

Great Lakes Metro Chambers Coalition 2017-18 Infrastructure Priorities

Disclaimer

- This list is not ranked or weighted.
- The GLMCC cannot speak to the specifics of each projects beyond what members have provided, but we can refer questions to the local supporting chambers of commerce.
- This is not a comprehensive list, but reflects the priorities of the GLMCC membership.



Supporting Chamber:

Greater Cleveland Partnership

Name of Project 1: Irishtown Bend Hillside Stabilization

City/Region of Project: Cleveland

Overall Project Cost: \$50 million

Description: Remediation and infrastructure improvements to stabilize an approximately 17-acre hillside along the Cuyahoga River near downtown Cleveland and the Ohio City neighborhood.

What is the significance to your region?

The stabilization of the hillside will 1) eliminate the risk of collapse which could block the river's navigation channel and threaten the 20,000 jobs and \$3.5 billion in economic impact attributed to the region's maritime industry, 2) allow for enhanced public access to the riverfront through the creation of a park and trail system, and 3) support real estate and neighborhood development in the Ohio City neighborhood.

Supporting Chamber:

Greater Cleveland Partnership

Name of Project 2:

Opportunity Corridor/E. 79th Street Transit Enhancement

City/Region of Project:

Cleveland

Overall Project Cost:

\$15-20 Million

Description:

Improvement and/or reconstruction of two rapid transit rail stations located on E. 79th Street in the heart of the Opportunity Corridor – a \$330 million boulevard which is currently under construction.

What is the significance to your region?

The E. 79th Street Red Line and Blue/Green Line rapid stations service the heart of a targeted redevelopment area along the Opportunity Corridor boulevard, which, when completed, will provide access to hundreds of acres of developable land. Both stations require significant rehabilitation or complete reconstruction to remain functional and ADA compliant. Enhancements to these transit stations will support ongoing multimodal development planning and ensure sufficient access for a transit-reliant workforce to this planned economic hub.

Supporting Chamber:

Greater Cleveland Partnership

Name of Project 2:

Cleveland Innerbelt Modernization Plan

City/Region of Project:

Cleveland

Overall Project Cost:

\$1.4 -1.8 Billion

Description:

Reconstruction of the main Interstate highway artery running around Downtown Cleveland to improve safety and functionality both on the freeway and adjacent city streets.

What is the significance to your region?

The Cleveland Innerbelt Modernization Plan is focused on improving safety, reducing congestion and traffic delays, and modernizing interstate travel along I-71, I-77 and I-90 through Downtown Cleveland. The initial phases of the plan were completed in 2016 with the opening of the twin George Voinovich Bridges, but ensuing phases – which include the reconstruction of the highway trench and the reconfiguration of the central and northern interchanges – remain unfunded. The full plan will address critical operational, design, safety and access shortcomings that severely impact the ability of the Innerbelt Freeway system to meet the transportation needs of Northeast Ohio.

Supporting Chamber:

Detroit Regional Chamber

Name of Project 1: M-1 Rail

City/Region of Project: Detroit, MI

Overall Project Cost: \$528 million

Description: M-1 Rail is a unique public/private partnership providing the first light rail service in the Detroit Region in over sixty years. The line construction has been funded by a mixture of state, federal, philanthropic and other private sector funds.

What is the significance to your region? M-1 Rail has already lead to the revitalization of Woodward Ave. through the heart of Detroit. Detroit is the largest metropolitan area in the nation without coordinated regional transit. M-1 rail will connect its two most vibrant commercial centers via rail and could become that backbone a larger transit system that connects Detroit and the suburbs.

Supporting Chamber:

Great Lakes Metro Chambers Coalition

Name of Project 1:

WIIN Act Appropriations & Implementation

City/Region of Project:

Great Lakes Region

Overall Project Cost:

\$ Multibillion

Description:

Full Appropriations for Great Lakes Restoration Initiative & Upper Ohio River Locks & Dams. Ensure long-term solvency of Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund.

What is the significance to your region?

Full Appropriations for Upper Ohio River navigation project. Full Appropriations for Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. Ensure that HMTF funding does not decline during the build-up to full use of annual revenue authorized by WRRDA 2014, even if revenue projections for a fiscal year are less than previously projected.

