key intersections and mid-block crossings in downtown Detroit and other areas with greater concentration of pedestrian activities. This funding will improve the crosswalks by marking them with highly visible zebra type pavement markings.

City of Detroit Public Lighting Department - Traffic Signal Feed Upgrades, Detroit, MI
STP

We request $2,000,000 for the City of Detroit's Public Lighting Department to replace old and undersized cables powering the downtown traffic signal network. Frequent cable failures result in traffic signal outages, putting vehicular and pedestrian traffic at risk of personal injury or death. Outages also result in stop-and-go traffic creating greater vehicle emissions.

City of Hancock - Campus Drive West, Hancock, MI
STP

We request $600,000 for the City of Hancock to construct a .8 mile section of new road that would fill a gap that exists between Birch Street and Campus Drive by connecting them to provide a much needed alternate commercial and non-commercial route along with emergency vehicles to access the North and West parts of the City. This connection would improve ambulance response time to Portage Hospital which is located along Campus Drive and also serve the new middle school addition being added to the high school building. The city has the easements for the route and the route is on the city's federal aid route system and eligible for

federal aid. It would also take traffic away from a congested state highway (US 41) and reroute it to the new roadway.

Corrosion-Free Bridge System for Safer, Longer-Lasting Surface Transportation Infrastructure, Lawrence Technological University, Southfield, MI
STP

We request $2,000,000 for Lawrence Technological University to develop a Corrosion-Free Bridge System for Safer, Longer-Lasting Surface Transportation Infrastructure. The university will conduct applied research, technology development, and deployment of a corrosion-free bridge system to improve construction time, minimize traffic interruptions, solve corrosion related problems, and allow for simple structural inspections for transportation departments across the nation. It will extend bridge longevity, reduce lifecycle repair and maintenance costs, save taxpayer money, and improve safety for motorists. It features new high-modulus high-strength concrete plus non-corrosive reinforced and prestressed concrete with carbon fiber reinforced polymer (CFRP) to replace corrosion-prone, traditional side-by-side box beam bridges widely used throughout the country.

Countywide Regional Loop Trail, Mount Clemens, MI
STP

We request $2,700,000 for Macomb County for a Countrywide Regional Loop Trail. This is a portion of a larger project that would create a 70 mile trail loop and serve all of Southeast Michigan. Completing the trail sections in Utica and Shelby would allow a trail user to start at Lake St. Clair and travel to the City of Richmond through Clinton, Sterling Heights, Washington, Romeo, Bruce, Armada and Richmond township. This recreational and economic stimulus project was born from the 2004 trail planning process that included all communities and was run by Macomb County. The project has been cited by the Federal Highway Administration, MDOT, the Rails-to-Trails organization and the Michigan Trails and Greenways Conservancy as one of the number one trail routes in America.

Detroit Regional Chamber- Creating a North American World Trade Hub in the Detroit Region
STP

We request $1,250,000 for the Detroit Regional Chamber for the creation of a North American World Trade Hub in the Detroit Region. The funds would pay for a study to define the niche where Southeast Michigan has unique transportation, distribution and logistics related advantages. This study would help create a strategic plan to diversify the economy of southeast Michigan based on transportation. The study would include identification of gaps in our transportation system, detailed research regarding trade in our existing system, and identification of potential growth in the transportation, distribution and logistics industries. The total cost of the study is $2,500,000.

E. Stadium Boulevard and Bridge Reconstruction, Ann Arbor, MI
STP

We request $5,000,000 for the City of Ann Arbor for E. Stadium Boulevard and Bridge Reconstruction. This funding will allow for the following improvements: rebuilding two bridges that must be replaced due to deterioration; repaving approximately 1,300 feet of four-lane thoroughfare approach and bridge deck that is badly deteriorating; adding sidewalks; and adding bike lanes and LED street lighting. This stretch of E. Stadium Blvd. houses Michigan Football Stadium, which is visited by 100,000 Michigan residents multiple times each year. It also houses Pioneer High School, one of Michigan's largest high schools. The bridges are in such poor condition that weight restrictions and lane closures are in place, and buses will soon be banned, which would dramatically limit transportation options for hundreds of thousands of Michigan residents.

Escanaba River Restoration Project, Escanaba, MI
STP

We request $1,970,000 for Delta County for removal of collapsed bridge sections and residual pilings from the navigable waters of the Escanaba River. The old U.S.Highway 41 bridge over the Escanaba River was abandoned when the highway was relocated further upstream. The concrete bridge has deteriorated into a blighted and unsafe condition in danger of further collapse, blocking navigation on the river. It poses a danger to navigation and public safety, significantly detracts from the beauty of the river and poses a barrier to further economic development along the riverfront. The project will reestablish and enhance the stream corridor and related habitats to sustain native wildlife.

Ford Road/I-275 Interchange Improvements, Canton, MI
STP

We request $1,000,000 for Canton Township for Ford Road/I-275 Interchange Improvements. The recent Western Wayne County Transportation Improvement Study, which was a regional study, rates this improvement as a high priority project that will help improve traffic flow in the I-275/Ford Road/Haggerty Road area. The Haggerty/Ford intersection currently operates at a Level of Service F. Ford Road is under the jurisdiction of the Michigan Department of Transportation and Haggerty Road is a Wayne County Primary Road which makes them eligible for Federal Aid Funding.

I-275/M-5 Transportation Alliance Phase II
STP

We request $500,000 for the Transportation Alliance to fund Phase II of the I-275/M-5 Transportation Alliance project. This project will fund research and analysis of road congestion and ways to improve the safe and efficient transportation, quality of life, job creation, and economic development in the communities abutting or affected by the M-5 corridor in Oakland County, including the I-275 corridor in Oakland and Wayne Counties. Phase II will continue to

evaluate the existing distribution of transportation dollars and explore other funding opportunities and methods of disbursement.

I-96 and Grand River Avenue Interchange Improvement, Brighton, MI
STP

We request $3,200,000 for the City of Brighton for I-96 and Grand River Avenue Interchange Improvements. This project would realign the exit ramp of the westbound I-96 ramps to relieve congestion on Grand River Avenue. The interchange consists of two closely spaced signalized intersections. One of the intersections primarily serves I-96 and Grand River Ave, and is within the confluence of three road jurisdictions: MDOT, Livingston County Road Commission and the City of Brighton. The project would eliminate the congestion caused by the location of the interchange with another signalized intersection.

Improving Vehicle and Pedestrian Circulation of Cleary University Livingston Campus, Howell, MI
STP

We request $620,000 for Cleary University's Livingston Campus in Howell, Michigan to improve vehicle and pedestrian circulation. In 2005, Cleary received funding via the Highway Reauthorization Bill for the relocation of a road on campus to improve vehicular and pedestrian safety by eliminating vehicle traffic between two classroom buildings. Cleary would like to further improve safety and traffic flow by completing a perimeter road and installing pedestrian walkways between all buildings on campus.

Kettering Gateway Project, Flint, MI
STP

We request $5,000,000 for the City of Flint for the Kettering Gateway Project. This project consists of road and infrastructure improvements from I-69 and Hammberg Road, to Miller, Court, Fox Street realignment, to Chevrolet and University Avenues. The referenced roadways are failing structurally. Miller Road is in need of lane widening to facilitate current and future traffic volumes. The project is the fifth phase of a multi-year road and infrastructure improvement plan. The project will re-route traffic to one seamless corridor from I-69 to enhance access to northern Flint, Kettering University, and Hurley Medical Center. Phase I is underway. Phase II, construction commencement, will begin in the spring of 2010. The project will be completed at year end of 2010.

