MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring Senator's First Name
   Jim

2. The sponsoring Senator's Last Name
   Runestad

3. The cosponsoring Senators 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:
   Lyon Township

5. Physical address of the recipient:
   58000 Grand River, New Hudson, MI 48165

6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
   n/a

7. Name of the Senator and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:
   Sen. Jim Runestad, District 23

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 requested funding is for completion of the final segment of SE Ring Road and critical improvements to the New Hudson Drain. The benefits of this project are twofold – first, improving the drain will give Lyon Township the ability to develop the neighboring land, with a possibility of bringing in millions of dollars in new industrial and technological development, along with the potential of creating several thousand jobs. Additionally, once the drain is completed, the construction of SE Ring Road will be able to continue on the improved land. Until the remaining funding for these improvements is secured, the township is unable to grow and prosper to its fullest potential, and incredible projects and opportunities will continue to go elsewhere. Lyon Township, located in southwest Oakland County, has seen its population grow by 60% over the last decade. The goal of the township is to create a welcoming community where people can live, work and play in and around the downtown area. Due to the deteriorated condition of the New Hudson Drain, the flood plain continues to expand, and the area involved now is unbuildable. Once the drain issue is addressed, the remaining portion of the SE Ring Road project can be completed. Unfortunately, until SE Ring Road is completed, heavy truck traffic will continue to dominate the downtown area. Upon the completion of this project, the heavy traffic will be diverted away, and the township can bring forth a pedestrian-friendly central business and recreation district for all citizens to use. The completion of this project also brings about the potential for great economic growth in the area. The land adjacent to the drain is one of only three 350+ acre master-planned industrial parks in Southeast Michigan. It is also currently the only powered site in Southeast Michigan with 15 megawatts of electric availability with a funded path to 200+ megawatts within 18 months. This industrial park has ten prospective businesses who are interested in building once the drain work is completed. The potential between these ten prospects is 5.4 million square feet of building space, over 3,600 jobs, and a projected $3.6 billion in capital expenditures. An investment outlook like this will be transformational to the area for generations to come. The entire project totals slightly more than $56 million. The funding that has been requested will go toward the total unfunded cost that remains on this project, which is approximately $12 million. There are also private entities that will be investing, and the township is pursuing all potential avenues for additional funding, including more federal and county dollars, as well as grants from SEMCOG and MEDC. To date, the township has invested $17.5 million toward the project. They have also

received $800,000 from a previous federal grant and $40,000 from Oakland County. Of the $12 million that has been requested, approximately $5 million will go toward the remaining unfunded cost of the drain, and approximately $7 million will be for the remaining unfunded cost of the road. Lyon Township does all it can to create and foster both a business-friendly and family friendly community. By funding the remainder of this project, the State of Michigan will not only be investing in the work, but also in the people that make Lyon Township and our state so great. I encourage your support.

9. Attach documents here if needed:

10. The amount of state funding requested for the legislatively directed spending item
    12,000,000.00

11. Has the legislatively directed spending item previously received any of the following types of funding? (Check all that apply)
    ["Federal","Local"]

12. Please select one of the following groups that describes the entity requesting the legislatively directed spending item
    Local unit of government

13. For a non-profit organization, has the organization been operating within Michigan for the preceding 36 months?
    N/A

14. For a non-profit organization, has the entity had a presence within Michigan for the preceding 12 months?
    N/A

15. For a non-profit organization, does the organization have a board of directors?
    N/A

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 Senator nor the sponsoring Senator’s staff or immediate family has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the legislatively directed spending item.”
    I certify

18. Anticipated start and end dates for the legislatively directed spending item
    Start: fall 2025; End: late 2026/ Early 2027

19. Certification of accuracy
    I certify

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April 14, 2025

The Honorable Rep. Kelly Breen
Michigan House of Representatives
PO Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909-7514

RE: Earmark Funding Request
Letter of Support for Lyon Township's SE Ring Road and New Hudson Drain

Dear Representative Breen,

This letter is to provide support for funding for the above referenced project. The project would complete necessary drainage improvements and would complete the ring road in the Township's downtown area.