Supporting Chamber:

Great Lakes Metro Chambers Coalition/ Lake Carriers' Association

Name of Project 1: Build second Poe-sized lock to connect Lake Superior to lower four Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway

City/Region of Project: Sault Ste. Marie

Overall Project Cost: \$672 Million

Description: Combine obsolete Davis and Sabin Locks into one new lock measuring 1,200 feet by 105 feet.

What is the significance to your region?

The reason the Poe Lock is so critical to the iron ore and coal trades in particular is that most of those cargos move in vessels whose size limits them to the Poe Lock. For example, in 2015, U.S.-flag Great Lakes freighters (lakers) moved 49,344,515 tons of cargo thru the Soo Locks, and of that total, 46,239,307 tons, or 93.7 percent, moved in Poe-class vessels. Canadian lakers moved 15,789,183 tons of cargo through the Soo Locks that year, and of that total, 11,321,037 tons, or 71.7 percent moved in Poe-class vessels. That percentage will increase in the years ahead as Canadian operators retire older vessels and replace them with Poe-class vessels.

Supporting Chamber:

Great Lakes Metro Chambers Coalition/ Lake Carriers' Association

Name of Project 2:

Great Lakes Dredging to Project Depth

City/Region of Project:

Ogdensburg, New York to Duluth, Minnesota/Superior, Wisconsin and in-between

Overall Project Cost:

\$200 - \$250 Million

Description:

From Ogdensburg, New York to Duluth, Minnesota/Superior, Wisconsin and in-between

What is the significance to your region?

Depending on the size of the vessel, lakers lose anywhere from 50 to 270 tons of cargo for each inch loaded draft must be reduced by sediment clogging the port or connecting channels. Unfortunately, with 15 million cubic yards of sediment clogging the GLNS, draft reductions are measured in multiple inches, oftentimes in feet.

Supporting Chamber:

Northern Michigan Chamber Alliance

Name of Project 1:	Soo Locks
City/Region of Project:	Sault Ste. Marie, MI - Northern MI
Overall Project Cost:	\$1.7 Billion
Description:	Upgrade to Poe Lock and construction of a new, larger lock to facilitate movement of essential raw materials throughout the Great Lakes
What is the significance to your region?	Significant impact on GL region and national economy.

Supporting Chamber:

Northern Michigan Chamber Alliance

Name of Project 2:

Airport Improvement Program (AIP)

City/Region of Project:

Airports region-wide

Overall Project Cost:

\$3.2 Billion

Description:

Airport Improvement Program (AIP) provides grants to public agencies — and, in some cases, to private owners and entities — for the planning and development of public-use airports

What is the significance to your region?

If funded below \$3.2 billion, airports lose half of their entitlements under the program.

Supporting Chamber:

Northern Michigan Chamber Alliance & Detroit Regional Chamber

Name of Project 3:

Gordie Howe International Bridge

City/Region of Project:

Detroit, MI

Overall Project Cost:

TBD

Description:

Connecting Detroit, MI and Windsor, Ontario, Can

What is the significance to your region?

Supporting Chamber:

Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce

Name of Project 1:	Pittsburgh BRT: Downtown-Uptown-Oakland-East End Corridor Bus Rapid Transit
City/Region of Project:	City of Pittsburgh/Allegheny County, PA
Overall Project Cost:	\$200-\$250 Million
Description:	The goal is to link Oakland and Downtown Pittsburgh, the two largest job centers in the region.
What is the significance to your region?	The plan requires converting an existing lane of either Forbes or Fifth Avenues to be "bus-only," so both inbound and outbound BRT routes would have their own right of way. The project will improve transit in the city of Pittsburgh's Downtown-Uptown-Oakland-East End Corridor and enhance prospects for community development and economic revitalization in the corridor's neighborhoods.

Supporting Chamber:

Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce

Name of Project 2:

Parkway West Tunnel Reconfiguration

City/Region of Project:

City of Pittsburgh/Allegheny County, PA

Overall Project Cost:

\$150 – 200 Million

Description:

Interchange Reconfiguration and Third Lane Addition

What is the significance to your region?