Lansing IPACE Intersection Reconstruction, Lansing, MI
STP

We request $3,600,000 for the City of Lansing for the Lansing IPACE Intersection Reconstruction project. Lansing, in conjunction with Michigan DOT and FHWA, is undertaking the reconstruction of the roadways at the intersection of the I-96 interchange, Pennsylvania Avenue, American Road, Cedar Street, and Edgewood Boulevard -- the "IPACE Project". IPACE today is marked by major traffic congestion, high numbers of accidents, unusual road

configurations, merging conflicts, short stacking distance between signals, and short weaving distances for changing lanes. This project would construct key portions of the IPACE area to improve road circulation patterns, traffic operations and safety.

Linden Road from Lennon Road to Calkins Road, Flint, MI
STP

We request $5,000,000 for the Genesee County Road Commission for road reconstruction and rehabilitation of Linden Road from Lennon Road to Calkins. The project will replace and reconstruct existing pavement with new pavement and rehabilitate the storm sewers.

Michigan State University Bridge and Pavement Preservation University Transportation Research Center, East Lansing, MI
STP

We request $500,000 for Michigan State University for the Bridge and Pavement Preservation University Transportation Research Center. The nation's transportation system represents the largest single public infrastructure investment and is deteriorating rapidly. The Center would provide university-based research and education dedicated to promoting smart and sustainable preservation as a critical component in the overall management of bridge and pavement assets.

Mill Street Bridge, Leslie, MI
STP

We request $513,676 for the City of Leslie for reconstruction of the Mill Street Bridge. The Mill Street Bridge connects Mill Street to Fitchburg Road. It is the main thoroughfare to the City's Certified Business Park and is a designated truck route. The bridge is near failure and has severe erosion. Twice in the last 12 months, the load limit has been reduced after an inspection. Currently the load limit is 20 tons. The bridge is inspected every six months. Some prospective businesses that have considered siting at the industrial park have worried about the bridge's condition and it has factored into their decision to locate or expand their business elsewhere.

Newburgh Corridor Road Improvements, Westland, MI
STP

We request $1,065,000 for the City of Westland for the Newburgh Corridor Road Improvements. This program will rehabilitate two main intersections on the Newburgh Road Corridor, at Cherry Hill and Warren Roads. These improvements will include incorporating a left hand turn lane on Eastbound Cherry Hill, and modernizing the intersections with pavement replacements and traffic signal improvements. This will allow for increased efficiency and allow for better traffic flow in the area, along with increased safety at two key intersections on the Newburgh Corridor.

North Shiawassee Street Construction, Corunna, MI
STP

We request $1,188,750 for the North Shiawassee Street Construction project. The needed reconstruction of North Shiawassee Street from the Shiawassee River North to Walnut Street consists of converting existing two lanes into three lanes, new storm sewer with curb and gutters, needed utility replacements, and total reconstruction of road surface,

7 Mile and Haggerty Road Improvements, Wayne County, MI
STP

We request $5,000,000 for the Wayne County Department of Economic Development for the 7 Mile and Haggerty Road Improvements in Wayne County, MI. The proposed road improvements will improve existing substandard road conditions for multiple businesses in the region (in both the City of Livonia and Northville Township) and for all residents and visitors to the area. Improved road conditions reduce air pollution, increase automobile fuel economy, and improve productivity.

Pierson Road from Linden Road to Jennings Road, Flint, MI
STP

We request $3,165,000 for the Genesee County Road Commission for the Pierson Road from Linden Road to Jennings Road project. This project is a five lane pavement reconstruction with concrete curb and gutter.

Seward Avenue Extension and Improvements, Grand Rapids, MI
STP

We request $3,400,000 for the City of Grand Rapids for Seward Avenue Extension and Improvements. The extension and improvement of Seward Avenue, between Fulton Street and Butterworth Street, is designed to extend the improved north-south connector street on the City's west side (west of US-131 and the Grand River) to improve access to industrial properties in the area and divert industrial truck traffic away from the adjacent residential neighborhoods. The project is expected to leverage substantial private investment and result in additional industrial capacity and considerable job creation and retention. The Seward Avenue Extension and Improvement Project will provide the city with much-needed assistance to encourage continued industrial development, which will generate new tax revenue and improve local economic conditions.

South Church Street Reconstruction, South Haven, MI
STP

We request $250,000 for the City of Coloma for South Church Street reconstruction. South Church Street is an Urban Minor Arterial along the I-94 Highway corridor. The roadway is currently in poor condition and is at the end of its useful life cycle. The road reconstruction

would include placing curb and gutter, and additional drainage. The roadway is on the federally-eligible routes map.

Wadhams Road Bridge over Black River, St. Clair, MI
STP

We request $5,000,000 for the St. Clair County Road Commission for the Wadhams Road Bridge over Black River in St. Clair, Michigan. The project would remove and replace the Wadhams Road Bridge with related approach work. The existing bridge is 12 spans, two-lanes wide with a five-foot sidewalk. The total length is 527 feet. The proposed bridge is two-spans, four-lanes wide with a six-foot wide pedestrian walk. The total length of the new bridge is 500 feet. Two lanes of the new bridge will be built directly west of the existing bridge. The existing bridge will remain in service during construction, then traffic will be switched over to the new lanes and the old bridge demolished. Two additional lanes will then be built to make up the four lane structure. Approach work is necessary to accommodate the wider bridge.

Wealthy Street Extension, Grand Rapids, MI
STP

We request $5,000,000 for the City of Grand Rapids for the Wealthy Street Extension Project. The construction project to extend Wealthy Street (an urban Federal Aid road) will improve the existing street network in the vicinity of Millennium Park and ease traffic congestion in the area by creating an alternative artery to US-131. These improvements are part of a larger economic development plan in the area which will result in an influx of visitors to Millennium Park that the current street network will have difficulty accommodating. This project is being conducted jointly with Kent County.

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Commercial Vehicle Crash Avoidance Technology Demonstration, Troy, MI
Operations and Research

We are requesting $1,200,000 for ArvinMeritor for a Commercial Vehicle Crash Avoidance Technology Demonstration project. This funding will build upon earlier NHTSA research on rollover prevention technology and explore the integration of a collision safety system in line with Meritor WABCO's pyramid of safety philosophy. This research project will determine the magnitude of the problem of heavy trucks involved in rear-end collisions, determine benefits from installation of collision mitigation technology and perform a cost-benefit analysis. A collision safety system is a forward looking radar based control system that can provide driver warning, as well as automatically applying the vehicle's foundation brakes in an effort to maintain a safe following distance.

Federal Railroad Administration

Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority Rail Access Improvement Initiative, Detroit, MI
Rail Line and Relocation and Improvement Program

We request $1,000,000 for the Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority for the Rail Access Improvement Initiative. The funds will be used to carry out a rail access improvement project to connect cargo rail service to the port. Completion of this project will allow for enhanced transloading of steel and related products; truck to rail and rail to truck container handling; and most importantly, enhance the Port's ability to handle the export of Michigan agricultural products to markets throughout the United States. Currently, because the Port lacks the ability to trans-load agricultural products and other Michigan-based industries, these businesses will continue to turn to Toledo, Ohio and other state facilities to move their products to markets in our country.

City of Trenton Fort Street Grade Separation, Trenton, MI
Rail -Highway Crossing Hazard Elimination

We request $5,000,000 for the City of Trenton to construct the Fort Street Grade Separation. The M-85 (Fort St) feasibility study was initiated to investigate the best alternative for addressing the deficiencies at M-85 and the existing CN railroad crossing in Trenton. The project would improve arrival times for emergency vehicles trying to get to Oakwood Southshore Hospital from the North and reduce impacts to commerce and parents transporting children to and from school.

