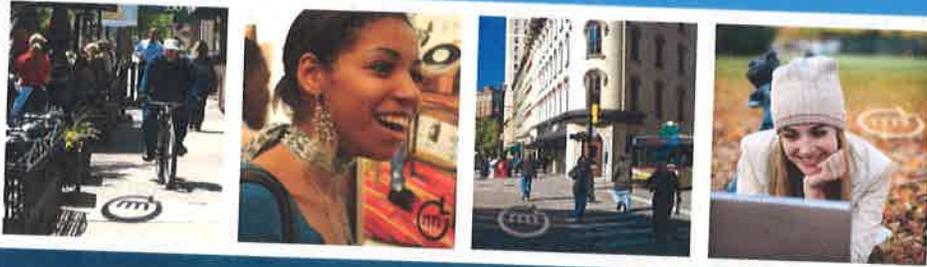


Senate Transportation Committee March 19, 2015



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Better Communities. Better Michigan.

Inside the League

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- ▶ **520+ Members**
- ▶ **League Member Services**
 - Training- Elected Officials Academy
 - Inquiry service
 - Liability and Property Pool
 - Workers' Compensation Pool
 - Advocacy
 - Legal Defense Fund

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Inside the League

- ▶ Work with many expert organizations dealing with municipal government including:
 - Michigan Local Government Managers Association
 - Michigan Association of Mayors
 - Michigan Government Finance Officers Association
 - Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police
 - Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs
 - Michigan Association of Municipal Attorneys
 - Economic development associations
 - Public works associations

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Partnership for Place

- ▶ Pillars for strong communities
 - Michigan in Motion
 - Promoting multimodal transportation systems that will accommodate all users, i.e. pedestrians, bikers, public transit riders, and drivers. Complete system that works seamless to move people.
 - Place for Talent
 - Talent is attracted to vibrant places with robust services and amenities. Partnering with the State to attract and retain talented workers in our communities through placemaking policies.
 - Strength in Structure
 - Seeking out solutions to invest in infrastructure and development where it will produce the best results and target resources with maximum outcomes.
 - Funding for the Future
 - Making sure that appropriate funds and tools are available to operate efficiently and work regionally in order to succeed globally.



Placemaking

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- ▶ **Definition:** Capitalizing on the distinctive assets of a community to integrate a mixture of uses that connect people and places on a human scale. It is a scalable strategy to create adaptable, economically competitive 21st century communities worth caring about.
- ▶ **Footnotes version:** a way of making Michigan a place where people want to live, both now and for generations to come.
- ▶ **Creates connections between the residents and their community**

Transportation Priorities

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- ▶ The League's #1 priority is helping with the successful passage of Proposal 1
- ▶ Why is it our #1 Priority
 - Critical need for more investment to help improve failing infrastructure in cities and villages all across Michigan
 - Will help provide critical resources to help communities shape their environment around placemaking
 - Safety

Building Relationships

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- ▶ Committed to working with the Department of Transportation and the Legislature
- ▶ Past success
 - Angled Parking
 - Reporting Requirements
- ▶ Challenges
 - State Trunklines
 - Funding

The Big Picture

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- ▶ **Our transportation network is more than just curb to curb**
- ▶ **Cultural Shift**
 - Declining VMTs
 - Increase use in alternative modes of transit
 - Desire for walkable communities
- ▶ **Goals**
 - A system not solely based on how fast we move people and goods.
 - Should offer minimal conflicts between modes and has clear expectations for its users
 - Should not create barriers to destinations or endanger a particular user group

The Big Picture

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- ▶ **Talent Attraction and Retention**
 - Attracting and retaining talent integral to Michigan's comeback
 - Vibrant communities are a vital piece to the retention puzzle
 - 2/3 of MI college grads who move out of state choose where to live BEFORE looking for a job
- ▶ **Designable Moment**

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