



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Steve
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Frisbie
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 Albion
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
112 W. Cass St. Albion, MI 49224
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:
Steve Frisbie, District 44
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 City of Albion Neighborhood Improvement Project is an infrastructure initiative focused on upgrading critical roadways and utilities throughout the city. This project will rehabilitate deteriorating roads and install new water mains and storm sewers, which is essential for the public health and safety of Albion residents. Public infrastructure is a core responsibility of local government and an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as this project will support Albion residents, visitors, and businesses. For further project information please consult the attachment.

This does not violate Article 4 Section 30 because this would be going to a local unit of government for public usage.

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.

5594000

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

["Local"]

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:

Start Date would be October 2025 and End date would be September 2027

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

Yes

Title of Project: City of Albion, MI: Neighborhood Improvement Project

Organization:

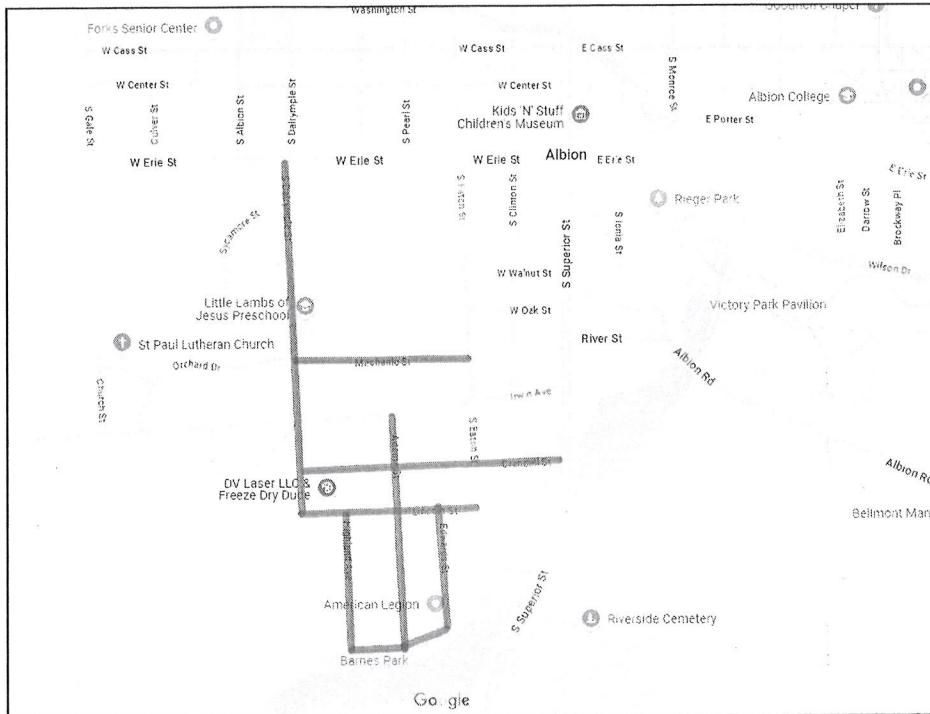
Doug Terry, Interim City Manager
City of Albion
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Amount Requesting: \$5,594,000

Total Project Cost: \$5,594,000

Funding Would be Used For:

<u>Street Name</u>	<u>Limits</u>	<u>Approx Length</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Notes</u>
S. Dalrymple Street	Lincoln Street to W. Erie Street	2,670'	1,185,000	Includes some 8" WM and retirement of dual WM (Ex. 4" and 8")
Lincoln Street	S. Dalrymple St. to S. Eaton St.	1,320'	660,000	Includes 8" WM
Water Street	Dead End to Edwards Street	1,050'	525,000	Includes 8" WM
Highland Street	Water Street to Lincoln Street	1,070'	535,000	Includes 6" WM
Edwards Street	Water Street to Lincoln Street	870'	435,000	Includes 8" WM
Adams Street	Water Street to Irwin Avenue	1,790'	860,000	Includes 6" WM
Crandall Street	S. Dalrymple St. to S. Superior St.	2,000'	800,000	Abandon dual WM (Ex. 4" and 10")
Mechanic Street	S. Dalrymple St. to S. Eaton St.	1,320'	594,000	Includes 6" WM
<u>Totals</u>		<u>12,090'</u>	<u>\$5,594,000</u>	



Brief Description of the Project:

City of Albion Neighborhood Improvement Project:

The proposed road improvements encompass a comprehensive range of streets, each with its unique scope and objectives. These projects demonstrate a commitment to addressing key transportation needs across various neighborhoods and streets within our city.

The significant investment outlined underscores the city's dedication to modernizing and upgrading critical infrastructure. These improvements include the installation of new water mains, storm sewers, and other essential components necessary for sustainable urban development.

With the forthcoming full operation of the Blue Oval Ford Plant by 2026, Albion and Calhoun County must prioritize neighborhood enhancements to seize this remarkable opportunity in Marshall, Michigan. This investment promises new employment opportunities, businesses, and a projected surge in housing availability, educational resources, and equitable socioeconomic prospects. Thankfully, Ford is dedicated to employing local residents, prompting Albion to prepare for an influx of residents. Anticipating a rise in the workforce, the demand for childcare services is expected to escalate. Notably, Albion's primary daycare facility, Little Lambs of Jesus Preschool, is situated on S. Dalrymple Street, one of the many crucial streets requiring refurbishment.

