



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Matthew
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Bierlein
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:
Williams Charter Township
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
1080 W. Midland Rd. Auburn, MI 48611
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
Fisher Road improvement between Garfield Road and 9 Mile Road in Bay County, Michigan.
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:
Matthew Bierlein, 97th House District
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. The purpose of this legislatively directed spending item is to fund improvements to Fisher Road so it can be transferred to the Bay County Road Commission and maintained as a local public road in Williams Charter Township. This project will enhance public safety by ensuring reliable access for residents and emergency vehicles, especially during poor weather conditions. It also supports regional economic development through infrastructure improvements needed for the new Great Lakes Bay Region Home Builders

Association training facility. Additionally, the improved road could serve as an emergency detour route for US-10, reducing congestion on nearby roads during closures. This appropriation does not violate Article IV, Section 30 of the Michigan Constitution, as it provides a direct public benefit and funds a project managed by a local governmental unit for the general welfare.

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.

440261.95

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:

Contingent upon the appropriations request being approved by October 1, 2025 and that the funds are available, it is anticipated that the 6-inch gravel lift would be constructed this fall, weather dependent, during the period starting October 1, 2025 and ending November

26, 2025. It is anticipated that construction of the asphalt pavement and gravel shoulders will occur in 2026 during the period starting June 1, 2026 and ending July 31, 2026.

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

Yes

Opinion of Costs

Quantities and Unit Prices provided by Bay County Road Commission

Date: April 17, 2025

Location: Fisher Road- Garfield Rd to 9 Mile Rd

Description: HMA 3 inches on existing Gravel Base

1.5 inch HMA, 4EL leveling course and 1.5 inch HMA, 4EL wearing course

<u>Category</u>	<u>Decsription</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Total</u>
Roadwork	Mobilization, Max	0.155	LSUM	\$ 199,156.00	\$ 30,869.18
Roadwork	Shld, CL II	600.000	TON	\$ 40.00	\$ 24,000.00
Roadwork	_HMA, 4EL, Reinforcing Fiber	2,500.000	TON	\$ 95.00	\$ 237,500.00
Roadwork	Pavt Mrkg. Waterborne, 4 inch, White	10,470.000	Ft	\$ 0.20	\$ 2,094.00
Roadwork	Pavt Mrkg. Waterborne, 4 inch, Yellow	1,310.000	Ft	\$ 0.20	\$ 262.00
Roadwork	Pavt Mrkg. Waterborne, 2nd Application, 4 inch, White	10,470.000	Ft	\$ 0.20	\$ 2,094.00
Roadwork	Pavt Mrkg. Waterborne, 2nd Application, 4 inch, Yellow	1,310.000	Ft	\$ 0.20	\$ 262.00
Roadwork	Minor Traf Devices	0.080	LSUM	\$ 79,662.00	\$ 6,372.96
Roadwork	Pavt Mrkg. Wet Reflective, Type NR, Paint, 4 inch, Yellow, Temp	420.000	Ft	\$ 1.00	\$ 420.00
Roadwork	Traffic Regulator Control	0.155	LSUM	\$ 39,831.00	\$ 6,173.81
				Estimate Total	\$ 310,047.95

US-10

City of
AUBURN

Williams Charter Township

C.S. 09101 (9-47)				
Parcel	Grantor	Inst.	Date Recorded	Liber-Page
149	Floyd Beane	D	2-13-58	475-190 L.A.
151	Edwin H. Walter	"	"	475-192 "
151E	"	E	"	475-208 Cov.
152	Margaret Schnell	D	"	475-196 L.A.
152E	"	E	"	475-202 Cov.
153	James Witbrodt	D	10-22-59	490-375 L.A.
154	Ann R. Witbrodt	E	7-7-58	479-11 Cov.
155	James V. Schmidt	D	9-24-59	490-47 L.A.
156	Bernard Witbrodt	E	5-7-58	477-266 Cov.
157	William C. Graul	D	3-12-58	475-588 L.A.
158	Clara Graul	E	7-7-59	479-9 Cov.
159	William C. Graul, Jr.	"	2-13-58	475-210 "
161	Andrew Toloska	"	5-7-58	477-268 "
162	William J. Western	"	"	477-270 "
163	Jerome L. Trojan	D	"	477-274 L.A.
164	Charles H. Campbell	"	1-22-59	484-36 "
165	Robert De Courcy	"	"	484-52 "
"	William J. O'Brien	"	5-7-58	477-262 "