The Fort Pitt Tunnel serves as a pinch point for the critical I-376 corridor used by commuters, businesses, freight, and transit to travel east-west in our region, as well as to access the PIT Airport, and there is an opportunity to optimize the flow of traffic for the benefit of the regional network.

Supporting Chamber:

The Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce

Name of Project 3:

Industrial Heartland Trails Coalition Regional Trail Gap Implementation

City/Region of Project:

PA/WV/OH

Overall Project Cost:

\$10 Million

Description:

Industrial Heartland Trails Coalition envisions a 1,450-mile system of off-road trails that will connect many of the major centers of America's Rust Belt and industrial Appalachia.

What is the significance to your region?

The envisioned trail network will span 48 counties across four states, running through western Pennsylvania, northern West Virginia and eastern Ohio and reaching into the southwest corner of New York State. Pittsburgh will serve as the network's hub, with trails radiating out of the metro area and connecting to Cleveland and Ashtabula in Ohio, Morgantown and Parkersburg in West Virginia, and Erie in northern Pennsylvania.

Supporting Chamber:

Lima/Allen Co. Chamber Of Commerce

Name of Project 1: Allen County Air Park

City/Region of Project: Lima Urbanized Area

Overall Project Cost: \$17 Million

Description: Development of a beautiful 1,000 acre industrial park with commercial grade airport runway within easy access to I-75 and state route system. Complete necessary upgrades to existing facility to include a 500' runway extension (base & electrical already provided), taxiway rehabilitation, beacon and runway lighting upgrades and development of internal roadway system; as well as water, sanitary and storm sewer upgrades.

What is the significance to your region?

Current labor force statistics reflect 20% of employment engaged in manufacturing. Recent (2016) studies suggest the need for an additional 7,000 persons to meet existing demand for labor. All industrial parks are full. The community needs additional land for manufacturing. The existing airport has recently been zoned to accommodate manufacturing, assembly and warehousing. Airport environs, publicly owned and operated, are currently engaged in agricultural use and could easily be converted to such uses. The Airport has also recently received water and sewer and a new 6'000 by 150' runway. The Airport services are well established and respected, the Airport provides insights into the community and serves as a wonderful recruitment tool for economic development. to light industrial, warehousing and commercial services. The project is identified in the Allen County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) adopted in 2015 and submitted to the U.S. Economic Development Administration.

Supporting Chamber:

Lima/Allen Co. Chamber Of Commerce

Name of Project 2:

Industry Avenue Extension

City/Region of Project:

City of Lima - Lima Urbanized Area

Overall Project Cost:

\$2.7 Million

Description:

Extension of Industry Avenue south to 4th Street (2,700 lf) to improve access and safety at Kibby and Bellefontaine intersection and improve traffic flow on SR 309 at Exit 124. Complete necessary upgrades to existing street, signalize termini with Kibby and 4th streets, and extend water and sewer.

What is the significance to your region?

The extension of Industry Avenue south to 4th Street (2,700 lf) will work to eliminate congestion and safety concerns stemming from heavy trucks forced to use Kibby Street and Bellefontaine Avenue to gain access to I-75 at Exit 125 by offering alternative access/egress off 4th Street which enjoys ready access to I-75 at Exit 124. The project would open up an additional 60 acres of undeveloped land for manufacturing, assembly, and warehousing uses with advantageous proximity to I-75. The extension project would accommodate pedestrian and bicycle traffic. Employment opportunities at the site would serve the LMI populations adjacent to the Industrial Avenue corridor. The document appears in the Allen County 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan adopted in 2013.

Supporting Chamber:

Lima/Allen Co. Chamber Of Commerce

Name of Project 3: Gateway West Industrial Park

City/Region of Project: Lima Urbanized Area

Overall Project Cost: \$10.8 Million

Description: Development of some 11,000 lf of roadways to serve a 200 acre industrial park abutting I-75 and the CSX Mainline owned by the Allen County Port Authority. The site needs to be improved to reflect upgrades to existing roadways, rail siding/spurs, signalization at McClain and Breese roads, and extension of water and sewer.

