



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Kathy
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Schmaltz
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.
Rep. Jason Morgan
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
Huron Waterloo Pathways Initiative (HWPI)
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
339 E. Liberty, Suite 320, Ann Arbor, MI 48104
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
Washtenaw County, and specifically focused on the most expensive segments between Dexter and Ann Arbor along the Huron River. Once these final segments within Washtenaw County are complete, work will continue to extend the trail into surrounding counties in nearly all directions, including Wayne County, Jackson County, Ingham County, and Livingston County (some of which are already fully connected, or work has begun to connect).
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:
HD 46 - Kathy Schmaltz, HD 47 - Carrie Rheingans, HD 48 - Jennifer Conlin, HD 33 - Morgan Foreman, HD 32 - Jimmie Wilson Jr., HD 31 - Reggie Miller, HD 23 - Jason Morgan
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.

To further develop the B2B Trail, a paved, ADA accessible non-motorized pathway throughout Washtenaw County and connecting into surrounding counties in all directions.

Non-motorized trails like the B2B Trail provide tremendous benefits to the public and the communities in which they exist. Not only do they allow for unique and exciting outdoor recreational activities, but they provide a host of benefits ranging from improved health and wellness for community members; an economic boost to local cities and towns through which they run; nature access for people who do not have easy access to the outdoors; and safe and efficient non-motorized transportation options for residents; among other benefits.

Due to the incredible benefits non-motorized trails have for taxpayers and communities. Further, the scale of the funding needed to develop and maintain large regional trails such as the B2B Trail necessitate both public and private funds. Prior to HWPI's formation and contribution to the trail, B2B Trail development was funded solely by local millage dollars that allowed for less than 1 mile of trail built per-year. Since the inclusion of HWPI's private contributions to the trail, construction has increased to over 3 miles per year, showing the power of private funds in public projects. State funds are now needed in addition to private and local funds in order to complete the project (and many connecting trail projects) in a timely manner. The cost of construction and engineering for each one of the remaining 7-ish miles of the B2B Trail will cost upwards of \$8M or more, meaning that a combination of both significant public and private funds are needed. Once built, a combination of taxpayer funds and private dollars can also help to maintain the trail throughout the many communities it runs through, ensuring safe and accessible trail access for decades to come.

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.

3500000

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

["Federal","State","Local","Private"]

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

Non-profit organization

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

Yes

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

Yes

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

Yes

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.'

Christine Stead Board Chair Erik Stalhandske Vice Chair, Board of Directors Susie Paisley Treasurer, Board of Directors Allan Newman Secretary, Board of Directors Charles Borgsdorf Director Larry Deck Director Paul Dimond Director Lew Kidder Director Susan Lufkin Director Peter Sanderson Director Coy Vaughn Director Matt Wixson Director Lisa Wozniak Director

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:

