



These 9 local road projects land \$2.9M in Michigan grant funding

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Nine local road rebuilding projects are getting a funding boost across Michigan.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer awarded a combined \$2.9 million from the state's Transportation Economic Development Fund (TEDF) to projects ranging from Allegan and Mason counties in the west, across the state to St. Clair and Bay City, and up to Ishpeming.

Eligible communities were urban areas of 5,000 or more people, located in rural counties of 400,000 or fewer people. Each project aims to improve safety and road life for a route typically used by commercial trucks to haul goods and equipment.

Selected projects will receive up to \$375,000 in grant funding, with a 20% local match requirement.

"These grants will help communities across the state fix local roads faster so people can get to work or drop their kids off at school and businesses can move goods and supplies around more efficiently all year round," Whitmer said via a prepared statement released Wednesday, Dec. 4.

Below is a summary of each of the nine projects

Washington Street in Ishpeming

Crews will resurface and widen the street from County Road PA to Old Washington Street. The stretch of road is part of the truck route connecting the Tilden Mine to U.S. 41 and used for hauling mining materials and supplies.

The project will cost \$515,000 with \$140 in matching funds from the city of Ishpeming.

South Jebavy Drive in Mason County

Road and shoulder widening is planned for South Jebavy Drive between U.S. 10 and East Mitchell Street. The Mason County Road Commission also plans for drainage improvements and the addition of curbs.

Officials say the project will greatly benefit business and help with congestion in the area as it adds another all-season route connecting U.S. 10 to Pere Marquette Highway.

The total project cost is \$760,330. In addition to the TEDF grant, the project is getting \$385,000 in “small urban funding” from the Michigan Department of Transportation and \$330 in match funding from the county road commission.

Airway Drive in Allegan County

Road and sidewalk repairs are coming to Airway Drive from Grand Street to Industrial Drive. Its a \$787,936 resurfacing project for the major connector from M-222 to County Road A-37.

The city of Allegan will match the grant with \$412,936.

Marquette Avenue in Bay City

The city of Bay City plans to resurface Marquette Avenue from Transit Street to Harry S. Truman Parkway. Its a \$470,555 project that includes full-depth concrete patching, traffic signal upgrade, and curb repair.

Marquette Avenue is a truck route close to the Saginaw River and connects to Veterans Memorial Bridge. Additional truck traffic is expected on this route as a result of new bridge tolls required on other truck routes in the city.

Bay City will fund about \$95,555 of the project.

Clinton Avenue in St. Clair

Resurfacing and sidewalk upgrades are planned for Clinton Avenue between Fred W. Moore Highway/6th Street and Carney Drive. It’s an all-season truck route between Riverside Avenue (M-29) and Carney Drive.

Of the \$552,650 total cost, the city of St. Clair will contribute \$177,650.

Kalamazoo Street in Van Buren County

Crews will resurface a small segment of Kalamazoo Street between Blue Star Highway and the South Haven city limit. It’s a \$125,645 project with \$25,129 in county road commission funding.

West Eliza Street in Schoolcraft

Crews will repair half a mile of West Eliza Street between U.S. 131 and the village of Schoolcraft limit to the west. The \$402,750 project aims to solve drainage issues and accommodate commercial truck traffic on the major street to and from the Tecumseh area. The village will pick up about \$201,375 of the project,

North Street in Chelsea

The city of Chelsea is planning a \$796,679 project to rebuild North Street from Main Street (M-52) to Hayes Street. Curb, gutter and sidewalk improvements are part of the project, of which about \$421,679 will be covered by the city.

North Street is the main entrance for the Chelsea Milling Co. and is used by commercial traffic to bypass narrow roadways and pedestrian traffic downtown.

South Occidental Highway in Tecumseh

A \$750,035 resurfacing project is planned for South Occidental Highway between West Chicago Boulevard (M-50) and West Russell Road.

The city of Tecumseh will pick up about \$375,035 of the project costs.