



MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 03/24/2026

1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:

Senator Jeff Irwin

2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):

N/A

3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:

Pittsfield Charter Township

4. Physical address of legislatively directed spending item recipient and the intended location of the project or activity:

6201 W. Michigan Ave, Ann Arbor, MI 48108

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

381737680

6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

\$1,750,000.00

7. What is the purpose and how does the legislatively directed spending item provide a public benefit that is an appropriate use of taxpayer money?

The projects identified herein are informed by a Road Safety Audit (RSA) performed in 2025 for the corridors of Carpenter (Washtenaw Ave. to Ellsworth Rd.) and Packard (Carpenter Rd. to Golfside Rd.) Roads. The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) retained WSP Engineering to facilitate the RSA for these two (2) road segments. The RSA was commissioned to identify safety concerns in each corridor, particularly as they pertain to vulnerable road users (youth, older persons, cyclists, pedestrians, etc.), and to provide actionable recommendations for enhancing safety and accessibility. The study area has several significant activity generators, including US-23, shopping centers, restaurants, housing complexes, and Carpenter Elementary School. Together, these factors contribute to the significant amount of vulnerable road users and vehicle traffic observed during the audit. Traffic

and incident counts from SEMCOG and the Washtenaw Area Transportation Study identify the Carpenter Corridor, in particular, as one of the busiest and most dangerous thoroughfares in Washtenaw County. Safety concerns identified in the audit primarily revolved around traffic control, limited pedestrian crossings in areas adjacent to Carpenter Elementary School, poorly lit roadways, and sidewalk conditions. The projects for which we are requesting funding are directly informed by the RSA. Similar projects executed in Pittsfield Township in years past have proven to provide positive safety benefits and have helped reduce the occurrence of serious traffic incidents. The requested amount reflects estimates for necessary Township contributions to execute three (3) distinct projects in the RSA study area. The estimates have been provided by the Washtenaw County Road Commission, which maintains jurisdiction over the subject roads. The projects listed below have been endorsed by both the Township and the Road Commission, and have been developed in accordance with the recommendations provided in the RSA: 1. Construct a fully operational traffic signal at Carpenter Road and Central Boulevard (\$750,000). 2. Install a mid-block pedestrian crossing on Packard Road between Carpenter Road and Dalton Street (\$500,000). 3. Sidewalk enhancements (e.g., widening, general repairs, etc.) on Carpenter Road between Ellsworth Road and Washtenaw Avenue (\$500,000). The Township anticipates that each of these projects will have a positive effect on the safety of motorists, pedestrians, cyclists, transit-users, and others traversing the corridors. Installing a mid-block crossing and improving the sidewalk network will additionally enhance the accessibility of the study area, particularly for vulnerable road users.

8. Has the legislatively directed spending item previously received or been awarded any of the following types of funding in the past 5 years? If so, how much? Check all that apply:

N/A

Amount

N/A

9. Estimated time frame for completion of the legislatively directed spending item project:

The estimated time frame for completion is by the end of fiscal year 2028

10. Is the recipient a nonprofit corporation?

No

Additional Information for Nonprofit Corporations (if applicable)

The answer to questions 1 to 3 must be "Yes" for the nonprofit corporation to qualify for a legislatively directed spending item.

1. Has the nonprofit corporation continuously operated in this state for the preceding 36 months?

No

2. Has the nonprofit corporation had a physical office in this state for not less than the preceding 12 consecutive months?

No

3. Does the organization have a board of directors?

No

4. List all of the officers and active members on the board of directors:

N/A

Certification By Sponsoring Legislator

"I certify that my immediate family members, legislative staff members, and I have no direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the requested legislatively directed spending item."

"I certify that the intended recipient of this legislatively directed spending item is not a for-profit entity."

"I certify that the information in this form is true to the best of my knowledge."

Senator Jeff Irwin