Summer/Fall 2026 - Summer/Fall 2028

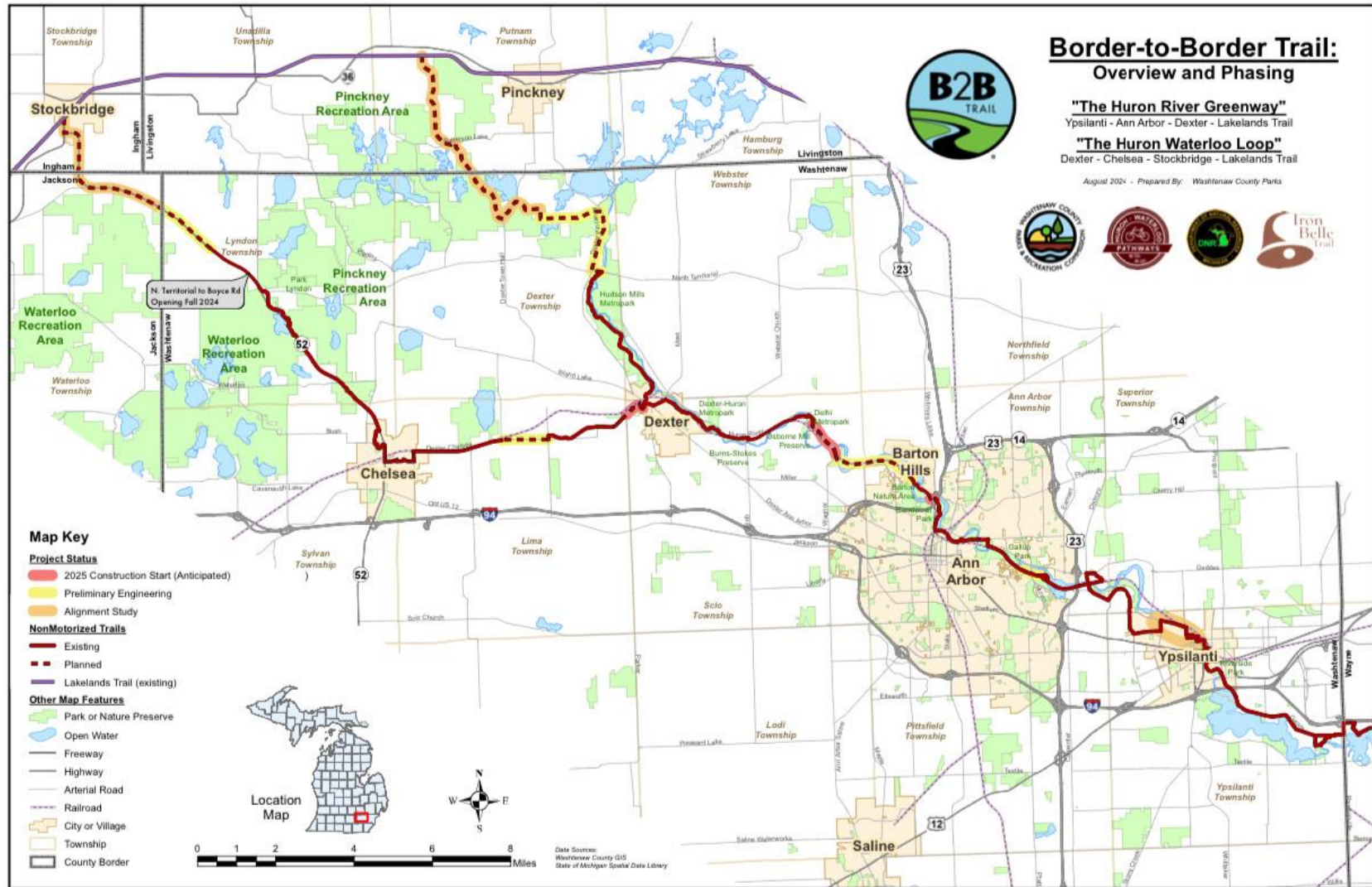
19. "I hereby certify that all information provided in this request is true and accurate."

Yes



B2B Trail Future Construction Budget

Segment Name	Total Segment Cost	HWPI Costs	Other Funding Sources	Notes	Estimated Construction
Bandemer Tunnel	\$6,018,800	\$2,006,325	WCPARC, City of Ann Arbor ; Total combined = \$4,012,533	HWPI funding secured through private foundation grant that also paid for the private portion of the Barton Nature Area construction	Summer 2025
Mill Creek Crossing	\$1,800,000	\$800,000	WCPARC; City of Dexter; Total combined = \$1,000,000	HWPI cost includes potential match grant from an anonymous foundation; Over \$500,000 still needed in private funding	Fall 2025
Delhi Rd - Wagner Rd	\$8,000,000	\$4,500,000	WCPARC; Washtenaw County Rd Commission; Total combined = \$3,500,000	HWPI funding includes \$3M from State of Michigan FY25 budget appropriation; \$1.5M in funding still needed	Construction set to begin in late 2025 or early 2026, with estimated completion in 2026
Barton NA to Maple Rd	\$3,250,000	\$2,000,000	WCPARC - \$1,250,000	Actively fundraising; \$300,000 secured in private donations	2026-2027
Boyce Rd to County Line	\$2,350,000	\$1,200,000	WCPARC - \$1,150,000	Actively fundraising; no specific funding secured	2026-2027
Lima Center to Dancer Rd	\$2,000,000	\$1,475,000	WCPARC - \$525,000	Actively fundraising; no specific funding secured	2027
Wagner Rd to Maple Rd	(estimated) \$10,000,000	(estimated) \$8,000,000	WCPARC - \$2,000,000	Currently raising \$1,800,000 for engineering and feasibility studies	2029-2030
Total:	\$31,418,800	\$19,981,325	\$11,437,475		