The Southeast Ring Road has been a priority of the community for many years and would be a completion to the ring road network in the community and allow for a truck route to serve industrial zoned land along Milford Road. The Southeast Ring Road will also alleviate traffic congestion on Grand River and Milford Roads and provide opportunities for safer pedestrian routes and a future trailhead along the Southeast Ring Road.

The road project would also provide access to future economic development projects in this very important commercial and industrial corridor of Lyon Township, in Oakland County.

The Road Commission for Oakland County is the Act 51 Agency for Lyon Township and has ownership of all public roads within the community. We fully support this priority project.

Sincerely,

Dennis G. Kolar
Managing Director

cc. L. Zawada, CES

SEMCOG | SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

April 7, 2025

The Honorable Rep. Kelly Breen
Michigan House of Representatives
PO Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909-7514

Re: Letter of Support for Lyon Township's SE Ring Road

Dear Representative Breen,

This letter confirms support from SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, for the Charter Township of Lyon. Completion of the SE Ring Road would greatly reduce traffic congestion in our community. In turn, this will help promote commercial and industrial development including the development of the Walbridge parcel located in Lyon Township which is one of the largest continuous acreage sites in SE Michigan. This new road will also serve as an all-weather road allowing important traffic routes for potential industrial users.

Being able to complete the SE Ring Road would also allow traffic to be diverted from downtown without impeding travel times and would allow the community to host special events which in turn will bring more visitors to our shops and restaurants, raise revenue for small businesses and encourage business attraction. The lightened traffic load will also greatly increase pedestrian safety in our downtown area and help alleviate noise and dust pollution for area residents and visitors including a local elementary school located in our downtown.

This scope of this project also includes improvements to the New Hudson Drain which will also provide many benefits, including aiding thousands of property owners with improved drainage, and reduction of flood plain. Reducing the flood plain will help spur interest in vacant lots contained in the downtown corridor and help revitalize our community. This project will also help prepare our downtown for development along the Huron Valley Trail where there are plans to build a much-needed trail head.

As the region's Metropolitan Planning Organization, SEMCOG supports coordinated local planning among over 185 local government units across seven counties. This project is consistent with and will implement several priorities established in regional plans and policies such as our Regional Transportation Plan. Vision 2050 serves as the region's guiding policy document for transportation investment, addresses the future of mobility, and responds to regional, state, and national trends such as an aging demographic, future technology, and funding shortfalls. SEMCOG's regional policies and actions serve as strategies to improve the efficiency of the transportation network, strengthen economic prosperity, increase access and safety for all users, achieve a level of fiscal sustainability, create vibrant communities, and protect the natural environment. Upon funding notice, SEMCOG will ensure this project is included in the region's RTP and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Please accept this letter of support in consideration of funding for this initiative. Please contact me at 313-324-3350 or oleary@semcog.org if you have any questions or require additional information.

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Diana McKnight-Morton
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Washtenaw Community College

Amy O'Leary
Executive Director

Thank you for your consideration.

Amy O'Leary
Executive Director

South Lyon Community Schools

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April 4, 2025

The Honorable Rep. Kelly Breen
Michigan House of Representatives
PO Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909-7514

RE: Earmark Funding Request
Letter of Support for Lyon Township's SE Ring Road & New Hudson Drain

Dear Representative Breen,

This letter is to provide support for funding for the above-mentioned project as submitted by the Charter Township of Lyon. Below are some of the significant improvements the completion of the SE Ring Road would accomplish for our community:

- reduce traffic congestion in the immediate and surrounding areas
- promote commercial and industrial development including the development of the Walbridge parcel located in Lyon Township which is one of the largest continuous acreage sites in SE Michigan
- serve as an all-weather road allowing important traffic routes for potential industrial users

Completing the SE Ring Road would also allow traffic to be diverted from downtown without impeding travel times. This would allow the community to host special events which in turn will bring more visitors to our shops and restaurants, raise revenue for small businesses and attract business to the area. The lightened traffic load will also greatly increase pedestrian safety in our downtown area and help alleviate noise and dust pollution for area residents and visitors including a local elementary school located in our downtown.

