

## MITA News Summary May 19- June 22, 2015



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### State Senators Differ On Summer Action For Roads Plan [Crain's Detroit Business](#)

June 21, 2015

MITA and other groups are urging the Senate to include new revenue as part of their road funding proposal.

### Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder Signs \$54.8B Budget, Vows To Work On Road Funding [Mlive](#)

June 18, 2015

The budget does not include a long-term solution to fix Michigan roads, but it does appropriate another \$400 million in one-time general fund money for road repairs while the governor continues to push for a legislative road funding fix.

## **Susan J. Demas: Grassroots Republicans Angry At Bigger Michigan Budgets, Tax Hike Talk For Roads**

[Mlive](#)

June 16, 2015

Susan writes that for grassroots Republicans, roads have become the biggest symbol of perceived government waste. They think: "Sure, the roads are terrible. But lazy politicians could find the money to fix them if they wanted to. Instead, they want to tax more of our hard-earned money."

## **Michigan Senator Hopes To Have Road Funding Plan By End Of August**

[MINBC News](#)

June 14, 2015

State Senator Ken Horn says senators will be working through July in order to come up with a comprehensive road plan.

## **House Approves \$1.2B Road Package That Kills Tax Credit**

[The Detroit News](#)

June 10, 2015

The Michigan House approved a 12-bill package that will generate \$1.16 billion for road repairs that relies heavily on existing tax revenue and eliminating a tax break for the poor.

## **House Paves Way For \$1.2B Road Funding Vote**

[The Detroit News](#)

June 9, 2015

The Republican-controlled Michigan House is set to vote June 9 on a four-year plan that mainly relies on existing revenues to fix the state's roads and bridges.

## **MI Road Funding Plan Could End Earned Income Tax Credit**

[WSJM Radio](#)

June 8, 2015

A point of controversy in the House road funding plan is that it will eliminate the state Earned Income Tax Credit, which benefits Michigan's working families.

## **State House Could Vote On Road Funding Plan This Week**

[Michigan Radio](#)

June 8, 2015

House Speaker Kevin Cotter, R-Mt. Pleasant, is pushing a plan that depends mostly on shifting existing funds and expecting increased revenue increases in coming years. The plan was approved by committee and could clear the House this week.

## **Senate Republicans Work On Alternate Road Funding Plan**

[Crain's Detroit Business](#)

June 5, 2015

The caucus will consider cuts to the state's current budget, redirecting other revenue to roads and generating new revenue in order to find the more than \$1

billion needed to repair Michigan's infrastructure, Senate Majority Leader Arlan Meekhof said.

### **Casperson Weighs In On Road Funding Issue**

[WJMN](#)

June 3, 2015

Upper Peninsula State Senator Tom Casperson said that House Speaker Kevin Cotter's road funding plan won't cut it because it is too small. He said the goal in the Senate is to "take a look at what we can do to streamline the way transportation projects are done and see if we can find some efficiencies there."

### **Congresswoman Tells Michigan Legislators To "Get Some Balls" on Road Funding**

[Mlive](#)

May 29, 2015

U.S. Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-Dearborn), while at the Mackinac Policy Conference, urged action in Congress to address the troubled highway trust fund, but also took legislators to task over failed efforts to fund Michigan road repairs.

### **Business Leaders, Others Pressure Lawmakers To Move Quickly On Michigan Road Funding Fix**

[Associated Press](#)

May 29, 2015

Business leaders and others are saying that the defeat of the transportation ballot measure did not diminish the need to enact an alternative plan as early as this summer.

### **Snyder: House GOP Road Plan Is Costing Jobs**

[The Detroit News](#)

May 28, 2015

In his keynote speech at the Mackinac Policy Conference, Governor Snyder opposed House Speaker Kevin Cotter's plan to redirect \$185 million of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's budget to the state transportation fund.

### **It's Déjà Vu As Road Funding Debate Begins Anew**

[Lansing State Journal](#)

May 21, 2015

MITA's Executive Vice President Mike Nystrom said the following as Round 2 of the road funding debate began as a special state House committee formed to review bills aimed at funding Michigan's roads and bridges: "I kind of feel like Bill Murray up here. It's Groundhog Day all over again."