Huron Waterloo Pathways Initiative
 Final Draft Strategic Plan Executive Summary, 2024-2030
 Prepared for Board Consideration of Approval – Sept 11, 2024

Values Trust <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community-driven trail development goals. • Reliable, consistent partners. • Teamwork and coordination. • Respectful and effective stewards of the resources supporters share with us. Impact <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bold, ambitious vision. • Committed to nimbly achieving results. • Care about people's health and the environment. • Committed to sustainable use and maintenance of the trail system. Community and Connection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positivity and excitement. • Inclusive approach. • Equitable engagement. • Joyful use and exploration of trail – by and for all. 	Mission To facilitate development and promote enjoyment of regional trails connecting people, communities, and nature.			
	Vision Inclusive world-class regional trails that foster community well-being.			
	Strategic Goals, 2024 – 2030			
	Trail Development Complete the B2B trail. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ann Arbor to Dexter. • Dexter to Chelsea. • Northwest Passage • Infill and improvement projects in Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, and Dexter. • Countywide wayfinding signage. • Additional regional connections beyond Washtenaw County. • Regional connections in Stockbridge and Van Buren. 	Community Engagement and Communication The community uses the trail, and our programs and partnerships support their use. We communicate effectively to achieve our strategic goals.	Financial Stability and Fundraising Secure funding by 2030 for identified trail development corridors and projects. Build and maintain a stable, diversified revenue model to support staffing and operations. Support trail maintenance by continuing to contribute to Washtenaw County's trail maintenance fund, and by advocating for all-season trail use and access.	Organizational Excellence Our decisions and actions and match our values. Build, support, and retain a talented professional staff. Build and maintain a high-functioning board and governing structure motivated by passion for the mission and guided by the organization's values.



BORDER TO BORDER TRAIL

Connecting communities throughout Southeast Michigan while growing our regional trail systems.

- ✓ Supports local economies and small businesses
- ✓ Increases access for all ages and abilities
- ✓ Promotes outdoor recreation
- ✓ Improves physical and mental health of residents
- ✓ Provides safe and efficient transportation options
- ✓ Brings together urban and rural communities
- ✓ Increases regional connectivity throughout Southeast Michigan



About the Trail

- The B2B Trail is a planned 45-mile, **ADA accessible** paved pathway; over 40 miles have been completed to-date, connecting 4 counties to the statewide **Iron Belle Trail**.
- Travels through cities, towns, parks, Metroparks, urban and rural areas, more than 20 nature preserves, and destinations throughout Southeast Michigan.
- Connects local shops and businesses, major universities, hospital systems, schools, and other community resources.

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Our Partners:



Who is HWPI?

We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit whose mission is to facilitate the development and promote the enjoyment of regional trails, connecting people, communities, and nature.

Building Partnerships

- We operate successful public-private partnerships with local government entities
- We raise private dollars through donor and foundation partners, including nearly \$25 million raised since 2017
- We help secure public funding through state and federal grants with local agencies
- We collaborate with public partners on campaigns, trail awareness, millage support, and more
- We partner with local nonprofits on trail programming

Building Trail Networks

- Planning 3 miles of new trail in 2025, including a tunnel under railway and a foot bridge over Mill Creek
- Supporting ongoing maintenance funding
- Designing, funding, and implementing trail signage and wayfinding
- Bringing partners together to collaborate on remaining trail segments