This scope of this project also includes improvements to the New Hudson Drain which will also provide many benefits, including aiding thousands of property owners with improved drainage, and reduction of flood plain. Reducing the floodplain will help spur interest in vacant lots contained in the downtown corridor and help revitalize our community. This project will also help prepare our downtown for development along the Huron Valley Trail where there are plans to build a much-needed trail head.

I fully support these projects and would appreciate your consideration for funding.

Sincerely,

Steven P. Archibald
Superintendent

Walbridge

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April 3, 2025

The Honorable Rep Kelly Breen
Michigan House of Representatives
PO Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909-7514

RE: Earmark Funding Request
Letter of Support for Lyon Township's SE Ring Road & New Hudson Drain

Dear Representative Breen,

This letter is to support funding for the project mentioned above as submitted by the Charter Township of Lyon. Completing the SE Ring Road would greatly reduce traffic congestion in our community. In turn, this will help promote commercial and industrial development including the development of the South Hill Business Park parcels located in Lyon Township which is one of the largest continuous acreage sites with over 200 MW of electrical power serviced by water & sanitary sewer in SE Michigan. This new road will also serve as an all-weather Class A road allowing important traffic routes for potential industrial users.

Being able to complete the SE Ring Road would also allow traffic to be diverted from downtown without impeding travel times and would allow the community to host special events which in turn will bring more visitors to our shops and restaurants, raise revenue for small businesses and encourage business attractions. The lightened traffic load will also greatly increase pedestrian safety in our downtown area and help alleviate noise and dust pollution for area residents and visitors including a local elementary school located in our downtown.

This scope of this project also includes improvements to the New Hudson Drain which will also provide many benefits, including aiding thousands of property owners with improved drainage, and reduction of flood plain. Reducing the flood plain will help spur interest in vacant lots contained in the downtown corridor and help revitalize our community. This project will also help prepare our downtown for development along the Huron Valley Trail where there are plans to build a much-needed trail head.

I fully support these projects and would appreciate your consideration for funding.

Sincerely,

Adorno Piccinini

Adorno Piccinini
Assistant Vice President/ Lyon Township DDA Board Member

March 14, 2025

From:
Gavin Johnson
Greater Brighton Area Chamber of Commerce (Including Lyon Township)
Brighton, MI 48116

To:
The Honorable Rep. Kelly Breen
Michigan House of Representatives
PO Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909-7514

RE: Earmark Funding Request
Letter of Support for Lyon Township's SE Ring Road & New Hudson Drain

Dear Representative Breen,

This letter is to provide support for funding for the above-mentioned project as submitted by the Charter Township of Lyon. Completion of the SE Ring Road would greatly reduce traffic congestion in our community. In turn, this will help promote commercial and industrial development including the development of the Walbridge parcel located in Lyon Township which is one of the largest continuous acreage sites in SE Michigan. This new road will also serve as an all-weather road allowing important traffic routes for potential industrial users.

Being able to complete the SE Ring Road would also allow traffic to be diverted from downtown without impeding travel times and would allow the community to host special events which in turn will bring more visitors to our shops and restaurants, raise revenue for small businesses and encourage business attraction. The lightened traffic load will also greatly increase pedestrian safety in our downtown area and help alleviate noise and dust pollution for area residents and visitors including a local elementary school located in our downtown.

This scope of this project also includes improvements to the New Hudson Drain which will also provide many benefits, including aiding thousands of property owners with improved drainage, and reduction of flood plain. Reducing the flood plain will help spur interest in vacant lots contained in the downtown corridor and help revitalize our community. This project will also help prepare our downtown for development along the Huron Valley Trail where there are plans to build a much-needed trail head.

