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City of Lansing Vies for Millions of Federal Dollars to Assist with Infrastructure and Community Policing

Mayor Andy Schor and Congresswoman Elissa Slotkin work to improve Michigan Avenue and reimagine policing

(Lansing) – Mayor Andy Schor today announced that Congresswoman Elissa Slotkin is submitting with recommendation, proposals to reimagine policing and to revitalize the Michigan Avenue Corridor into Lansing.

Slotkin recommended critical infrastructure projects along Michigan Avenue to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The committee will consider the requests for funding and inclusion in the 2021 Surface Transportation Authorization bill.

“So many great things are already happening on Michigan Avenue. Securing these funds will allow us to reimagine, revitalize, and further invigorate this important corridor and entryway into the City of Lansing,” said Mayor Schor. “I truly appreciate Congresswoman’s Slotkin’s support to fund critical infrastructure projects and modernization of traffic signals along Michigan Avenue.”

“Mayor Schor and his team have been tireless in their efforts to move these proposals forward and I’m so grateful to them for their hard work,” said Congresswoman Slotkin. “Securing federal funds for these improvements on Michigan Avenue would make a huge difference for Lansing residents, and the Lansing Police Department’s proposal for the Lansing Crisis Assessment team has the potential to be a transformative change in how we think about community policing. I’m very excited about these worthy projects and I’m eager to make our case in Washington over the next few months.”

Congresswoman Slotkin will advocate for the following infrastructure projects on Michigan Avenue in the City of Lansing:

Michigan Avenue Project

Project Description: Road rehabilitation.

Project Location: Michigan Avenue; Pennsylvania Ave. to Clemens Ave., Lansing

Requested Amount: \$993,351.00

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Requested Amount: \$1,595,770.00

Project Description: Modernize and upgrade traffic signals and communications.
Project Location: Michigan Avenue; Harrison Road to Grand River Avenue, Lansing
Requested Amount: \$597,767.00

In addition to these infrastructure projects, Congresswoman Slotkin is advocating for direct federal funding for 10 community projects, including Mayor Schor and the Lansing Police Department's submissions for the Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG).

Lansing Police Department's proposal would create the Lansing Crisis Assessment Team (LCAT) to expand its effort to address social problems such as mental illness, substance abuse, housing insecurity, trauma, and health inequities. LCAT is a mobile response team which would have a visible presence in communities. LCAT would engage in proactive and reactive joint responses, divert police calls for services, and provide referrals to people in crisis to community providers via a full mobile unit team. LCAT would actively engage in community programming with youth and other neighborhood organizations to build and improve local partnerships.

The proposed expansion to LCAT includes: 2 additional social workers, 3 community police officers, 3 paramedics, and 3 mobile crisis vehicles.

"The Lansing Crisis Assessment Team would expand on the work of the Lansing Police Department's social worker, while strengthening our community's relationship with the Department," said Mayor Schor.

"This team would be trained in de-escalation, crisis intervention techniques, and have direct links to area social networks for proper referrals. We know that a trained mobile crisis team can mitigate crime and improve community quality of life," added Chief Daryl Green.

Mayor Schor and Congresswoman Slotkin will provide updates as available. More information can be found at <https://slotkin.house.gov/transportation-Infrastructure-submissions>.

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