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Parcel	Grantor	Inst.	Date Recorded	Liber-Page	
14	Alex Dasky	E	1-13-27	196-494	--
15	Emma L. Aspin	"	"	196-495	--
41	George Kilts	"	12-9-27	220-14	--
43	Harry E. Almond	"	"	220-25	--

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LAST REVISION DATE: 03/20/01

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HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION
OF THE GREAT LAKES BAY REGION

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GREAT LAKES BAY REGION - HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION

Thriving Communities - Quality Craftsmanship - Lasting Value

MEETINGS AND EVENTS	ANNUAL ATTENDANCE	RE-OCCURING	12-24 MONTH GROWTH PROJECTION
Miosha Training Classes	300	Monthly	600
Builders License Training	60	Bi-Annual	120
Builders Round Table	480	Monthly	960
CPR Training	50	Bi-Annual	100
Workforce Development	1200	Weekly	1800
Skilled Trades Development	1200	Weekly	1800
Committee Meetings	1244	Monthly/Annual	1850-1900
Executive & Board Meetings	360	Monthly	720
Builders On Going Education Courses	60	Bi-Annual	120
Fundraisers & Socials	850	Annually	1700
Monthly Member Meetings	1200	Monthly	2400
Home Show Committee & Planning Meetings	240	Monthly	360
GLBR Home Shows	8000	Bi-Annual	12000
Total GLBR HBA Attendance	15,250	Annual	20,000 plus

GREAT LAKES BAY HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION - MEMBERSHIP INSIGHT

	MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP STAFF TOTAL	12-24 MONTH GROWTH PROJECTION	
Current	450 plus	11,250 plus	16-17,000	

The Great Lakes Bay Region Home Builders Association development in Williams Township and the Auburn Community delivers significant opportunity

Accessibility & Connectivity – A central location provides easier access to major cities in the region, such as Saginaw, Bay City, and Midland, making it convenient for membership, potential homebuyers and businesses.

Market Demand & Growth – A central area might offer a growing population, increasing demand for new housing, and a strong real estate market.

Infrastructure & Amenities – Middle locations often have better access to utilities, schools, hospitals, and entertainment, which can attract buyers.

Economic Development – A central location could align with regional development plans, drawing in businesses and boosting local economies.

Placing the Home Builders Association's (HBA) central office in Auburn could bring multiple benefits to both the organization and the surrounding Great Lakes Bay Region, especially with monthly events, meetings, training, and education. Here's how:

Economic & Business Growth

Increased Local Traffic & Spending – Regular meetings and events bring in visitors who will spend money at local restaurants, gas stations, and shops.

Job Creation – The need for event coordination, hospitality, and support services can lead to new jobs in the area.

Stronger Local Business Network – Auburn can become a hub for home builders, contractors, realtors, and suppliers to collaborate.

Community & Professional Development

Educational Opportunities – Training and certification programs can help local tradespeople, students, and professionals upskill and advance in their careers.

Attracting Talent – Regular workshops and networking events can draw in skilled workers and businesses, strengthening the labor force.

Community Engagement – Public events or home shows could increase awareness of housing trends and encourage community involvement in local development

Strategic Location Advantages

Accessibility for the Region – Auburn's central position within the Great Lakes Bay Region makes it a convenient meeting point for members from Saginaw, Bay City, and Midland.

Improved Collaboration – A well-placed headquarters makes it easier to coordinate with local governments, economic development groups, and educational institutions.

Enhanced Visibility for the HBA – A prominent office in a growing community can raise the association's profile and make it a go-to resource for housing and construction expertise.

Would the office also be open to the public, or primarily for industry professionals?

Having the Home Builders Association (HBA) central office in Auburn as a hub for training, workforce development, and education will have a major positive impact on both the industry and the local community. Here's how:

Workforce Development & Job Creation

- **Skilled Labor Pipeline** – Offering hands-on training and certification programs will help develop a new generation of carpenters, electricians, plumbers, and other tradespeople.
- **Bridging the Labor Gap** – With a nationwide shortage of skilled trades, this facility can help meet local demand for well-trained professionals.
- **Youth & Career Pathways** – Partnering with schools and colleges can introduce students to construction careers early, creating clear paths from education to employment.