The Greater Brighton Area Chamber of Commerce fully supports these projects and would appreciate your consideration for funding.

Sincerely,

Gavin Johnson
President, Greater Brighton Area Chamber of Commerce (that includes Lyon Township)

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April 4, 2025

The Honorable Rep. Kelly Breen
Michigan House of Representatives
PO Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909-7514

RE: Earmark Funding Request
Letter of Support for Lyon Township's SE Ring Road & New Hudson Drain

Dear Representative Breen,

I am writing to express my strong support for funding the SE Ring Road project, as submitted by the Charter Township of Lyon. Completing this project will significantly reduce traffic congestion, promote commercial and industrial development, and enhance accessibility to key sites, including the Walbridge parcel—one of the largest continuous acreage sites in Southeast Michigan. Additionally, the new road will serve as an all-weather route, supporting potential industrial users.

The SE Ring Road will also improve traffic flow by diverting vehicles from downtown, allowing for safer pedestrian access, reduced noise and dust pollution, and increased opportunities for community events. This will, in turn, attract more visitors to our local businesses, boosting economic growth.

Furthermore, this project includes critical improvements to the New Hudson Drain, which will enhance drainage, reduce the floodplain, and benefit thousands of property owners. By mitigating flooding risks, we can encourage development in our downtown corridor and support plans for a much-needed trailhead along the Huron Valley Trail.

I fully support these initiatives and respectfully request your consideration for funding.

Sincerely,

Karissa Canfield
Lyon Township DDA Chair
Lyon Township Business Owner
Lyon Township Resident

CES
CIVIL ENGINEERING SOLUTIONS, Inc.

April 4, 2025

The Honorable Rep. Kelly Breen
Michigan House of Representatives
PO Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909-7514

RE: Earmark Funding Request
Letter of Support for Lyon Township's SE Ring Road & New Hudson Drain

Dear Representative Breen,

My firm has been the civil engineering consulting firm for the Charter Township of Lyon since 2011. Our team completes all plan reviews and design projects on behalf of the Township. Our team has designed the SE Ring Road and we have submitted permits to the applicable permitting agencies and we are assisting the Township with property acquisition which is anticipated to be completed in 2025.

The Township's downtown is impacted with traffic congestion which will be alleviated by the SE Ring Road. In addition to the current congestion there are 90 acres of vacant industrial land which will contribute to this congestion and the alternative route of the SE Ring Road is necessary for the future anticipated truck traffic. In turn, this will help promote commercial and industrial development including the development of the Walbridge parcel located in Lyon Township which is one of the largest continuous acreage sites in SE Michigan. This new road will also serve as an all-weather road allowing important traffic routes for potential industrial users.

This project will also help prepare our downtown for development along the Huron Valley Trail where there are plans to build a much-needed trail head.

The completion of the SE Ring Road would also allow traffic to be diverted from downtown and will greatly increase pedestrian safety in our downtown area and help alleviate noise and dust pollution for area residents and visitors including a local elementary school located in our downtown.

This scope of this project also includes improvements to the New Hudson Drain which will provide many benefits, including aiding thousands of property owners with improved drainage, and reduction of flood plain. Reducing the flood plain will help spur interest in approximately 200 acres of industrial zoned vacant lots which are not able to develop until the Drain improvements are completed.

I fully support these vital projects for Lyon Township and would appreciate your consideration for funding. Please contact me at leslie@cesinc.us if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,
CIVIL ENGINEERING SOLUTIONS, INC.

Leslie Zawada, P.E.
President

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April 3, 2025

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Michigan House of Representatives
PO Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909-7514

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Letter of Support for Lyon Township's SE Ring Road & New Hudson Drain

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I fully support these projects and would appreciate your consideration for funding.

