



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Nancy
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Jenkins-Arno
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:
Southern Michigan Railroad
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
320 Division St PO Box A Clinton MI 49236
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
Lenawee County
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:
Nancy Jenkins-Arno
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.
As a long-standing part of our local heritage, the Southern Michigan Railroad is more than just a transportation line—it is a living symbol of our community's industrial legacy, a dedicated local employer, and an important contributor to our regional identity. For decades, the Southern Michigan Railroad has connected people, history, and industry in our region. Its role in preserving our area's rich railroad heritage has made it a beloved attraction for residents and visitors alike, while also supporting local tourism and education. Furthermore, its operation provides jobs and economic stimulation for our

county, reinforcing its importance as a community pillar.

However, as with many historic infrastructures, the Southern Michigan Railroad now faces a critical need for upgrades and repairs. Essential improvements—including bridge rehabilitation, bridge deck replacement, tie replacement, and other critical infrastructure updates—are necessary to ensure the continued safety, reliability, and functionality of the railroad. These investments are not only a matter of preservation but of public safety and economic vitality for the region.

7 Crossings = 350k

Bridge 15 pier work and decking = 500k

Bridge 21 deck = 50k

11,500 ties x 175 = 2.0125M

Switch ties 22k

Surfacing 5000ft x 2.50 = 12500/mile = 125k

Mobilization 50k

5000 ton stone 175k

Tie disposal 70k

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.

3354500

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

["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.'

· Mark Beekel-President · Anthony Finkbeiner-Vice President · Ted Delphia-Treasurer · Bryan Monaco-Secretary · Larry Wartenburg · Dennis Ludwig · Steven Polchinski

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:

2025-2026 (end of year)

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

Yes