



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Donni
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Steele
3. The cosponsoring representatives' names. All cosponsors must be listed. If none, please type 'n/a.' A signed letter from the sponsor approving the co-sponsorship and a signed letter from the member wishing to co-sponsor are required. Attach letters at question #9 below.
n/a
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
Orion Township
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
2323 Joslyn Rd, Lake Orion, MI, 48360
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
n/a
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:
Donni Steele (54)
8. Purpose of the legislatively directed spending item. Please include how it provides a public benefit and why it is an appropriate use of taxpayer funding. Please also demonstrate that the item does not violate Article IV, S 30 of the Michigan Constitution.
East Clarkston Road, located between Lapeer Road (M-24) and Kern Road in Orion Township, is a distinctive road. It carries approximately 4,000 vehicles per day (vpd) despite being a gravel road, which is more traffic than is typically suitable for such surfaces. It is classified as a "local road," limiting its available funding options. However, as shown in the National Functional Classification Map (the road section is marked in dashed purple above), this road serves as a connector between two minor arterials: Clarkston Road to the west of Lapeer Road (M-24) and Orion Road. Most of the traffic

on this stretch consists of non-local drivers, as there are very few properties that have direct access to East Clarkston Road. This situation makes the traditional funding mechanism for local roads, such as a special assessment district, impractical.

9. Attach documents here if needed:

Attachments added to the end of this file.

10. The amount of state funding requested for the legislatively directed spending item.

3000000

11. Has the legislatively directed spending item previously received any of the following types of funding? Check all that apply.

["None"]

12. Please select one of the following groups that describes the entity requesting the legislatively directed spending item:

Local unit government

13. For a non-profit organization, has the organization been operating within Michigan for the preceding 36 months?

Not applicable

14. For a non-profit organization, has the entity had a physical office within Michigan for the preceding 12 months?

Not applicable

15. For a non-profit organization, does the organization have a board of directors?

Not applicable

16. For a non-profit organization, list all the active members on the organization's board of directors and any other officers. If this question is not applicable, please type 'n/a.'

n/a

17. "I certify that neither the sponsoring representative nor the sponsoring representative's staff or immediate family has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the legislatively directed spending item."

Yes, this is correct

18. Anticipated start and end dates for the legislatively directed spending item:

October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026

19. "I hereby certify that all information provided in this request is true and accurate."

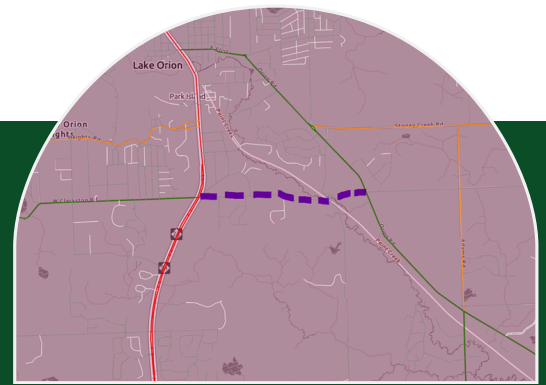
Yes



PROJECT PROPOSAL

PAVING EAST CLARKSTON ROAD

Orion Township is requesting \$3,000,000 to pave East Clarkston Road. This project aims to enhance navigation for citizens and improve the water quality of the adjacent Paint Creek stormwater outlet.



BACKGROUND

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CHALLENGES

Residents who frequently travel in this area often express frustration during the spring when the road becomes difficult to navigate as the frost thaws.

In addition to navigation challenges, there are significant environmental concerns to address. This section of the road negatively impacts Paint Creek, which is one of the last cold-water trout streams in Southeast Michigan. Paint Creek acts as the natural stormwater outlet for runoff in the region, and the gravel from East Clarkston Road continuously contributes sediments that harm this sensitive stream. Please refer to the adjacent photos that illustrate the current impact this unpaved section of Clarkston Road has on Paint Creek.

SOLUTIONS

This project offers a valuable opportunity to improve water quality while addressing the traditional benefits of paving a gravel road that experiences heavy traffic. By paving East Clarkston Road, we will eliminate the source of sediments that negatively impact the environment. Additionally, we plan to integrate effective water quality best management practices (BMPs), such as mechanical treatment units, bioswales, and potentially other measures, to treat stormwater before it enters Paint Creek.

The Township is working in collaboration with the Road Commission for Oakland County to secure funding for this crucial project. Currently, funding is available to cover 50% of the total project costs, but we still need to secure the remaining 50%. The total estimated cost of the project is approximately \$6,000,000, which includes paving about 4,800 feet of East Clarkston Road and implementing the necessary stormwater treatment measures. The Township is seeking an additional \$3,000,000 to complete this project.



Impact to Paint Creek



Discharge to Paint Creek



Roadside ditch along East Clarkston Road