Sincerely,

Amy Allen
Lyon Township DDA Director

New Hudson United Methodist Church

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April 8, 2025

The Honorable Rep. Kelly Breen
Michigan House of Representatives
PO Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909-7514

RE: Earmark Funding Request
Letter of Support for Lyon Township's SE Ring Road & New Hudson Drain

Dear Representative Breen,

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Being able to complete the SE Ring Road would also allow traffic to be diverted from downtown without impeding travel times and would allow the community to host special events which in turn will bring more visitors to our shops and restaurants, raise revenue for small businesses and encourage business attraction. The lightened traffic load will also greatly increase pedestrian safety in our downtown area and help alleviate noise and dust pollution for area residents and visitors including a local elementary school located in our downtown. Please note that our church is in this impacted area and some of the special events take place on our property.

This scope of this project also includes improvements to the New Hudson Drain which will also provide many benefits, including aiding thousands of property owners with improved drainage, and reduction of flood plain. Reducing the flood plain will help spur interest in vacant lots contained in the downtown corridor and help revitalize our community. This project will also help prepare our downtown for development along the Huron Valley Trail where there are plans to build a much-needed trail head.

I fully support these projects and would appreciate your consideration for funding.

Sincerely,

John J. Pajak
New Hudson United Methodist Church

Bringing the message of Jesus to each other and our community.

South Lyon Area Recreation Authority

April 3, 2025

The Honorable Rep. Kelly Breen
Michigan House of Representatives
PO Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909-7514

RE: Earmark Funding Request
Letter of Support for Lyon Township's SE Ring Road & New Hudson Drain

Dear Representative Breen,

I am writing to express my strong support for funding the completion of the SE Ring Road project, as submitted by the Charter Township of Lyon. This project is essential not only for improving transportation infrastructure but also for increasing access to outdoor spaces and fostering a more active and connected community.

By reducing traffic congestion in our downtown area, this project will create a safer, more welcoming environment for pedestrians, cyclists, and families who enjoy our parks, trails, and public spaces. A less congested downtown means we can host more community events, outdoor markets, and festivals—bringing residents together and attracting visitors who will explore our parks, trails, and local businesses.

Additionally, this project includes critical improvements to the New Hudson Drain, which will help reduce flood risks in key recreational areas. This will not only protect green spaces from excessive water damage. A significant benefit of this plan is the development of a much-needed trailhead along the Huron Valley Trail, enhancing accessibility for walkers, runners, and cyclists while strengthening our community's commitment to outdoor recreation and wellness.

The SE Ring Road project is an investment in the future of our parks, trails, and recreational spaces. By improving safety, reducing environmental impacts, and expanding access to outdoor activities, we can continue to build a vibrant, active, and thriving community. I fully support this initiative and appreciate your consideration for funding.

Sincerely,

Cristin Spiller
Recreation Director
South Lyon Area Recreation Authority

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April 9, 2025

The Honorable Rep. Kelly Breen
Michigan House of Representatives
P.O. Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909-7514

RE: Earmark Funding Request
Letter of Support for Lyon Township's SE Ring Road

Dear Representative Breen:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Thomas Duke Company to provide support for funding for the above-mentioned project as submitted by the Charter Township of Lyon. The completion of project will provide the opportunity for tremendous economic growth.

Lyon Township has funded the first 3 legs of the Ring Road, however, due to rising costs and a substantial amount of money needed for the New Hudson Drain, the Township is unable to bear this cost.

The completion of the Ring Road would benefit this community in many ways including reducing traffic congestion; allowing the community to host events to raise revenue for small businesses; increases pedestrian safety in the downtown area; alleviates noise for area residents and schools, and will open the door for additional residential, commercial, and light industrial development in this rapidly growing community.

We greatly appreciate your support for these projects.

Sincerely,

THOMAS DUKE COMPANY

Mark W. Szerlag
Senior Partner

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April 3, 2025

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I fully support these projects and would appreciate your consideration for funding.

Sincerely,

Stephen M. Ghezzi, DDS

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