What is the significance to your region? Roadway improvements would open up an additional 200 acres of undeveloped land for manufacturing, assembly, and warehousing uses with advantageous proximity to I-75 and CSX RR services. The development of the Gateway West Industrial Park will provide high visibility and easy access to I-75 from Breese Road, McClain Road and SR 65. The industrial park is easily accessible off I-75 at Exit 122 and Exit 120. The extension project would accommodate pedestrian and bicycle traffic. Employment opportunities at the site would serve the LMI populations adjacent to the Industrial Park. The project appears in the Allen County Strategic Development Plan adopted in 2017.

Supporting Chamber:

Buffalo Niagara Partnership

Name of Project 1: Cars Sharing Main Street Completion

City/Region of Project: City of Buffalo

Overall Project Cost: \$ 76 Million

Description: Funding is necessary to rapidly complete the Cars Sharing Main Street initiative to expedite the economic development benefits of returning two-way vehicular traffic to Main Street in downtown Buffalo. Securing the necessary funding incrementally will lead to years of construction and delay efforts to improve the quality of life in downtown Buffalo.

What is the significance to your region? Completing cars sharing on Main Street will allow two-way vehicular traffic to the street, inducing economic development along our city's main thoroughfare.

Supporting Chamber:

Buffalo Niagara Partnership

Name of Project 2: Transit Option Amherst Corridor & Canalside/Cobblestone

City/Region of Project: City of Buffalo

Overall Project Cost: \$ 1.191 Billion

Description: Securing funding for an environmental impact statement is the next step for both proposed metro-rail expansion projects.

What is the significance to your region? Extending the metro-rail will make getting around the Buffalo Niagara region faster and easier, and provide significant transit-oriented development opportunities.

Supporting Chamber:

Muskegon Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce

Name of Project 1: Port of Muskegon

City/Region of Project: City of Muskegon, Muskegon County

Overall Project Cost: TBD

Description: Muskegon County offers five commercial docking facilities providing a variety of shipping, logistics support, storage, towing, and ship repair services for corporations. Convenient options are available to deliver and receive goods from the Port of Muskegon, and move those goods to market, nationally and internationally. Muskegon Lake is the largest natural deep-water port in West Michigan. The Port of Muskegon handles over 1 million tons of freight, aggregate, coal and salt every year. The United States Army Corps of Engineers provides funding for dredging of the Muskegon Lake Channel to provide year-round access to port facilities. In addition to our commercial port facilities, 12 recreational marinas operate on Muskegon Lake and over 20 charter fishing operations call Muskegon Lake home. White Lake, about 7.5 nm north of the Muskegon Lake Channel, has 8 recreational marinas and 12 charter fishing operators. A scenic cruise ship, the Port City Princess, offers leisure and dinner cruises on Muskegon Lake and Lake Michigan from its berth on Muskegon Lake. Building on its tradition as a Port City, Muskegon County is also served by the Lake Express Ferry, a high-speed ship carrying passengers and vehicles across Lake Michigan from Milwaukee to Muskegon in just 2.5 hours, offering two runs every day during its May-October season.

What is the significance to your region?

The Port of Muskegon is critical to the identity of the area and this year alone is growing in importance as legacy properties that have been anchors of Muskegon Lake are changing hands of ownership (Cobb Powerplant, former Sappi Paper Mill)

Supporting Chamber:

Muskegon Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce

Name of Project 2:

Shoreline Drive Walking Bridge Crossover

City/Region of Project:

City of Muskegon, Muskegon County

Overall Project Cost:

TBD

Description:

As more development and redevelopment occurs on the lakeshore, the City may anticipate even greater demand for safe pedestrian connections over Shoreline Drive. Addressing this need will be essential if the Conference Center is developed where a parking structure may be located north of Shoreline Drive which could include a pedestrian bridge to Walker Arena. Another ideal location would be a northerly extension from the Morris Avenue parking lot as it is developed for the Farmer's Market. Essentially this would be a pedestrian link along the Second Street alignment through the Farmer's Market with the lakeshore as its terminating vista. The Pedestrian Bridge Study, Graphic #4, illustrates this concept. As with the roundabouts, these facilities would cross the MDOT right-of-way and the close cooperation of that agency will be critical.

