



# HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

### Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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1. The sponsoring representative's first name:  
Mike
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:  
Hoadley
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:  
City of Tawas City / City of East Tawas
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
550 W. Lake St. P.O. Box 568 Tawas City, MI 48764 / 760 Newman Street East Tawas, MI 48730
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:  
Representative Mike Hoadley - 99th 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 Tawas Bay Pedestrian and Bike Trail is a tourism staple in the community that attracts bicyclist and outdoor-enthusiasts alike. The trail is apart of Michigan's Iron Belle Trail and winds through Tawas City and East Tawas as a pedestrian pathway/sidewalk, ending at the Tawas Point Lighthouse.

Recently, MDOT announced plans to rebuild 3.2 miles of US-23 in Iosco County from

the Tawas River Bridge in Tawas City to Tawas Beach Road in East Tawas. During this project, the Tawas Bay Trail will be removed, with no plans to reconstruct the bike path. This community staple and tourism destination supports many local businesses in an area whose major industry and economic livelihood are dependent upon the tourism traffic.

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.

456000

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

["State"]

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 2025 - October 2026

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

Yes



The Tawas Bay Bike Trail begins at the Tawas Point Lighthouse.



Travel Heritage Route 23 on Michigan's sunrise coast to spend a weekend or a pleasant day exploring the local attractions around Tawas Bay. You'll find lodging and eateries in the resort communities of Tawas City and East Tawas, camping and picnicking at Tawas Point State Park, and a bike trail that takes you on a scenic journey through it all on the edge of this beautiful blue bay. The trail consists of two sections that form one continuous 13.4-mile trail: the Tawas Bay Bike Trail and the Alabaster Bike Path Arboretum — all part of Michigan's Iron Belle Trail.

## Tawas Bay Bike Trail

The 6.9-mile Tawas Bay Bike Trail begins at the lighthouse at Tawas Point State Park. Ample parking, water and restrooms are available at the swimming beach next to the lighthouse. Starting and ending your ride at the beach works out well on hot summer days. You can go for a swim in Lake Huron to cool off after your ride.

From the lighthouse, follow the paved bike path through the state park. As you exit the park entrance, travel along a dedicated bike lane on the edge of Tawas Beach Road. A quarter-mile before the US-23 intersection, the trail becomes an off-road pedestrian path. The Tawas Bay Bike Trail continues along the edge of US-23 and the Tawas Bay shoreline through the communities of East Tawas and Tawas City on a series of widened sidewalks and asphalt paths. The trail passes by several marinas, parks and beaches, offering easy access to the trail and several good places to relax, enjoy the scenery or stop for a bite to eat along the way.

Ride along the edge of Tawas Bay.



## Alabaster Bike Path Arboretum

As you continue south of Tawas City, you enter Alabaster Township and are now riding on the 6.5-mile Alabaster Bike Path Arboretum. This smooth nonmotorized asphalt trail features a collection of over 150 labeled trees along the edge of the trail.

Alabaster Bike Path Arboretum was built in two phases over the past several years. The first phase, from Tawas City to Alabaster Road follows along US-23 meandering through shady hardwood forest on the edge of a steep bluff.

The newest section, from Alabaster Road to Dyer Road, travels along an abandoned rail line and through the remnants of an abandoned gypsum mine and shipping port (gypsum mining is still active elsewhere in Alabaster Township). This area is one of the most scenic parts of the trail with nice views of the bay. The trail ends at the Dyer Road trailhead, where you can take your picture next to a big boulder-size chunk of gypsum. In case you're curious, the highest grade of fine-grained gypsum is known as "alabaster."