

Congressman Vernon J. Ehlers
2009 Surface Transportation Authorization Act
High Priority Project Submissions

Note: All Submissions must be vetted by the U.S. Department of Transportation. Project submissions do not guarantee funding. All project recipients are required to offer an opportunity for public comment. Pursuant to clause 17(a)(5) of Rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives for the 111th Congress, I certify that neither I nor my spouse have any financial interest in these projects.

Proposed Recipient: Barry County Road Commission
Address of Recipient: 1725 West M-43, Hastings, MI 49058
Amount of Request: \$1,700,000
Explanation: This request is for funding to complete the design, engineering, environmental mitigation, and construction of the Finkbeiner Road and Bridge project.

Proposed Recipient: City of Belding
Address of Recipient: 120 S. Pleasant Street, Belding, MI, 48809
Amount of Request: \$1,000,000
Explanation: This request is for the reconstruction of Water Street from M-44 to Kenwood Street in the City of Belding, Michigan.

Proposed Recipient: City of Grand Rapids and the City of Walker
Address of Recipient: 300 Monroe Ave, NW, Grand Rapids, MI, 49503
Amount of Request: \$12,600,000
Explanation: This request is for the design, reconstruction and realignment of Butterworth Avenue from Veteran's Memorial Drive to Garfield Avenue/Wealthy Street within the Cities of Grand Rapids and Walker.

Proposed Recipient: City of Grand Rapids
Address of Recipient: 300 Monroe Ave, NW, Grand Rapids, MI, 49503
Amount of Request: \$4,950,000
Explanation: This request is for the design and reconstruction of the remaining portion of the Silver Line Bus Rapid Transit corridor within Grand Rapids.

Proposed Recipient: City of Wyoming
Address of Recipient: 2660 Burlingame, SW, Wyoming, MI, 49509
Amount of Request: \$3,040,000
Explanation: This request is for the reconstruction and widening of 44th Street from Stafford Avenue to Division Avenue.

Proposed Recipient: Grand Valley Metropolitan Council

Address of Recipient: 40 Pearl St., NW, Suite 410, Grand Rapids, MI, 49503
Amount of Request: \$8,000,000
Explanation: This request is to continue the implementation of Intelligent Transportation Systems throughout the Metropolitan Planning Organization's area, which will cover all freeways, trunklines, and major arterials.

Proposed Recipient: Grand Valley State University
Address of Recipient: 1 Campus Drive, Allendale, MI, 49401
Amount of Request: \$10,080,000
Explanation: This request is for the construction of a public parking structure near the Grand Valley State University Center for Health Sciences.

Proposed Recipient: Kent County Road Commission
Address of Recipient: 1500 Scribner Ave., NW, Grand Rapids, MI, 49504
Amount of Request: \$2,400,000
Explanation: This request is for the purchase of the necessary right-of-way and the relocation of Belmont Avenue in Kent County, South of 10 Mile Road.

Proposed Recipient: Kent County Road Commission
Address of Recipient: 1500 Scribner Ave., NW, Grand Rapids, MI, 49504
Amount of Request: \$4,800,000
Explanation: This request is for the reconstruction of 10 Mile Road from Alpine Avenue to Algoma Avenue to an all-season standard with turn lanes.

Proposed Recipient: Michigan Department of Transportation
Address of Recipient: 425 W. Ottawa, Lansing, MI, 48909
Amount of Request: \$26,400,000
Explanation: This request is for the improvement of the I-196 Corridor from US-131 to I-96; the I-96 Corridor from West Leonard to Cascade and the M-37/M-44 Corridor from M-21 to Knapp Street by constructing various rehabilitation, expansion, and reconstruction phases based on the available funds.

Proposed Recipient: The Rapid
Address of Recipient: 300 Ellsworth Avenue, SW, Grand Rapids, MI, 49503
Amount of Request: \$5,440,000
Explanation: This request is to complete the construction of the expansion of the Rapid's Wealthy Operations Center in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Currently, the center is 117,500 sq. ft. with 14 maintenance bays, and storage for up to 110 buses. The expanded facility will contain 205,000 sq. ft., 19 maintenance bays, and storage for up to 164 buses.

Proposed Recipient: The Rapid

Address of Recipient: 300 Ellsworth Avenue, SW, Grand Rapids, MI, 49503
Amount of Request: \$3,200,000
Explanation: This request is for the purchase of hybrid-electric buses.

Proposed Recipient: The Rapid
Address of Recipient: 300 Ellsworth Avenue, SW, Grand Rapids, MI, 49503
Amount of Request: \$3,360,000
Explanation: This request is for the construction of an Amtrak station adjacent to the Rapid's Central Station.

Proposed Recipient: West Michigan Trail and Greenways Coalition
Address of Recipient: 6235 E. M-46, Vestaburg, MI, 48891
Amount of Request: \$3,829,000
Explanation: This request includes rail-trail development, planning, design, engineering and construction of the Mid-Michigan Railroad Corridor from railroad milepost 103.20, just south of Foreman Street in Lowell Township and running to railroad milepost 81.32 at Washington Street in Greenville, in Kent, Montcalm, and Ionia Counties.