

Dear Partners/Stakeholders,

The Lake Superior Community Partnership is closely monitoring various road funding plans in the state Legislature following the defeat of the Proposal 1 state transportation ballot proposal. This issue is moving quickly and we hope our partners and stakeholders will oppose the cuts to economic development.

Of particular concern is a State House proposal. The House plan as proposed:

- Considers drastic cuts to the state's economic development efforts (<u>here</u> you can see where they will be made)
- Appears to completely eliminate the award-winning and highly successful Pure Michigan promotional program.
- Allocates more state general fund dollars to roads \$700 million by 2019, although that number can change year to year during the appropriations process. Largely accounting for this increase is anticipated future general fund revenue growth.

Action Requested:

Please weigh in at the House committee hearings next Tuesday, May 26.

• 10:30 am: HB 4607 & 4608 (21st century jobs fund and MSF fund)

Contact your State Legislator here!

This plan could have a major impact on business interests in Northern Michigan, and other transportation proposals from lawmakers are anticipated. The LSCP and its partners at the Northern Michigan Chamber Alliance will continue to closely monitor this issue and keep our partners informed and engaged.

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