Federal Transit Administration

1st Congressional District of Michigan Bus Replacements and Bus Facilities, MI
Bus and Bus Facilities

We request $5,000,000 for the 1st Congressional District of Michigan Bus Replacements and Bus Facilities project. The funding will be used to fund bus replacements, facility renovations, and bus support equipment at 19 transit systems in the 1st Congressional District of Michigan. This request includes sixty-nine replacement buses, funds for facility renovation projects at 3 systems, and the purchase of a variety of bus support equipment at another 9 different transit systems. Equipment ranges from computers and telephone systems to drive-through bus washers. Funding this project is in the interest of the taxpayers because it will improve public transportation in Michigan.

Allegan County Transportation (ACT) Facility Improvements and Bus Procurement, Allegan, MI
Bus and Bus Facilities

We request $1,758,400 for Allegan County Transportation (ACT) Facility Improvements and Bus Procurement. This funding will be used to complete the ACT transit facility and replace 8

eligible transit vehicles. ACT has 28 vehicles, 13 eligible for replacement. These funds will allow ACT to enhance services and improve efficiencies. ACT will soon complete Phase I of the transit facility project. This request will enable ACT to complete the facility project as planned. Funding this project is in the taxpayer's interest because it will improve public transportation options for Michigan's citizens.

ALTRAN Transit Authority - Capital Projects, Munising, MI
Bus and Bus Facilities

We request $532,800 for ALTRAN Transit Authority in Munising, Michigan for seven vehicles to replace outdated and aged existing vehicles, and one additional vehicle to the fleet. Old vehicles are a safety concern, and the increasing cost of maintenance (parts and labor) on older vehicles is not cost-efficient. The request will increase the fleet by one -- during peak hours, every available bus is on the road, and there are no back-up vehicles available. Funding this project is in the interest of the taxpayers because it would improve public transportation options for citizens in Michigan.

Ann Arbor Transportation Authority Hybrid Electric Replacement Buses, Ann Arbor, MI
Bus and Bus Facilities

We request $4,560,000 for Ann Arbor Transportation Authority to purchase 10 new, hybrid-electric buses to replace 10 conventional diesel buses that will be at the end of their useful life.

Bay Metropolitan Transportation Authority Bus and Bus Facilities.
Bus and Bus Facilities

We request $1,456,000 for Bay Metropolitan Transportation Authority for Bus and Bus Facilities. The funds will replace seven transit coaches (1987 and 1994 models) for use in local public transit service.

Benzie Transportation Authority Bus and Bus Facilities, Honor, MI
Bus and Bus Facilities

We request $3,500,000 for the Benzie Transportation Authority in Honor, Michigan for bus and bus facilities. The funds will be used to purchase five fuel efficient buses, purchase land and build a new facility. Benzie Transportation Authority is experiencing rapid growth. It started with five light duty buses that were transferred from the local COA ranging from 2000-2006. It acquired vehicles from other transit agencies, that were high mileage and already replaced at their agency. This year it is eligible to replace 14 of 20 vehicles due to high mileage. Located in northern Michigan, it does not have adequate bus shelters to get the vehicles out of the elements, which is also contributing to the vehicle wear. The new facility would provide shelter, office space, a three-bay garage with lifts, and a wash bay. Local schools and other government agencies are interested in contracting with the bus system for maintenance once there is a facility.

Blue Water Area Transportation Authority CNG Compression Enhancements, Port Huron, MI
Bus and Bus Facilities

We request $1,625,000 for the Blue Water Area Transportation Authority to enhance its CNG compressors. The Blue Water Area Transportation Commission operates a sizeable fleet of compressed natural gas buses. It is barely able to maintain a reasonable fueling window with the natural gas compressors currently on site. It recently received 28 new compressed natural gas powered buses and the fueling capacities that exist are not capable of fueling the entire fleet within an acceptable time frame. It has engineered and built the current facility with the space and capability to purchase and install these enhancements. They include, but are not limited to, the following: 1200 cfm natural gas compressor; natural gas dryer c3 ASTM storage vessels with racks; control upgrades to all compressors; and piping, wiring and parts.

Branch Area Transit Authority Bus Replacement, Security Upgrades, and Equipment, Coldwater, MI
Bus and Bus Facilities

We request $304,800 for the Branch Area Transit Authority for the Bus Replacement, Security Upgrades and Equipment project. The funds will be used to replace four buses in the fleet. These vehicles are fully depreciated and have and are in need of replacement. Replacement of these vehicles, upgrading our security system, and replacement and purchase of radio equipment will allow the Branch Area Transit Authority to continue providing safe and efficient public transportation for the citizens of Branch County.

Capital Area Transportation Authority Buses, Corridor Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Clearance
Bus and Bus Facilities

We request $5,000,000 for the Capital Area Transportation Authority for the purchase of new buses. The funds will be used to purchase two 60 foot Diesel-Electric Hybrid Buses, five 40 foot Diesel-Electric Hybrid Buses, five Urban Paratransit Buses, one Rural Service Buse, and Preliminary Engineering of the seven-mile long Michigan Avenue/Grand River Corridor.

Caro Transit Authority, Bus and Bus Facility, Caro, MI
Bus and Bus Facilities

We request $63,000 for the Caro Transit Authority (CTA) to replace two minivans. Caro Transit Authority is a rural public transit system in Caro, Michigan. The minivans meet the replacement criteria as established by the Michigan Department of Transportation. One van will be a conversion van with a lift or ramp for easy accessibility for handicapped or senior individuals. Both vans will be used to provide a demand and response service and will be a part of the total fleet of buses.

City of Alma Replacement Buses
Bus and Bus Facilities

We request $200,000 for the City of Alma for bus replacement. The funds will allow for the replacement of two, small public transit buses for public transportation of the elderly, disabled and general public.

City of Detroit Department of Transportation - Detroit Mobility 1st Service, Detroit, MI
Bus and Bus Facilities

We request $1,000,000 for the City of Detroit Department of Transportation for "start up" funding for its recently developed "one-stop" consolidation transit program to improve and expand service to Detroit's elderly and low income residents called "Detroit Mobility 1st Service." The service will serve as the coordinating entity for a Detroit-based transit service that permits riders access to an all-inclusive service designed to streamline current services and costs. It features a collaborative service made up of local transportation providers, service agencies, transit-riders and DDOT. The new, well-coordinated, cost-effective service allows that all local trip requests are negotiated, scheduled and executed through Mobility 1st.

City of Hillsdale Dial-A-Ride 2008 Facility/Equipment Capital, Hillsdale, MI
Bus and Bus facilities

We request $495,200 for the City of Hillsdale Dial-A-Ride to construct a transit facility and buy three buses with radios and computer equipment. $280,000 will be used to complete construction of a new 10,000 square. foot storage and maintenance facility for buses which are currently housed in leased facilities. $211,200 will purchase three medium duty buses that are more than seven years old. These buses have passed their useful life which increases maintenance costs. One bus is currently inoperable, reducing efficiency. Without this funding, the city will need to re-evaluate how, if possible, to continue servicing its ridership.

City of Midland Dial-A-Ride (Mobile Data Terminals), Midland, MI
Bus and Bus facilities

We request $72,000 for the City of Midland Dial-A-Ride for the purchase of Mobile Data Terminals in order to provide more accurate data. Midland Dial-A-Ride provides same-day, demand response transportation and is working to provide a more efficient dispatching system of rides to our 12 busses. Communicating to 12 drivers, every 30 minutes, over a single radio channel is increasingly difficult, due to the amount of information that needs to be transmitted over the radio. Currently, drivers have to wait their turn for the radio to clear to request their pickups for the next half hour. The driver then writes down the information by hand and confirms each location over the radio. This process is time consuming and inefficient.