Furthermore, the integration of these road improvements with complementary projects demonstrates a thoughtful and strategic approach to urban planning. By coordinating efforts across different initiatives, the City of Albion maximizes the impact of its investments and ensures the long-term viability of our transportation network.

Albion, Michigan Region:

Albion, situated in Calhoun County within Michigan's south-central region, is a city with a population of 8,616 according to the 2010 census. It forms part of the Battle Creek Metropolitan Statistical Area.

Demographically, Albion reflects a diverse community:

- White alone: 62.4%
- Black or African American alone: 32.1%
- American Indian and Alaska Native alone: 0.2%
- Asian alone: 0.5%

Historically known as a factory town due to the presence of major manufacturers since the 19th century, Albion is undergoing a cultural shift. With the closure of several manufacturing facilities, the city is transitioning into a college town with a burgeoning interest in technology and sustainability. Albion, now in the post-industrial era, has embarked on infrastructure improvements, spurred by Albion College's investments in various areas within the city. The community boasts racial diversity, offering new avenues for employment and entrepreneurship.

Capital Improvements: Albion, MI:

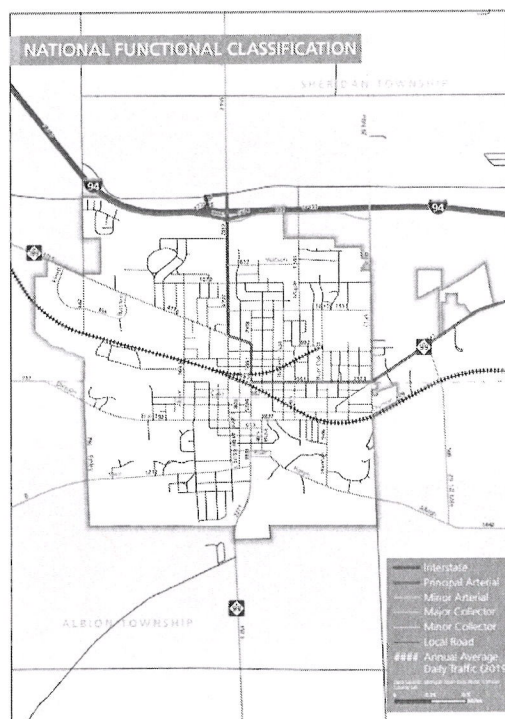
Like most communities throughout the State, the infrastructure in Albion is aging. Maintaining quality infrastructure is important to every aspect of community growth and development, ranging from sidewalk and road maintenance to facilitating the use of high-speed telecommunications and other technologies to maintaining underground water and sewer mains. Upgrading aging roads, water and sewer infrastructure is a top priority for Albion. The City is working to investigate and address all lead and galvanized water services, all of which must be replaced by 2040.

Albion, MI Road Classifications and Traffic Volumes:

The map "National Functional Classification" represents Albion's Road system using the National Functional Classification (NFC)—a hierarchical system developed by the Federal Highway Administration in the 1960s, to determine the amount of federal funding to be allocated to each road type.

All of Albion's roads fall into one of the four NFC categories: principal arterial, minor arterial, major collector, and local roads. The principal arterial road in Albion—along Michigan Avenue and N. Eaton Street—will receive higher funding due to the NFC hierarchy, followed by the minor arterials: Austin Avenue and Superior Street. Because MDOT manages these roads, the city has limited control over any infrastructure decisions. This is notable, as these roads pass through Albion's downtown, and any decisions made by MDOT regarding speed limits or road developments will directly impact pedestrian safety, walkability, and the overall character of the downtown and adjacent neighborhoods. Local roads, on the other hand, do not receive any federal funding; hence, the city is responsible for their upkeep through local funding.

MDOT also calculates the average number of vehicles that travel on roadways daily throughout the year, a figure termed "average annual daily traffic" or AADT, also shown on the "National Functional Classification" map. Mirroring the NFC hierarchy, N. Eaton Street carries the largest traffic volumes with a maximum daily average of 8,727. Superior Street, Austin Avenue, Erie Street, and Michigan Avenue are some of the other busiest roads in the city.



City of Albion, MI: Road Condition

The quality of roads impacts mobility and safety, which in turn affects the overall quality of life for residents in a community. The Transportation Asset Management Council (TAMC) conducts a visual survey called the Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) to evaluate the conditions of roads. The surface conditions are rated on a scale of 1-10 and then categorized as good, fair, or poor; the map titled "PASER" presents the conditions of Albion's roads using this scale.

The map clearly depicts that a vast majority of Albion's roads are recorded to be in poor (indicated in red) or fair (indicated in yellow) condition; only a handful of road segments are in good condition (indicated in green). The overall rating for the city's roads is 2.7, which, unfortunately, is failing. As shown in the table titled "PASER rating," a little over 65% of all roads in Albion are in poor condition. While Michigan's extreme weather exacerbates the regular wear and tear, deteriorating road conditions throughout cause several issues in daily commute and safety. Not depicted in the map are roads that the city has recently upgraded, including:

- Irwin Avenue
- 2nd Street
- North Street
- 3rd Street
- N. Clark Street
- Wild Street
- 1st Street
- Hartwell Street

The Michigan Department of Transportation has repair and maintenance scheduled in 2026 for North and South Superior, North Eaton, and Michigan Ave. Albion is also in the process of developing a Transportation Asset Management Plan, which will provide guidance for the use of funds generated by a proposed road millage. Continued coordination between MDOT and the City will allow these projects to complement each other.

