



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Douglas
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Wozniak
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 spending item's recipient:
Shelby Township/Macomb County Department of Roads/Macomb County Public Works Office
5. Physical address of the recipient:
52700 Van Dyke Ave. Shelby Township, MI 48316-3572
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
Schoenherr Rd Reconstruction - 25 Mile Rd to 26 Mile Rd
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:
Douglas Wozniak - 59th 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. This road funding project is a portion of Schoenherr Rd, which is a major thoroughfare with residential, commercial, and industrial business and a connection between the M-53 and M-59 expressways.
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.
16000000
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:
2026 - ?
19. "I hereby certify that all information provided in this request is true and accurate."
Yes



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February 4, 2025

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Re: FY 2026 CPF Request – Appropriations

Community Project Funding Request: Schoenherr Road Reconstruction – 25 Mile Road to 26 Mile Road

Dear Representative Wozniak,

The Charter Township of Shelby respectfully requests consideration for funding for the Schoenherr Road Reconstruction project, between 25 Mile and 26 Mile roads. This portion of Schoenherr Road is a major thoroughfare with residential, commercial, industrial businesses and a connection between the M-53 and M-59 expressways. We discussed this need with affected jurisdictional authorities and formed a collaborative partnership, fully supportive of this request.

Growing into a commercial and industrial hub providing jobs and retail opportunities to people throughout Macomb County and the metro Detroit region while supporting 80,000 residents, Shelby Township experienced significant increases in local and regional traffic. At the heart of Shelby Township's transportation, retail, industrial and residential corridors, Schoenherr Road can no longer provide safe and reliable movement for its current traffic volumes. This road reconstruction project offers a unique opportunity to work together and improve this valued, shared infrastructure component. In addition to insufficient capacity, the condition of the road is extremely poor and deteriorating, while traffic volumes intensify.

The advanced deterioration of Schoenherr Road impacts the ability of local businesses to transport manufactured goods and the ability of customers to access businesses, and it impacts our residents' access to schools and neighborhoods. Furthermore, the complete lack of connectivity for non-motorized traffic and resulting hazards for pedestrian safety are a documented detriment to the community's health, safety and welfare.

To address these concerns and more, our collaborative effort includes the Macomb County Department of Roads and the Macomb County Public Works Office. This multijurisdictional approach promotes a sustainable complete streets approach to advance safe and reliable transportation and pedestrian access and movement throughout the route and to the Utica Community Schools two local elementary schools, Beacon Tree Elementary on Schoenherr and Duncan Elementary located near Schoenherr Road on 26 Mile Road. This reconstruction project reduces traffic congestion, improves drainage and installs necessary utilities and infrastructure. The project improves the local and regional quality of life and is a strategic asset management opportunity for Shelby Township, the MCDR, the MCPWO and the metro Detroit region.

Rick Stathakis
Supervisor

Stanley T. Grot
Clerk

James Carabelli
Treasurer

Lisa Casali
Trustee

Lucia DiCicco
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Granting this request improves safety, transportation reliability traffic signalization, economic enhancement, pedestrian and bicycle safety access, non-motorized access to schools, vehicle emissions, noise pollution and many other regional benefits which will be immediately achieved by this project.

Our offices and Shelby Township enthusiastically support this multijurisdictional project and will be an equitable partner to accomplish this regionally beneficial project. We respectfully request that you consider and grant Shelby Township's funding request, and please contact us if you have any questions, require additional information or need clarification relative to the project or Shelby Township's commitment.

Sincerely,



Rick Stathakis
Supervisor



Stanley Grot
Clerk



Jim Carabelli
Treasurer

Charter Township of Shelby Schoenherr Road Funding Request

Shelby Township seeks funding to widen Schoenherr Road between 25 Mile and 26 Mile Roads to address safety and infrastructure concerns. This stretch of road is one of the most hazardous in the township, experiencing congestion, frequent accidents, and emergency response delays. With projected growth in residential, commercial, and industrial developments, traffic conditions will worsen, further compromising safety for residents, schoolchildren, and emergency responders.

Current traffic bottlenecks at the 23 Mile intersection have led to 868 crashes and 176 injuries since 2012, with severe delays affecting first responders. Fire and police chiefs report that congestion significantly hampers emergency response times, with some fire stations in the area handling nearly 42% of all township emergency calls. Additionally, school officials emphasize the dangers of deteriorating road conditions for the 100+ school buses transporting students daily. Plans to widen Schoenherr from 23 Mile Road to 25 Mile Road, do not solve the public safety issues currently at 23 Mile Road. Those issues are simply moved to the 25 Mile Road intersection, closer to Beacon Tree Elementary School on Schoenherr and Duncan Elementary School on 26 Mile Road just east of Schoenherr. Expanding this corridor reduces congestion and accident rates and enhances emergency response capabilities while supporting economic growth by accommodating increased industrial and medical facility traffic. Widening Schoenherr Road is critical to protecting residents, improving emergency response, and supporting future growth. Shelby Township urges immediate action to fund and complete this vital project.

Schoenherr Road Widening Between 25 Mile and 26 Mile Roads:

Schoenherr Road's conditions pose severe safety risks to motorists, emergency responders, and students. Heavy congestion and a narrow roadway create delays in medical and fire response, increasing the potential for fatal outcomes in emergencies. School bus drivers face hazardous navigation, endangering students. Addressing these risks ensures public safety *Approximate project cost: \$16,000,000*

Schoenherr Road Widening Between 25 Mile and 26 Mile Roads

Shelby Township seeks funding for the \$16 million reconstruction of Schoenherr Road between 25 Mile and 26 Mile roads, including a bridge over the Middle Branch of the Clinton River to improve safety, traffic flow, and infrastructure. As a critical commercial, industrial, and residential corridor, Schoenherr Road is overburdened by increasing traffic and deteriorating with a PASER rating of 3. The project includes widening to three lanes, adding a dedicated center turn lane, improving gravel shoulders, and enhancing drainage and utilities to support 80,000 residents and local businesses.

Currently, the narrow, two-lane country road lacks safe turning areas, causing congestion and safety risks. These hazards will be compounded by the development of 861 new residential units and new commercial property destined for the township's northeast quadrant. The project will increase pedestrian safety by incorporating a hike-bike lane over the Middle Branch of the Clinton River bridge, ensuring sidewalk connectivity. Supported by Macomb County agencies, this initiative aligns with sustainable transportation goals and complements the approved 2026 TIP project of Schoenherr between 23 Mile and 25 Mile roads, creating a vital connection from the M-59 Expressway to 26 Mile Road near the M-53 Expressway ramps.

Existing Safety Hazards Posed By Insufficient Capacity on Schoenherr Road:

- 🌳 **High Accident Rate** – 868 crashes and 176 injuries reported between 2012 and 2022 at the 23 Mile bottleneck, forecast disaster with current plans to install a similar bottleneck at 25 Mile Road.
- 🌳 **Increased Call Volume** – Emergency calls in the area have surged by 67% since 2012, worsening response delays.
- 🌳 **School Bus Safety Risks** – Over 100 school buses navigate the Schoenherr Road corridor daily, endangering students due to narrow lanes and poor road conditions.
- 🌳 **Industrial Traffic Impact** – Heavy truck traffic (impact equivalent to 9,600 cars per 18-wheeler) is degrading road conditions, making travel more dangerous.
- 🌳 **Limited Road Maneuverability** – The two-lane design provides little space for emergency vehicles to bypass traffic in crisis situations.
- 🌳 **Projected Population & Traffic Growth** – 861 new homes and expanding medical and industrial facilities will worsen congestion and safety hazards.