What is the significance to your region?

This crossover will be one of the final keys to connecting the redeveloped downtown directly to the waterway linking community and tourism even further.

Supporting Chamber:

Muskegon Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce

Name of Project 3: US Highway 31 and I-96 junction improvements

City/Region of Project: City of Norton Shores, Fruitport Township

Overall Project Cost: Can provide most up-to-date figures in follow up

Description: Infrastructure improvements

What is the significance to your region?

As tourism grows in our area and population increases, this is a very busy junction that is being heavily utilized and needs to be able to accommodate a much larger volume of traffic.

Supporting Chamber:

Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce

Name of Project 1: I-475/Dorr Street interchange

City/Region of Project: Toledo

Overall Project Cost: \$23 Million

Description: new interchange project

What is the significance to your region? Promote additional economic opportunity, increased access to the University of Toledo, increased access to major employers in the region, alleviate traffic concerns on local streets

Supporting Chamber:

Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce

Name of Project 2:

I-475/20A interchange

City/Region of Project:

Toledo

Overall Project Cost:

\$34 Million

Description:

Building of a new interchange.

What is the significance to your region?

Promote additional economic opportunity, provide alternate route for Toledo Express Airport, increased access to major employers in the region, alleviate traffic concerns on local streets

Supporting Chamber:

Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce

Name of Project 3: I-73 corridor project

City/Region of Project: northwest Ohio

Overall Project Cost: \$150 Million

Description: Provide direct interstate connection between Toledo and Columbus as part of the the I-73/74/75 project

What is the significance to your region?

This would provide planning funds for the creation of interstate access between Toledo and Columbus. Toledo is the only metro city in Ohio not connected to the state capital by interstate. Provide increased opportunities for economic growth in the corridor.

Supporting Chamber:

Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce

Name of Project 1: Reconstruction of I-196 from Fuller to I-96

City/Region of Project: Grand Rapids, MI

Overall Project Cost: \$65 Million

Description: The I-196/I-96 corridor provides the primary freeway access from the eastern metro area into downtown Grand Rapids.

What is the significance to your region?

The I-196/I-96 corridor provides the primary freeway access from the eastern metro area into downtown Grand Rapids. This group of projects supports the improvements recently completed or underway along I-196, from downtown Grand Rapids to Fuller Avenue, and would continue the improvements east to the I-96 junction area. This corridor supports and provides access to and between the developing healthcare, medical services, research and education industries (including thousands of jobs) in downtown Grand Rapids and in the adjacent townships. (Currently only reconstruction of the existing roadway and bridges is programmed.)

Supporting Chamber:

Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce

Name of Project 2:

I-96 @ M-21

City/Region of Project:

Grand Rapids, MI

Overall Project Cost:

\$25 Million

Description:

Adding the EB-on and WB-off ramps at M-21, with Weave/Merge lanes between M-21 and Cascade Road, and related improvements:

What is the significance to your region?

This project complements the I-196/I-96 projects noted above by improving freeway operations and access to the healthcare services developing in the eastern metro area. It completes all freeway access movements at the I-96/M-21 interchange, providing alternate surface road routing options for patients and employees using these services. The Weave/Merge lanes will improve freeway operations and safety between the new M-21 ramps and the existing Cascade Road interchange. The I-96/Cascade Road interchange was recently reconfigured to a Diverging Diamond Interchange to address development and traffic growth in this same area

Supporting Chamber:

Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce

Name of Project 3: I-96 @ Fruit Ridge Avenue

City/Region of Project: Walker, MI

Overall Project Cost: \$20 Million

Description: Interchange Improvements

What is the significance to your region?

Significant new and growing businesses near the interchange will place severe stress on the limited capacity of the current interchange. There are 12,000 jobs within 2 miles of this interchange and Walkerview Industrial Park is slotted for \$200 million in additional investment within 5 years. Fruit ridge also serves as an important N/S backup emergency corridor and the major artery to agribusinesses North of the City of Walker.

