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## **Senator Anderson Helps Pass Stimulus Funding for Transportation Projects**

*\$635 million in initial investments will improve Michigan roads and bridges, stimulate economy*

LANSING -State Senator Glenn S. Anderson voted to pass a plan today that will invest \$635 million in the state's economy through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, including more than \$1.5 million for improvements to U.S. 24. These federal funds will put Michigan workers back on the job, making improvements to roads, bridges, and highways and pouring money back into the state's struggling economy.

"These federal dollars will help us continue our efforts to revitalize Michigan's economy," said State Senator Glenn S. Anderson, a member of the Senate Transportation Committee. "Making improvements to our roads, bridges, and highways will not only create thousands of jobs for people right here in the state, but will also send the message that we're serious about taking the necessary steps to make Michigan a welcoming place for businesses and residents alike."

Funding is determined by a formula used for the distribution of all federal funds. Projects were determined by the Metropolitan Planning Organizations around the state. In Wayne County, SEMCOG plays this role with the participation of local communities. To meet federal eligibility requirements, Michigan transportation projects must be 'shovel ready' within 120 days, be eligible for federal aid, and be approved through the federal aid process. Distribution within the state is determined by population, where the dollars will have the most impact in creating jobs, and where the greatest need for infrastructure improvements exists. The goal is to stimulate economic activity statewide, and to create as many jobs as possible.

The legislation approved today includes \$1.5 million for patch and overlay work on US-24, southbound from Joy to Plymouth. The bill also included \$4 million to design and rebuild a bikeway along I-275, and it could receive an additional \$5 million depending on how quickly the project progresses. If projects are completed within a set frame of time, the state will be eligible for an additional \$120 million in funding, which combined with the initial investments will create an estimated 25,000 jobs.

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