Economic Growth for Auburn & Surrounding Areas

- **Boosting Local Businesses** – Increased foot traffic from members, trainees, and the public will support Auburn's restaurants, hotels, and retail businesses.
- **Attracting New Investments** – A dedicated hub for workforce development can encourage companies to expand or relocate nearby, knowing there's a strong talent pool.
- **Job Placement Assistance** – The center could connect trainees with builders and contractors needing skilled workers, reducing unemployment and underemployment in the region.

Local Community & Regional Engagement

- **Open to the Public** – Homeowners can attend DIY workshops, learn about energy-efficient homes, and connect with reputable builders.
- **Housing & Construction Expos** – Hosting regular events can educate the public on industry trends, sustainable building, and available resources for homeownership.
- **Community Partnerships** – Collaborations with schools, veterans' groups, and local organizations can provide specialized training programs for different demographics.

Regional Leadership & Industry Innovation

- **Cutting-Edge Training** – The facility can introduce advanced building techniques, smart home technologies, and green building practices.
- **Networking & Collaboration** – Monthly meetings and conferences can strengthen industry relationships and promote innovation in home building.
- **A Hub for Policy & Advocacy** – A central location allows the HBA to work closely with local and state officials on housing policies, zoning laws, and economic development initiatives.

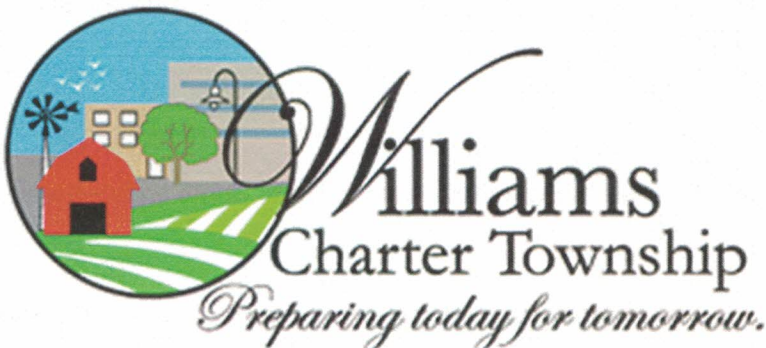
Why Williams Township and the Greater Auburn Community

Strategic Location – High visibility and easily accessible for the entire Great Lakes Bay Region.

Growth Potential – Auburn is poised for expansion, and this facility can be a catalyst for further development.

Supportive Business Climate – The city and region are likely to welcome initiatives that boost workforce readiness and economic activity.

**The Great Lakes Bay Region
Home Builders Association Development
is a game-changer for the region!**



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April 23, 2025

The Honorable Matthew Bierlein
District 97 State Representative
S-1286 House Office Building
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Lansing, MI 48909-7514

Sent via email

RE: Appropriations Request Narrative for Fisher Road

Dear Representative Bierlein,

Jurisdictional control and responsibility for Fisher Road, between Garfield and 9 Mile Roads in Bay County, was designated to the City of Auburn when the city was incorporated on February 14, 1948. The centerline of Fisher Road, a local public roadway, became the boundary between the City of Auburn and Williams Township and remains so today. Auburn became the recipient of PA51 funds for the maintenance of that mile of Fisher Road.

Auburn was and continues to be a growing community. It made sense in 1948 for Auburn to be responsible for the maintenance of Fisher Road as it was logical for several Auburn streets and developments to eventually connect to Fisher Road in the foreseeable future. Unfortunately, a barrier was created with the construction of US-10 and its opening to traffic in 1959. Today, it makes no sense for Auburn to be responsible for maintaining Fisher Road since US-10 prevents any future Auburn street or development from ever directly accessing Fisher Road. That has been the Fisher Road quandary for over 66 years.

While today the centerline of Fisher Road remains the official boundary between the City of Auburn and Williams Township, the reality is that MDOT now shares that boundary with Williams Township. Auburn has no parcels abutting Fisher Road since the construction of US-10 has created the barrier that effectively cut it off from the city.