City of Troy -- Troy/Birmingham Multi-Modal Transit Center, Troy, MI
Bus and Bus Facilities

We request $5,000,000 for the City of Troy to construct and operate the Troy/Birmingham Multi-Modal Transit Center. The cities of Troy and Birmingham have a joint initiative to plan and encourage transit-oriented development through their communities. The facility will be located at the site of the existing rail station along the cities' mutual border, with additional property to be developed under a consent agreement with a local developer. This consent agreement's development option expires in June 2010. During 2008, the cities accelerated efforts toward a construction schedule to meet this deadline. The project is included in SEMCOG's Regional Transportation Plan and preliminary engineering and design using a MDOT grant of $350,000 is being completed. The cities have budgeted up to $1,600,000 for any needed match.

Clare County Transit New Facility Construction, Harrison, MI
Bus and Bus Facilities

We request $496,000 for Clare County to construct a multi-modal facility. The funding will provide garage, maintenance, and administrative facilities. Clare County Transit currently has 32 revenue producing vehicles serving over 570 square miles. They plan to have all vehicles under cover and protected from Michigan winters with the new facility.

Eaton County Transportation Authority Bus Upgrades, Charlotte, MI
Bus and Bus Facilities

We request $1,561,500 for Eaton County Transportation Authority for bus and equipment replacements. The funds will be used to: replace four medium duty buses (29-Ft medium duty w/lift -Diesel) and five small cutaway buses (cutaway 90 in. Interior w/lift - Diesel); purchase four minivans (seven-passenger Minivan w/AC Front Wheel Drive, lift equipped) for expansion; replace a maintenance truck; and update and replace hand and power tools, diagnostic equipment, storage units, a small tractor with snow blower, floor lights, and tire equipment.

Greater Lapeer Transportation Authority Bus Replacement, Lapeer, MI
Bus and Bus Facilities

We request $244,000 for the Greater Lapeer Transportation Authority for the replacement of three cutaway buses and one medium duty bus which have met their useful life.

Greenville Transit Bus System Replacement, Greenville, MI
Bus and Bus Facilities

We request $125,000 for the Greenville Transit System for a bus that has high mileage. The transit system plans to purchase a 26 ft. medium duty diesel bus with a lift.

Mass Transportation Authority Fleet Conversion to Hybrid Power, Flint, MI
Bus and Bus Facilities

We request $5,000,000 for the Mass Transportation Authority (MTA) for the Fleet Conversion to Hybrid Power Project. MTA is introducing hybrid technology into its fleet, through conversion of existing vehicles where appropriate, and the purchase of new vehicles. The Mass Transportation Authority has formed a partnership with faculty members from Kettering University and Michigan State University to develop an advanced hybrid power train for transit buses. MTA is prepared to begin production of the advanced hybrid system and to modify fifty New Flyer buses in the MTA's fleet. The MTA also proposes to purchase light duty hybrid electric vehicles to replace paratransit vans from model years 1995 and 1997. The existing fleet averages over 364,000 life miles per vehicle. Paratransit vehicles are used to provide demand response service to persons who can't access regular primary route buses.

Saginaw Transit Authority Regional Services Bus and Bus Facilities Project, Saginaw, MI
Bus and Bus Facilities

We request $5,000,000 for the Saginaw Transit Authority for its bus and bus facilities project. The project consists of replacement of 47 out of 58 revenue vehicles which have surpassed their FTA useful lives of 7-10 years, depending on the vehicle. The project also consists of new fareboxes for all revenue vehicles and equipment replacements for the maintenance garage.

SMART Alternative Fuel Vehicle Acquisition, Wayne and Oakland Counties, MI
Bus and Bus Facilities Program

We request $2,000,000 for the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) for Alternative Fuel Vehicle Acquisition project in Wayne and Oakland Counties, MI. This funding will be used for the initial acquisition of alternative fuel vehicles. Funding this project is in the interest of the taxpayers because it will reduce transit emissions and save on fuel costs.

The Rapid, Wealthy Operations Center Expansion Project, Grand Rapids, MI
Bus & Bus Facilities

We request $5,000,000 for The Rapid for the Wealthy Operations Center expansion project. These funds would go toward completing the Wealthy Operations Center Expansion Project. In 2007, The Rapid's board approved the purchase of five vacant parcels from the city that will be used to expand the Wealthy Street operations center to accommodate growth needs over the next 30 years. The Rapid provided more than 9 million rides last year, an increase of 11.4% over the previous year's numbers, and the fourth consecutive year of record-breaking public transportation trips in the greater Grand Rapids metro area. In addition to growing ridership, the development of the BRT project has created a substantial need to expand the Wealthy Operations Center. These projects will dramatically improve mobility and transportation opportunities for residents of Greater Grand Rapids, and will foster economic growth.

Capital Area Transportation Authority Corridor Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Clearance Study, MI
Alternative Analysis

We request $1,600,000 for the Capital Area Transportation Authority for a Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Clearance Study along the Grand River/Michigan Avenue Corridor. This funding will be used to conduct an alternatives analysis and an environmental clearance study along the corridor from the Michigan State Capitol to Meridian Mall. This is a comprehensive, multi-modal study along a seven mile corridor. It will include roadway, vehicular movements, intersections, improved public transportation alternatives, pedestrian walkways, bike lanes, and other modes as necessary.

The Rapid Streetcar Alternative Analysis Study, Grand Rapids, MI
Alternative Analysis

We request $750,000 for The Rapid for the Rapid Streetcar Alternative Analysis Study. The experience of a number of other cities has shown streetcars to be a means of moving people effectively, spurring economic development, and promoting sustainable land use. For example, Portland, Oregon built an initial 2.4-mile streetcar line which opened in 2001. Since the opening of that first line, three extensions have been added to the system. The initial line generated millions in private investment within three blocks of the route: new housing units, office, retail, and hotel space, which represented a great return on investment. The development also created jobs.

BUSolutions, Troy, MI
R&D

We request $1,500,000 for Automation Alley in Troy, MI for the BUSolutions project. BUSolutions is a project to demonstrate a transit bus design concept that will deliver significantly improved fuel economy, reduced emissions, and lower cost of ownership, and can be immediately introduced into existing transit authority operations without infrastructure or maintenance operations changes. This funding is the final request to finish the program to design and build the prototype.

Ann Arbor - Detroit Regional Rail Project, Detroit, MI
New Starts

We request $5,000,000 for the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) for the Ann Arbor-Detroit Regional Rail Project. This request will provide commuter rail service in the Detroit - Ann Arbor corridor with stops in Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, Detroit Metropolitan Airport, Dearborn, and Detroit. The project takes advantage of existing infrastructure where possible and requires adding a new station stop at Detroit Metropolitan Airport and Ypsilanti, Michigan.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT:

Economic Development Initiatives

Ann Arbor Municipal Center Green Renovations, Ann Arbor, MI
EDI

We request $5 million for the City of Ann Arbor for the Ann Arbor Municipal Center Green Renovation project. This project includes: the construction of a 110,000 square-foot Gold LEED certified addition to the City Hall to house Police Headquarters and Courthouse; renovations to the existing 45-year old City Hall to ensure ADA compliance; improvements in energy efficiency and the elimination of radon and asbestos; and constrution of a new public courtyard. The project will include numerous green features including a vegetative green roof and underground storm water detention system.

Arab American National Museum, Dearborn, MI
EDI

We request $1,000,000 for the Arab American Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS) for the expansion of the Arab American National Museum facility. The Arab American National Museum is the nation's first and only museum dedicated to preserving and documenting the experience and accomplishments of Americans of Arab descent as a community in the United States, celebrating and supporting the work of Arab American artists and presenting the cultural heritage of the community to wider American and international audiences.

Automation Alley International Business Center, Troy, MI
EDI

We request $300,000 for Automation Alley for planning and design of the Automation Alley International Business Center in Oakland County, Michigan. This Center provides business incubation and export assistance, including foreign market research assistance from area universities through Automation Alley companies, educational seminars and workshops to equip members with tools they need to become successful in the global marketplace.

