



# MICHIGAN SENATE

## Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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Date Submitted: 04/06/2026

**1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:**

Senator Sean McCann

**2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):**

N/A

**3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:**

City of Portage

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

Portage Road

**5. The recipient's employer identification number:**

38-6006266

**6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:**

\$2,000,000.00

**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?**

This project will complement a generational and transformational investment in the Lake Center District in Portage. The City embarked on a strategic vision in 2019 to focus City energy and resources on the long-neglected, high-value quadrant of Portage known as "Lake Center." The underlying problem was a decades-long, highly successful investment in other parts of the City, which helped Portage grow into the highest-value municipality in Kalamazoo County. Portage Road, through the isthmus that separates Austin and West Lakes, remained a highway designed to carry rural traffic from the heart of the County to the south. Sincere and costly public engagement over the past seven years has borne significant fruit – and we now have a bold plan to create community, excite private investment, and make this corridor a safe one for motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians. Due to exploding costs of

construction, we are facing value engineering problems that will likely eliminate many of the important features of this investment – lighting, extra width on bike trails, and simple amenities like benches, trash cans, and enhanced crosswalks. An LDSI to replace funds lost to inflation will give us the horsepower we need to build a complete street in 2027 (total investment of \$10 million).

- 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:**

March 2027 - October 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 Sean McCann*