Even though US-10 disconnected Auburn from Fisher Road, Auburn has done its best to maintain it as a gravel local public road with the limited PA51 funds it receives each year. Fisher Road has seen various conditions over the years, especially during the springtime with frost damage sometimes making the road nearly impassable. Williams Township would occasionally contribute limited funds to assist Auburn, but that was dependent upon the Williams Township Board of Trustees willingness to participate at any given time.

Now some 66 years later, there is a very real desire by Williams Township, the Bay County Road Commission (BCRC), and the City of Auburn to permanently resolve the Fisher Road quandary created by US-10 by transferring jurisdiction and responsibility for maintaining Fisher Road from Auburn to the BCRC as a Williams Township local public road. Past attempts have failed as funding could never be identified to improve Fisher Road to the typical standards required by the BCRC.

It is Williams Township's understanding that MDOT does not oppose transferring jurisdiction of Fisher Road to the BCRC, however MDOT has not identified a funding source within MDOT to assist in improving Fisher Road.

Therefore, Williams Charter Township is respectfully submitting this *Appropriations Request for a Legislatively Directed Spending Item* to improve Fisher Road to an acceptable local public road standard. Following are the estimates from the BCRC for redefining and improving Fisher Road first with a 6-inch gravel lift and then by placing asphalt paving with gravel shoulders.

6-inch Gravel Lift	\$130,214.00
3-inches of Asphalt Pavement, Gravel Shoulders	\$310,047.95
(2 courses of 1.5" each HMA, 4EL)	
Total Appropriations Request	\$440,261.95

With funding appropriated, Fisher Road can be improved and jurisdiction transferred to the BCRC as a Williams Township local public road and finally resolve the Fisher Road quandary that has existed for far too long. Please note that additional costs will likely be incurred by Williams Township for ditching/drainage improvements, erosion control, and seeding as needed.

Contingent upon the appropriations request being approved by October 1, 2025, and that the requested funds are available to Williams Township, it is anticipated that the 6-inch gravel lift could be placed this fall, weather dependent, during the period starting October 1, 2025 and ending November 26, 2025. It is anticipated that placement of the asphalt pavement and gravel shoulders will occur in 2026 during the period starting June 1, 2026 and ending July 31, 2026.

Resolving the long-standing issue regarding Fisher Road is especially important to Williams Charter Township. Maintaining a safe and reliable public road has always been a health, safety, and general welfare concern for our Williams Township residents and property owners along Fisher Road.

In addition, the Great Lakes Bay Region Home Builders Association has recently received site plan approval to locate its new central office on Fisher Road in Williams Township. This facility will be more than just an office. It will be a hub for training, workforce development, and education at a central Great Lakes Bay Region location.

Another public benefit of an improved Fisher Road is its possible use as an emergency detour route adjacent to US-10 in the event an accident temporarily closes US-10. This may help ease the congestion on Midland Road and Salzburg Road that currently occurs during incidents on US-10.

The Williams Township Board of Trustees, at a Special Meeting held on April 17, 2025, authorized me to submit this request on behalf of Williams Charter Township. In addition, the City of Auburn and BCRC both support Williams Township's efforts to secure this appropriation.

To conclude, contingent upon approval of this \$440,261.95 appropriations request, the City of Auburn City Commission, the Williams Township Board of Trustees, and the Bay County Board of Road Commissioners will have the funds necessary to resolve the long-standing issues with Fisher Road. How to fund these improvements to Fisher Road has repeatedly been the main challenge and barrier for Williams Township to agree with transferring control and responsibility to the BCRC as a Williams Township local public road.

Please be assured that your understanding and assistance is greatly appreciated by all the affected communities. Thank you for your support to finally resolve the Fisher Road quandary.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Paige

Thomas Paige, Trustee
Williams Charter Township
Email: tpaige.twp@gmail.com

CC: Williams Charter Township Board of Trustees (*via email*)
Jim Lillo, P.E., Engineer-Manager, Bay Co. Road Commission (*via email*)
David Haag, City Administrator, City of Auburn (*via email*)

Enclosures:

- Bay Co. GIS Map- US-10/Fisher Road Area
- BCRC Gravel Lift Estimate
- BCRC HMA Paving Estimate
- MDOT Right-of Way Sheet 63
- MDOT Right-of-Way Sheet 64
- Home Builders Association Handout

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BAY COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION ESTIMATE TO PERFORM ITEMIZED WORK