Bay City, City Hall Roof Restoration, Bay City, MI
EDI

We request $623,000 for the City of Bay City for the restoration of the roof on the historic City Hall. The roof on this historic structure is over 110 years old and has several leaks which have had a damaging effect on the interior of City Hall. Funding for this project would allow the replacement of the current roof with clay tile roofing.

Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan Great Today/Great Tomorrow Capital Campaign, Alpena, MI
EDI

We request $500,000 for the Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan for the Great Today/Great Tomorrow Capital Campaign. The Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan is an educational institution dedicated to serving the public of all ages and abilities in art, history and science. Funding will be used to retrofit the forty year old heating and cooling delivery system with digital controls and modern energy saving treatments, modernize art and artifact collections storage areas, and construct the new hands-on educational Discovery Center.

Blair Memorial Library Infrastructure Improvements and Addition, Clawson, MI
EDI

We request $500,000 for the Blair Memorial Library in Clawson, Michigan for an addition and infrastructure improvements. Blair Memorial Library is a well used community resource. The current site is in dire need of improvements, reconstruction and an addition to the existing facility. The proposed enhancements will provide the library with an environmentally friendly building that will save on the costs and overall maintenance of the building for the future.

Camp Agudah Midwest Special Needs, South Haven, MI
EDI

We request $500,000 for Camp Agudah Midwest in South Haven, Michigan for the expansion of their program to include special needs children and enable them to participate as fully as possible in the mainstream community. The staff and program are already in place, but upgrades are needed to the current facilities in order to properly house and care for these children with special needs.

Carpenter Lake Nature Interpretive Center, Southfield, MI
EDI

We request $1,500,000 for the City of Southfield for the construction of a Nature Interpretive Center at the Carpenter Lake Nature Preserve. The center will provide environmental education and nature programs to the community. The building will serve as an example of sustainable architecture. This building will also use green building technology, which will serve as an example to the community of the Center's commitment to being a good caretaker of the environment.

Cascade Falls Renovation, Jackson, MI
EDI

We request $2,800,000 for the Jackson County Parks Department for the renovation of the Cascade Falls. The Cascade Falls, a globally known historic site built in 1932, is operating with its original infrastructure. Needed improvements include, structural repairs to the concrete walls, steps, railings and surfaces. Upgrades would address improvements to electrical and mechanical

systems as well as safety, longevity and efficiency concerns. This project will boost tourism and create jobs in the county.

Cascades Park Pond and Canal Environmental Restoration, Jackson, MI
EDI

We request $2,400,000 for the Jackson County Parks Department for the Canal and Pond Environmental Restoration Project. The existing canals and ponds were created back in the 1930s. Since then, the canals and ponds have degraded. Restoration to maintain a sensitive ecosystem has become a major priority for the Jackson community. The planned dredging will improve water quality and circulation, develop an urban fishery and provide opportunities for canoeing and wildlife viewing.

Chippewa County 91st District Court Security Improvements, Sault Ste. Marie, MI
EDI

We request $2,400,000 for Chippewa County for the purchase of the City County Building and the renovation of the 91st District Court within the building. Currently, the county co-owns the building with the City of Sault Ste. Marie and they wish to buy the city's share and renovate the court facilities to ensure proper space and address serious security concerns.

City of Battle Creek Downtown Parking Facility Improvements, Battle Creek, MI
EDI

We request $2,000,000 for the City of Battle Creek for improvements to downtown parking facilities. Funding would be used to rehabilitate the mechanical, structural, electrical and elevator systems in the Hamblin Avenue Parking Structure, and reconstruct the Jackson Street Parking Lot. This project has been designed to include bio-retention facilities to treat storm water runoff which will improve the water quality of the Kalamazoo River, which is a major tributary to Lake Michigan.

City of Battle Creek Downtown Riverwalk Improvements, Battle Creek, MI
EDI

We request $2,000,000 for the City of Battle Creek for improvements to the downtown riverwalk. The core downtown business district of the City of Battle Creek is fortunate to have the Battle Creek River run through its middle. In the 1980s, the City enhanced a section of this river with significant river/landscaping/channel improvements. The concrete walkways, benches, handrails, and landscaped vegetation in this important economic corridor are in need of replacement. Funding will enable the city to eliminate unsafe railings and walking surfaces and replace them with safe and attractive components to encourage a safe, walkable downtown environment.

City of Detroit Infrastructure Improvements, Detroit, MI
EDI

We request $750,000 for the City of Detroit for infrastructure improvements and development activities through the City of Detroit. This funding would allow the City to develop and redevelop already crumbling roads, sidewalks and sewers.

City of Detroit Recreation Department - Calimera Playground, Detroit, MI
EDI

We request $750,000 for the City of Detroit Recreation Department for renovations to the Calimera Playground. These funds would help combat urban blight, give children a safe place to play and improve the quality of life in the community.

City of Detroit Recreation Department - Hackett Playground, Detroit, MI
EDI

We request $750,000 for the City of Detroit Recreation Department for upgrades to the Hackett Playground. These funds would help combat urban blight, give children a safe place to play and improve the quality of life in the community.

City of East Lansing Avondale Square Project, East Lansing, MI
EDI

We request $750,000 for the City of East Lansing for the Avondale Square Project. Avondale Square includes 30 new owner-occupied housing units close to schools and employment that will help stabilize the Avondale neighborhood in East Lansing, MI. Funding will be used for remaining acquisition of properties for redevelopment into new single family home owner units. This unique project is a model for economically–integrated housing development aimed at attracting and retaining long-term residents in a university town with a wide range of income levels.

City of Inkster Senior Wellness Center, Inkster, MI
EDI

We request $2,574,500 for the City of Inkster for the renovation and construction of an addition on the existing recreation center to establish a senior wellness center. Inkster is a small urban community whose senior residents primarily fall within the low to moderate income range. This center would allow seniors to remain in their community without having to seek a senior center in a neighboring community.

City of Negaunee, Jackson Mine Park, Negaunee, MI
EDI

We request $2,865,000 for the City of Negaunee for the construction of a new Jackson Mine City Park to revitalize its core downtown business center. The focal point of this economic

development initiative is to draw people to the Negaunee downtown area. While other smaller projects supporting this concept have already been successfully implemented, the capstone component is the Jackson Mine Park. This new park will assist Negaunee in becoming a choice community for young families seeking quality education and diverse recreation amenities for their well being.

City of Rogers City, City Hall Addition and Renovations, Rogers City, MI
EDI

We request $900,000 for the City of Rogers City for an addition and renovations to the City Hall. The City Hall was built about 1920 and is in need of renovations to improve energy efficiency, update the interior and bring the building into compliance with buildings codes. In addition, the city is in need of more space and the addition will provide space for police interrogations and secure evidence storage, for employee support and for computer and communications equipment.

City of Saginaw Land Acquisition and Reconstruction/Streetscape, Saginaw, MI
EDI

We request $4,400,000 for the City of Saginaw for land acquisition and the reconstruction of blighted areas in the city. The city plans to clear dangerous buildings and remove blighted buildings in order to enhance the area and make it more attractive to private and public investors. It is the goal to acquire large blocks of land to ensure new development. Clearing of titles takes a substantial amount of time, and resources. The Saginaw County Land Bank is a vital partner to the City of Saginaw in this project.

Clinton River Hike and Bike Trail, Utica, MI
EDI

We request $500,000 for the City of Utica for the completion of the Clinton River Trail. This funding will connect the several parks and trails along the Clinton river. The proposed project, if completed, would link Metro Beach to the Stony Creek Hike and Bike trail and then tie into the Macomb Orchard trail. This trail is linked with the comprehensive countywide system in Macomb County and the ultimate statewide link that will span the State of Michigan from Lake Huron and Lake St. Clair to Lake Michigan.