Supporting Chamber:

Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber

Name of Project 1: Brent Spence Bridge

City/Region of Project: Spans Cincinnati & Northern Kentucky (Project is shared by Ohio Dept. of Transportation and Kentucky Transportation Cabinet)

Overall Project Cost: \$2.6 Billion

Description: The bridge carries both I-75 and I-71 traffic through the Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky area, but it also connects 10 States (including Kentucky and Ohio) from as far north as Michigan to as far south as Florida. It is also one of the busiest trucking routes in the US, with freight equally three percent of the nation's GDP crossing the bridge each year, according to a 2009 study from the Texas Transportation Institute. That equates to \$417 billion, more than the total GDP of roughly 150 separate countries worldwide. Originally, six lanes were divided among two driving decks, but renovations in 1986 eliminated the emergency lanes to widen the bridge to four lanes on each deck. The bridge was listed as "functionally obsolete" by the National Bridge Inventory in 1998, due in large part to limited visibility and safety concerns. The replacement project is actually much larger than just the Brent Spence Bridge. Several miles of highway leading to and from the bridge are also part of the project. This area of roadway will see changes and improvements with the bridge rehabilitation. The southern limit of the project area is the interchange of I-75 and Dixie Highway (US-127/US-42/US-25) in Kentucky (exit 188). The northern limit of the project is the interchange of I-75 and the Western Hills Viaduct in Ohio (exit 2B). After construction is complete, both of these exits and the span of highway between them would be reconfigured and updated to accommodate new traffic patterns leading to the bridge.

What is the significance to your region?

Businesses on both sides of the river view the bridge as a bottle neck that has a negative impact on their ability to move goods and services through the region. Specifically, with the expansion of manufacturing and logistics companies at CVG airport, the bridge's congestion issues will only be exacerbated without a solution.

Supporting Chamber:

Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber

Name of Project 2: Western Hills Viaduct

City/Region of Project: Hamilton County, Ohio (operated by City of Cincinnati)

Overall Project Cost: \$300 Million

Description:

The Western Hills Viaduct was originally designed as a double-deck structure for automobiles and streetcars. The eastern portion of the bridge was replaced as part of Interstate 75 construction in 1961. Originally, both decks of the viaduct had four lanes; however, the lower deck was later restriped for three lanes. The last major rehab was in 1977. The half mile long viaduct spans the Mill Creek Valley and CSX Railroad Yard and is used by over 55,000 vehicles per day. The Viaduct is reaching the end of its design life due to: Worsening structural condition (deterioration of some structural members), encased steel members difficult to inspect and maintain, geometry does not meet current standards, and poor pedestrian and bicycle accessibility

What is the significance to your region?

The Western Hills Viaduct is a critical link between working on the west side of Cincinnati (and its suburbs) and jobs in uptown, downtown, and Northern Kentucky.

Supporting Chamber:

Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber

Name of Project 3: Expanded Federal Transit Funding

City/Region of Project: Entire Cincinnati Region

Overall Project Cost: TBD

Description: Only 22% of all jobs in the Cincinnati region are connected by a 90 minute commute on public transportation. We know that to compete in attracting jobs and talent that we need to do a significantly better job of providing transportation options and connecting people to work. Additionally, SORTA and TANK, our two largest transit authorities, critical backlogs of capital improvements to make sure their system continues to function smoothly. This is not a specific project, but we thought it was important to highlight the critical need for investment in public transportation

What is the significance to your region? Transit serves as a critical link connecting people in Cincinnati, Kentucky, and parts of eastern Indiana to vital services including jobs, health care, education, and more. We also know that reliable transit is also a major driver of economic development that can continue to add to the vibrancy of our region.

Supporting Chamber:

Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce

Name of Project 1:	Reconstruction of I-196 from Fuller to I-96 (2019)
City/Region of Project:	Grand Rapids
Overall Project Cost:	TBD
Description:	Freeway reconstruction through core areas of Grand Rapids and includes bridges over the roadway
What is the significance to your region?	I-196 is a major East-West connection through Grand Rapids. A main route of travel for both employees and freight movement East and West/South.