Fisher Road
6 inch Gravel Lift

Date:	3/18/2025						Estimate Prepared By: Rod Pavlawk	
Township(s):	Williams							
Roadway	Court St.		Val Ct.		Wilder		Fisher	
Termini to Termini	Midland S. to the end		N. Union S. to the end		Garfield to 11 Mile		Garfield to 9 Mile	
Type of Work	Seal Coat/Single		Seal Coat/Single		Crush&Shape/Agg		Gravel Lift	
Length of Road (mi)	0.2		0.2		1.0		1.0	
Width of Road (ft)	20		20		24		24	
Number of Driveways (ea)								
Depth Of Gravel (in)					4		6	
Item	Quantity	Estimate	Quantity	Estimate	Quantity	Estimate	Quantity	Estimate
Crush & Shape					13,939	\$13,761	0	\$0
Cold-Mill							0	\$0
Additional Aggregate (C&S Proj)					2,321	\$78,793	0	\$0
New Aggregate (Gravel Road)	0						3,516	\$117,731
Aggregate Shoulder								\$0
Durapatch	1	\$1,717	1	\$1,717				\$0
Crack Seal								\$0
Seal Coat - Single	0.18	\$3,950	0.19	\$4,169			0.00	\$0
Seal Coat - Double							0.00	\$0
Rubber Chip & Seal							0	\$0
Seal Coat - Single (Small Stone)							0.00	\$0
Fog Seal	2,112	\$748	2,229	\$789			0	\$0
Driveway Approaches (HMA)							0	\$0
Dust Control, Chloride, Full Road Width (2200 gal/mile)					0.99	\$639	1.00	\$645
Ditch Cleanout - Cast Back								\$0
Ditch Cleanout - Haul Away								\$0
Cross Culverts (12"-24")								\$0
Cross Culverts (25"-36")								\$0
Driveway Culverts (12"-24")								\$0
Clearing and Grubbing								\$0
Subtotal		\$6,415		\$6,676		\$93,193		\$118,376
Contingency (10%)		\$642		\$668		\$9,320		\$11,838
TOTAL PROJECT ESTIMATE		\$7,057		\$7,344		\$102,513		\$130,214
								Total Project Estimate (This Sheet)
								\$247,127
								Total Project Estimate (All Sheets)
								\$436,502

*The cost shown is based on estimated material, equipment and labor. The estimate is based on 2024 material unit bid and equipment/labor rates. The invoice will reflect actual material placed and the billed labor and equipment.

Fisher Road
6 inch Gravel Lift
Estimate

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ROUTE	COUNTY	PROJECT	SECTION	SHEET
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Parcel	Grantor	Inst.	Date Recorded	Liber-Page	Cov.
1	Peter Glish	E	6-17-33	232-458	Cov.

Plats (Old M-20)

Parcel	Grantor	Inst.	Date Recorded	Liber-Page	Cov.
Plats	William Price	E	1-18-50	399-467	Cov.

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Parcel	Grantor	Inst.	Date Recorded	Liber-Page	Cov.
165	Robert De Courcy	D	1-22-59	484-52	L.A.
"	William J. O'Brien	"	5-7-58	477-262	"
166	Otto Braun	"	3-12-58	475-586	"
167	Ernest Le Vasseur	"	9-15-58	480-353	"
168	Adeline Kent	"	3-18-59	485-241	"
168E	"	E	"	485-253	Cov.
169	Richard H. Wegener	D	2-13-58	475-198	L.A.
169E	"	E	"	475-212	Cov.
171	Leonard C. Bluhm	D	5-7-58	477-264	L.A.
C-172	"	"	1-13-58	474-299	"
C-172E	"	E	"	474-300	"
C-173	Carl C. Bauer	D	"	474-301	L.A.
174	Oren J. Anderson	"	9-24-59	490-45	"
175	Lawrence Bauer	"	7-7-58	479-1	"
176	George S. Bauer	"	3-12-58	475-590	"
177	Edgar W. Feinauer	E	5-7-58	477-272	Cov.

EXCESS SALES

PARCEL	SOLD TO	INST.	DATE	SALE NO.
A	LEONA M. BROWN	D	5-18-66	6-129-OC
B	CITY OF AUBURN	D	1-25-62	6-31-N-1
C	CITY OF AUBURN	D	2-18-94	6-713-N-1

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