Crim Fitness Institute, Flint, MI
EDI

We request $1,450,000 for the Crim Fitness Foundation for the renovation, build out, and equipping of a new education and training facility. The Crim Fitness Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to making Flint and Genesee County healthier communities through education, motivation, and the creation of opportunities for our children and adults to be physically active in a safe environment. To meet the needs of the community, the Foundation needs a larger facility capable of housing its programming and providing a suitable environment for hosting educational trainings for professionals and community groups throughout the State and Nation.

Delta Community College Educational Campus on Brownfield, Buena Vista Charter Township, MI
EDI

We request $1,500,000 for Buena Vista Charter Township for the redevelopment of a city-owned, blighted property in the heart of Buena Vista Township. This area has been devastated for years by a vacant mall and other closed businesses on over 50 acres at the intersection of M-46 and Outer Drive. The redevelopment of the site is critical to the survival of this distressed Michigan community of 10,300 people. Delta Community College has made an agreement with the township to build a new educational complex at this site, focused on green technologies and advanced medical technologies. Funding for this project will be used for brownfields cleanup, site preparation and building construction.

Detroit Institute of Arts Historic Building Roof Restoration and Replacement, Detroit, MI
EDI

We request $750,000 for the Detroit Institute of Arts for the removal and replacement of the central section of the roof on the historic 1927 Cret building. At present, the roofing membrane, insulation, flashings and counter-flashings have all been compromised and require immediate action. This is a complex project as the roof is terra cotta tile and also includes built-up roof curbs, equipment, flashings and a glass skylight ceiling over Kresge Court. Each tile must be carefully removed and stored for replacement while any damaged areas are repaired. Because of the precious content below, including historic and artistic Diego Rivera murals depicting the automotive industry, the process must proceed in limited phases. Replacement materials will improve existing energy efficiency while maintaining the building's grandeur.

Detroit Public Library - Main Library Building, Detroit, MI
EDI

We request $5,000,000 for the Detroit Public Library for a new roof for the Main Library building and the replacement of deteriorating bricks and mortar around the light wells, windows and parapets. The current roof has exceeded its lifespan, resulting in leaks and constant patching, threatening library collections and services.

Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries Culinary Arts Program, Detroit, MI
EDI

We request $500,000 for the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries for the conversion of property in Highland Park into a self-sustaining "teaching restaurant." The work done will bring the building to code as a public restaurant that will target homeless or addicted people and those leaving state prison. Professional training will be in high-end menu culinary skills, restaurant management, catering and front of the house skills. This program will provide the trainees with the skills to acquire jobs that pay in excess of minimum wage and will help reduce addiction relapse and prison recidivism rates. The local community will benefit because of increased community safety, increased options (currently the neighborhood only offers fast food), employment opportunities and neighborhood stability.

Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries Housing for Aged-Out Young Adults , Detroit, MI
EDI

We request $600,000 for the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries for the conversion of part of a building to provide housing to 30 young adults who have aged out of foster care. Residents will participate in education, job training, employment, or needed mental health or substance abuse treatment. The housing has immediate access to bus service throughout Wayne County for employment, education, medical care, cultural, support systems and social service purposes. The program will reduce the incidence of homelessness and exploitation of these young adults. The local community will benefit because of increased community safety, and decreased costs for substance abuse treatment and corrections costs for young adults who do not successfully transition to adulthood.

Economic Development: The Riverside Arts Center, Ypsilanti, Michigan
EDI

We request $600,000 for Eastern Michigan University (EMU) for the renovation of the Riverside Arts Center and development of cultural programs (arts education) to help revitalize downtown Ypsilanti, Michigan and eastern Washtenaw County. While initiated by EMU, this project is now part of a larger county-wide project to unify and build its arts and cultural sector into an economic driver. During the past 10 years, the Ypsilanti area has been hard hit by the flight of manufacturing jobs to low-wage countries. The Riverside Arts Center and Eastern Michigan University are joined by the newly launched Community and Culture Initiative to foster and stimulate the new economy in Washtenaw.

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations and Expanded Parking, Detroit, MI
EDI

We request $5,000,000 for the Detroit Institute of Arts for the addition and upgrade of its existing parking facilities located in the Cultural Center. This will also include the installation of vehicle charging stations that are adaptable to a variety of emerging battery technologies. In recent years, there has been considerable residential development, attracted to the mix of cultural institutions, restaurants, shops and two universities that make up this vibrant district. Currently, the Cultural Center has limited parking and this threatens an estimated $1.47 billion of planned investment by 2010.

Ella Sharp Museum Restoration, Jackson, MI
EDI

We request $250,000 for the Ella Sharp Museum for the restoration of the farm home and outbuildings, as well as the purchase and installation of the farm's windmill at its original location. The Ella Sharp Museum is centered around one of the largest agricultural sites in Jackson County, originally owned by the Merriman family in 1857 and passed on to one of the children, Ella Sharp. This restoration project will return a large portion of the original farm to the look and condition that made it popular in this region during the 1890s.

Focus: HOPE Food Program Facility and Infrastructure Renovations, Detroit, MI
EDI

We request $925,000 for Focus: HOPE for the relocation of the off-campus central food warehouse to the main Focus: HOPE campus. The Focus: HOPE Food Program includes warehousing, storage and distribution, carried out in five buildings which total 193,348 square feet of floor space. These buildings include a central food warehouse and four regionally based food distribution centers. In order to reduce costs and increase program efficiencies, Focus: HOPE plans to relocate the off-campus central food warehouse to a currently underutilized building on its main campus.

Ford Highland Park Administration Building, Royal Oak, MI
EDI

We request $1,000,000 for the Woodward Avenue Action Association for the purchase of the Ford Administration Building at the Ford Highland Park Plant, the first step to preservation of the site. The Ford Highland Park Plant is one of the top 5 historically significant sites in the nation. It is the birthplace of industrial mass production (the moving assembly line), the creation of the middle class with a $5 a day wage, the 40 hour work week and production of the Model T. The site is privately owned and many of the buildings have fallen into disrepair. The Administration Building has been vacant since the 1960's. The Woodward Avenue Action Association is working with the owner to open the site to the public for tours and the Administration Building will provide a visitor gateway into the site.

Grambau Center Renovations, Rogers City, MI
EDI

We request $3,139,650 for the City of Rogers City for renovations to the Grambau Center. This historic center was the original Rogers City High School in 1927. Since 2000, it has been used for school administration, Head Start programs, and to provide space for community activities and services that would otherwise be unavailable for the 14,000 area residents. It is a well-maintained brick building with great architectural, cultural, and social value that is structurally sound, but it needs renovations to again be a vital focus of community activity. Needs include new energy-efficient utility systems, hazard abatement, and barrier-free access.

Idewild Historic Restoration, Idewild, MI
EDI

We request $750,000 for the Michigan Department of History Arts and Libraries for the restoration and development of Williams Island and the Flamingo Club - Idlewild. The Flamingo Club and Williams Island were host to many famous African American musicians. This project will restore the past grandeur, create jobs and allow them to again become sites for cultural activities.

Interlochen Historic Stabilization, Renovation and Restoration, Interlochen, MI
EDI

We request $1,300,000 for the Interlochen Center for the Arts for renovations and restoration of historic buildings on the Interlochen campus. Serving the nation as one of its oldest and most storied centers for arts and culture since 1928, Interlochen's campus of 1200 acres and 455 buildings has provided a world center for the arts and culture. However, the vast majority of the buildings on the campus are more than 50 years old. Interlochen is currently undertaking comprehensive renovation and restoration efforts across its campus.