Supporting Chamber:

Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce

Name of Project 3:	Deck replacement of EB I-196 over the Grand River
City/Region of Project:	Grand Rapids
Overall Project Cost:	TBD
Description:	Complete deck replacement over the Grand River on the major East-West freeway in the downtown
What is the significance to your region?	I-196 is a major East-West connection through Grand Rapids. A main route of travel for both employees and freight movement East and West/South.

Supporting Chamber:

Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce

Name of Project 1:	I-74 bridge replacement project
City/Region of Project:	Bettendorf, IA and Moline, IL
Overall Project Cost:	\$1 Billion
Description:	Completely replacing the I-74 bridge over the Mississippi.
What is the significance to your region?	This is the largest capital project in the history of the Quad Cities region.

Supporting Chamber:

Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce

Name of Project 2:

I-80 Widening between Iowa City and the Mississippi River

City/Region of Project:

Scott County, IA

Overall Project Cost:

TBD

Description:

Expanding I-80 from 4 to 6 lane between Iowa City and the Mississippi River, including replacing the I80 bridge over the Mississippi.

What is the significance to your region?

Ensuring that this coast to coast interstate is adequately able to handle the increased traffic load through Iowa.

Supporting Chamber:

Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce

Name of Project 3: Expansion of W. 76th Street

City/Region of Project: Davenport

Overall Project Cost: \$5M

Description: Expanding W. 76th Street to connect to NW Blvd., and provide ease of access to I-80.

What is the significance to your region? This project provides a more direct route to I-80 for the businesses already located on W. 76th, and opens up a large swath of area along new W. 76th Street, that will be ripe for development.

Supporting Chamber:

Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce

Name of Project 1:	St Rt 35 Widening
City/Region of Project:	Dayton, Ohio
Overall Project Cost:	\$27 Million
Description:	Major east west thoroughfare needs widened to support increased traffic flow.
What is the significance to your region?	Business and commuter traffic is heavily impacted by this project.

Supporting Chamber:

Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce

Name of Project 2: I70/I75 Logistics Park Access

City/Region of Project: Vandalia, Ohio

Overall Project Cost: \$16.2 Million

Description: Widening of St. Rt. 40 near northern logistics park

What is the significance to your region?

This project is critical for economic development and business attraction in the Dayton region.

Supporting Chamber:

Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce

Name of Project 3:	St Rt 35 Interchanges
City/Region of Project:	Dayton, Ohio/Riverside, Ohio
Overall Project Cost:	\$30 Million
Description:	Reconfiguring of two interchanges along St. Rt. 35.
What is the significance to your region?	Business and commuter traffic is heavily impacted by this project.

Supporting Chamber:

Erie Regional Chamber & Growth Partnership

Name of Project 1: Bayfront Parkway/State Street "Lid"

City/Region of Project: Erie, PA - downtown & waterfront

Overall Project Cost: \$25 Million

Description: This is designed as an iconic connection of the people from the City of Erie downtown to Lake Erie and the bay. This would include landscaped pedestrian/bikeway facilities running north/south on State Street to Dobbins Landing, grade separated from the Bayfront Parkway moving high volume traffic below.

What is the significance to your region? Critical to the Erie City Comprehensive Plan, to connection from the downtown to the waterfront, to address traffic, pedestrian, bikeway critical to the growth occurring on the waterfront

Supporting Chamber:

Erie Regional Chamber & Growth Partnership

Name of Project 2:

Three Pedestrian Bridges

City/Region of Project:

Erie - downtown & waterfront

Overall Project Cost:

\$12 Million

Description:

This will connect people from Erie's old/traditional grid-street system to Lake Erie and the bay (over the Bayfront Parkway). These facilities are to be integrated with 2 on-going economic development venues (one by Scott Enterprise, Inc. in the northwest quadrant of the Bayfront/State Street intersection and one by Erie Events at the former GAF site in the vicinity of Sassafras Street) and one to the east side of Holland Street connecting to Parade Street; a major north-south local road on Erie's east side. Each of these bridges must consider ADA compliance, transitioning pedestrians/bicyclists from the bluff line to the north side of the Bayfront Parkway.