Lansing Green Zone Economic Revitalization Project, Lansing, MI
EDI

We request $1,000,000 for the City of Lansing for the transformative "Green Zone" economic redevelopment initiative on the Grand River in downtown Lansing. This initiative will create and retain more than 2,000 jobs by investing more than $350,000,000 in public and private funds into new mixed-use development and community spaces. This includes more than $20 million needed for site-preparation and economic development infrastructure improvements in the target area. This project is essential to the future of this struggling Michigan community, which has been in recession with 10% unemployment and 24% of the population below the poverty line for years.

Luce County Community Service Center - Luce County, MI (*)

We request $400,000 for the Chippewa-Luce-Mackinac Community Action Human Resource Authority for the construction of a Community Service Center. This funding will be used to build a new service center to house all the agency's programs that benefit low income residents, as the current locations do not meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements and energy efficiency standards.
** This project was originally requested via the Fiscal Year 2010 Agriculture, Rural Development, and Food and Drug Administration Appropriations Bill on May 8, 2009.*

Marquette County History Museum Renovation Project, Marquette, MI
EDI

We request $474,000 for the Marquette County History Museum for the renovation of a former transportation center in downtown Marquette as a new building site. The community has been engaged in over two years of planning and anticipates construction in 2010. The capital campaign to raise the $4.7 million required to complete the renovation has begun and $2.1 million has been raised to date. Federal funding would help with this large construction project to make this new museum, which combines the best of natural history and cultural heritage museums, a unique learning environment and public gathering space.

McGregor Library Restoration, Highland Park, MI
EDI

We request $1,000,000 for the City of Highland Park to restore and reopen the McGregor Library. This community is currently working with the State of Michigan's "Cities of Promise" initiative, various community leaders and the private sector to reopen the Library, which was closed and boarded up in 2001. From a health and safety point of view, this request will allow area residents to have a safe place where they can come together to learn, read, and take educational classes.

Michigan State Unversity - Holland Facility, Holland, MI
EDI

We request $1,357,500 for Michigan State University for their Bioeconomy Re-development project at the old Pfizer R&D Site in Holland, MI. Revitalizing and redeveloping this property will help support public/private partnership efforts to advance the emerging United States bioeconomy. This facility will house bio-based start-up companies, as well as leading researchers, and restore high technology jobs that have been lost in the region.

Michigan Water Technology Center of Excellence, Waterford, MI
EDI

We request $2,000,000 for the reconstruction of an abandoned shopping center into the LEED certified Michigan Water Technology Center of Excellence. Working with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), this testing facility will provide for the testing and evaluating of cutting-edge technologies that will protect the environment, lower operating costs and improve reliability.

Millennium Park Mine Remediation Project, Grand Rapids, MI
EDI

We request $1,000,000 for Kent County, Michigan for the Millennium Park Mine Remediation Project. This funding will help remediate acres of former mineral extraction and industrial land for public recreational green space near the center of the most urbanized area in Kent County. A parking area has been proposed in a part of the Park that sits above former Georgia Pacific and Domtar Industries gypsum mines. While an initial study on the stability of the area has been done, funding is required for additional evaluation and structural remediation due to mines or other subsurface voids. Subsurface voids are common all along the river and have been effectively remediated in numerous construction projects.

Millienium Park Amphitheater Project, Grand Rapids, MI
EDI

We request $2,000,000 for the Kent County - Grand Rapids Convention Arena Authority for the Millennium Park Amphitheater Project. The Millennium Park Amphitheater is envisioned as multi-purpose entertainment venue that complements Millennium Park, enhances the community

economically and enriches cultural life. This project will serve as a catalyst for economic activity and development and allow the city to leverage partnerships with existing downtown venues, hotels, restaurants and the entertainment district.

Re-installation of the historic Detroit Central Farmers Market, Dearborn, MI
EDI

We request $750,000 million for the Edison Institute for the reconstruction of the historic Detroit Central Farmers Market. In 2003, The Henry Ford was informed of the City of Detroit's intention to demolish the historically and architecturally significant structure, known as the Detroit Central Farmers Market, originally built in 1860 and located in Cadillac Square in the heart of historic Detroit. The Henry Ford succeeded in halting the structure's imminent demolition, purchased the structure from the City, and carefully disassembled it and trucked the parts to The Henry Ford campus. They are well into the process of planning/designing its restoration and re-installation of this oldest surviving market of its type in the country, in historic Greenfield Village, their outdoor history complex.

Saginaw County Green Infrastructure Demonstration Project, Saginaw County, MI
EDI

We request $6,400,000 for Saginaw County's "Green" Infrastructure Demonstration Project. This funding will improve the local, downtown parking structure for use by residents, while making the top facility energy self-sufficient. The top floor of the structure will be covered with solar panels and all lighting, ticketing, gating, elevators, and way-finding, will function via solar panel generated electricity. The parking ramp is central to the renaissance of downtown Saginaw. The Dow Event Center completed a $14 million renovation in 2003. In 2005 the Temple Theater completed an $8 million dollar renovation. The main cross street of Washington Avenue and Johnson Streets also incurred multimillion dollar streetscape improvements during the past 5 years. This has been a tremendous turn around for the community. The parking structure, which is located at the confluence of these improvements, if not renovated, will remain a towering piece of blight in the midst of the positive development.

Samaritan Center Generators and Roof Replacement, Detroit, MI
EDI

We request $750,000 for the Samaritan Center for the installation of new generators and the replacement of the roof. The Samaritan Center supports 100 mission partners including Samaritan Manor, Fresenius Dialysis Center and the soon-to-open Samaritan Behavioral Health Center. These three partners alone provide inpatient and critical medical services to 222 adults each day. Samaritan Center is also designated as an emergency shelter by HRSA in the event of a major catastrophe. The requested funding would assist in the purchase and installation of sufficient life and safety generators to cover all operations on the campus, including sustaining critical medical equipment for the intensive medical programs. Additionally, the roof is in need of replacement in order to protect the mission partners and individuals receiving services.

Shiawassee Performing Arts Center, Owosso, MI
EDI

We request $3,000,000 for the Owosso Community Players for the reconstruction and improvement of the fire-damaged historic Capitol Theater. Currently, the Shiawassee Performing Arts Center's footprint includes three separate buildings. This is a multi-phased project to reconstruct and improve the fire damaged historic Capitol Theater while taking full advantage of new materials and contemporary technology. Federal funding will assist with Phase Two that involves the reconstruction of exterior walls, erecting a roof over the auditorium and stage areas, and construction of the interior performance, audience and lobby areas. The Theater is critical to the local economy and will create jobs.

Siena Heights Community Center, Adrian, MI
EDI

We request $5,000,000 for Siena Heights University for the construction of a Community Center. This center will promote relationships between the university and the external community. Lenawee County has very few places where the community can gather and Siena Heights University, with its new facility, can be a gathering place for the Adrian and greater Lenawee County communities.

Starr Commonwealth Facility Expansion, Battle Creek, MI
EDI

We request $900,000 for Starr Commonwealth for renovations to facilities to allow the expansion of Starr's day treatment program for at-risk youth. The day treatment program provides supervision and treatment for youth who have been adjudicated. This community-based program is intended to prevent repeat offenses and out-of-home placement. Children receive treatment through group meetings and positive peer culture treatment on a daily basis. Referrals currently come through a court order. An expansion in housing will significantly expand the day treatment program to accommodate youth referred by parents and teachers. Renovations to current facilities will allow Starr to triple program capacity for youth.

Streetscape Improvements for Topinabee, Michigan, Cheboygan County, MI
EDI

We request $2,500,000 for the Mullett Township Board for streetscape and landscape improvements in Topinabee, Michigan. These infrastructure improvements are part of a broad plan to improve the economy of Topinabee which is vital in these difficult economic times. This project will support development of new businesses, promote increased tourism through visual enhancement and protect the environment by preventing storm runoff into Mullett Lake.

Sugar Hill Arts District, Detroit, MI
EDI

We request $2,000,000 for the University Cultural Center Association (UCCA) for the creation of the Sugar Hill Arts District, a 3-block area just south of the Cultural Center in Midtown Detroit. This project will transform this area with economically mixed-income housing, art-related commercial properties and vibrant outdoor public spaces. The arts district was re-named "Sugar Hill" in recognition of the area's rich history as a premier entertainment and residential district for African Americans. UCCA and the other stakeholders in this project successfully nominated this three block area as a national historic district in 2002. Since that time, one of the centerpiece projects in the district, the Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit (MOCAD), is now in place and has attracted over 75,000 visitors since its opening in 2006.

The Corners: New School for Social Philosophy, West Bloomfield, MI
EDI

We request $250,000 for The Corners: A Campus for Caring Communities for the creation of the New School for Social Philosophy. This funding will help repurpose the Metropolitan Detroit workforce using education as a tool to create opportunity. Preliminary program offerings will include Art Therapy, Addiction, Recovery Therapy, an Entrepreneurial Incubator, and Film and Broadcasting.

The Michigan Theatre - Rehabilitation Master Plan, Jackson, MI
EDI

We request $5,000,000 for the Michigan Theatre of Jackson, Inc. for the rehabilitation and restoration of the Michigan Theatre. Renovations will include restoring the architecture of the interior of the theatre, the exterior cupola and roofing system, and extensive replacement of existing mechanicals to energy efficient operating systems. Major renovation of basement space is required, along with new seating in the auditorium. The entry facade, exterior upstage wall, lobbies, patron restrooms and auditorium spaces are architecturally significant and deserve preservation and quality restoration. This project is important to economic development in southern Michigan and will create jobs.

The River Center - City of Alpena Environmental Interpretive Center, Alpena, MI
EDI

We request $1,500,000 for the City of Alpena for the River Center, an environmental interpretive center in the Thunder Bay Wildlife Sanctuary. The River Center will support local nature education and promote tourism in Alpena. It will serve as a research and educational facility dedicated to the river watershed, promoting greater awareness and understanding of this river ecosystem and its impact on the Alpena area. The Sanctuary provides an outdoor laboratory which will be supplemented by indoor classrooms and exhibits that will provide opportunities for research on water quality and natural habitats, and their impact on the Great Lakes. This facility will produce positive environmental, educational and economic impacts for the greater Alpena area.

Tibbits Opera House Façade Restoration, Coldwater, MI
EDI

We request $250,000 for the Tibbets Opera Foundation and Arts Council, Inc. to restore the façade of the Tibbits Opera House to its original 1882 design. Restoring the façade will generate more interest in the building and help to reinstate Tibbits as a focal point of downtown Coldwater, attracting more tourists and preserving a piece of American architectural history.

United Way for Southeastern Michigan Wheelchair Ramps Program, Detroit, MI
EDI

We request $400,000 for the United Way for Southeastern Michigan for their Wheelchair Ramps Program. People who use wheelchairs are unable to get into or out of their house without a ramp. Many of these people could not afford to hire a company to construct it for them. The United Way has had great success with this program for several years, but the recent downturn in the economy has forced the United Way to scale back this program; at a time when the need is increasing. The requested funding will enable United Way's volunteer corps to build 114 ramps at a cost of $3,500 per ramp, well below the retail cost of $6,000 to $10,000.

Veterans Memorial Park of Detroit, Detroit, MI
EDI

We request $3,000,000 for the Veterans Memorial Park of Detroit to develop a permanent memorial park in Detroit to honor all Michigan war veterans who have served in the armed forces from the Civil War to present. It will serve as an educational resource for visitors to learn historical facts about the different conflicts and the pivotal role Detroit's manufacturing industry performed to support those conflicts. Funding would be used to complete the landscape system that includes amending the soil, installing a sprinkler system, plantings, walkways, landscape furnishing and the installation of educational kiosks and monuments.

VOAMI Community Programs Expansion Initiative, Lansing, MI
EDI

We request $5,000,000 for the Volunteers of America Michigan to expand housing shelters and widen community access to medical, social, civic and economic services. The VOA of MI is the primary resource for the homeless of mid-MI. In 2008, they offered services to 2,829 persons, provided 35,848 bed nights of shelter and 77,889 meals. They are turning people away (into zero degree weather) because they currently lack room. They have secured an appropriate building through a negotiated property trade and have made partnerships in the community to facilitate services at that location.

Wayne County Prosecutor's Office Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Unit, Detroit, MI
EDI

We request $207,511 for the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office for their Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Unit. The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office would use these funds to have a dedicated Assistant Prosecuting Attorney to enforce the Landlord Penalty Law, MCL 333.5475a, which makes it a criminal offense to rent properties with lead hazards to families with children, where a child is identified with an elevated blood lead level.

Wayne State University - TechTown Economic Development Initiative, Detroit, MI
EDI

We request $500,000 for Wayne State University for the Wayne State University-TechTown Economic Development Initiative. TechTown provides the support and access to capital needed to build high tech companies in Detroit. The ultimate mission is to contribute to the economic renaissance of Detroit by creating an internationally recognized entrepreneurial village. . Innovative products and services developed by TechTown tenantsare accelerating medical research, expanding technology access for students and positively impacting people's lives. TechTown is growing technology businesses and strengthening community through a multifaceted, comprehensive strategy.

Western Michigan Science and Technology Initiative, Grand Rapids, MI
EDI

We request $1,000,000 for the City of Grand Rapids for the Western Michigan Science and Technology Initiative (WMSTI). Michigan needs to diversify its economy, and Grand Rapids is focusing on the high-tech life sciences industry. WMSTI provides services and incubator space dedicated to innovation and the commercialization of life science-based technologies and products, but does not have the space to accommodate the needs. Funding would be used toward the construction a new facility in an urban area needing development, which would include building both wet lab and unique space for medical device development.

Westland Central City Park Remediation, Wayne County, MI
EDI

We request $1,500,000 for Wayne County and the City of Westland for remediation and restoration of Westland Central City Park, which has been impacted by lead and other contaminants. Now closed to the public due to this contamination, Westland Central City Park is the city's largest and previously most-used park, serving many thousands of people annually that participate in a variety of recreational activities, as well as the City's annual 4th of July celebration. The Park serves a surrounding community of moderate and low-income families.

Woodward Avenue Tributes, Royal Oak, MI
EDI

We request $500,000 for the Woodard Avenue Action Association for Woodward Avenue Tributes. The request would fund the fabrication and installation of four Woodward Tributes. Woodward Tributes consist of a cylindrical concrete base approximately 6 feet tall embossed with "Woodward Avenue," and from the base, is a tower of translucent glass panels. Illuminated at night by solar energy, the panels will have a soft, luminous glow. Each Tribute will display graphics depicting a theme relevant to the rich history of Woodward Avenue. Several of the themes proposed to date include the automotive industry, music, technology and the arts.

Neighborhood Initiatives

Detroit Institute of Arts Public Address System, Detroit, MI
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We request $750,000 for the Detroit Institute of Arts for a new public address system for emergency situations. More than 600,000 adults and school children visit the museum annually and the DIA does not have a public address system to make public announcements with instructions and information during an emergency or catastrophic event. The addition of a life-safety address system is paramount to keep visitors and staff safe in the event of an emergency.

We certify that neither we nor our immediate family has a pecuniary interest in any of the congressionally directed spending item(s) that we have requested for the Fiscal Year 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations bill, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

We further certify that we have posted a description of the items requested on our official websites, along with the accompanying justification.

We appreciate the subcommittee's consideration of our requests. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kata Sybenga or Alison Pascale of Senator Levin's staff at 202-224-6221 or Patty Readinger of Senator Stabenow's staff at 202-224-4822.

Sincerely,

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