What is the significance to your region?

This will further spur major expansions of the medical center, Bayfront parkway development, waterfront development-intergration with numerous private sector development investments.

Supporting Chamber:

Erie Regional Chamber & Growth Partnership

Name of Project 3:

A New Front Street, connected to the Bayfront Parkway at Holland Street and at Mrytle Street via Roundabouts

City/Region of Project:

Erie - downtown, connecting neighborhoods, waterfront

Overall Project Cost:

\$13 Million

Description:

This new connection will allow those seeking the new recreational opportunities being developed along Erie's Bayfront safe access via a multi-modal experience. Front Street would be located to the north and separated from the Bayfront Parkway. This facility will "connect" all the amenities along Erie's Bayfront.

What is the significance to your region?

This is a multi-modal experience, with safe access and connection to many amenities.

Supporting Chamber:

Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce

Name of Project 1: U.S. Route 30 Extension, Phase 1

City/Region of Project: Canton, Stark County, OH

Overall Project Cost: \$100 Million

Description: Extending 4-lane Route 30 east of Canton, OH, toward Pittsburgh market. Phase 1 would extend four-lane commerce to Ohio Route 44 east of East Canton, OH.

What is the significance to your region?

Route 30 is a four-lane highway from Chicago to the east side of Canton, OH, and then it becomes a two-lane rural road. Canton manufacturers like TimkenSteel cannot reach the Ohio River or the Pittsburgh market without the added shipping costs of detouring north or south to interstate highways. Pittsburgh is a closer market to Canton than is Columbus, if only trade could flow back and forth efficiently.

Supporting Chamber:

Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce

Name of Project 2:

U.S Route 30 Extension, Phase 2

City/Region of Project:

Columbiana County, OH

Overall Project Cost:

\$875 Million

Description:

Extending 4-lane Route 30 from Ohio Route 44 to 4-lane Ohio Route 11, to provide access to the Ohio River and the Wellsville, OH, river port.

What is the significance to your region?

The significance of the project is identical to the Phase 1 request: Route 30 is a four-lane highway from Chicago to the east side of Canton, OH, and then it becomes a two-lane rural road. Canton manufacturers like TimkenSteel cannot reach the Ohio River or the Pittsburgh market without the added shipping costs of detouring north or south to interstate highways. Pittsburgh is a closer market to Canton than is Columbus, if only trade could flow back and forth efficiently.

Supporting Chamber:

Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce

Name of Project 3: Hall of Fame Village at Pro Football Hall of Fame

City/Region of Project: Canton, OH

Overall Project Cost: \$30 Million

Description: Federal assistance for infrastructure.

What is the significance to your region?

Hall of Fame Village, which will attract an estimated \$335 million in private and state investment, will turn the Pro Football Hall of Fame into an entertainment, business training and sports-medicine research complex that will generate tens of thousands of jobs in its development and its operations, and create billions of dollars in economic development over 25 years.

Supporting Chamber:

Southwest Michigan First

Name of Project 1: Downtown Kalamazoo Corridor

City/Region of Project: City of Kalamazoo

Overall Project Cost: \$60 Million

Description: Recreating the streetscape along the Michigan Avenue Corridor for non-motorized use and address one way streets in downtown Kalamazoo.

What is the significance to your region?

The major roads in downtown Kalamazoo are designed for a much more auto centric era 60 years ago. It no longer serves us well to have and 5 lane urban "highway" through downtown. The city came together in the last 18 month to reimagine the main Michigan Avenue corridor and have it accesible to non motorized users and better connected to the universities. This will aid our talent attraction strategies.

Supporting Chamber:

Southwest Michigan First

Name of Project 2:

Additional Lanes on I-94

City/Region of Project:

Kalamazoo/Battle Creek

Overall Project Cost:

\$2 Billion

Description:

Add a third lane to I-94 in the area of the region that are currently not served by a third lane. Primarily between 131 and 69.

What is the significance to your region?

The region is faced with continual shutdowns and slowdowns on I 94 because of traffic volume. Notably, the 200 + car pileup that occurred in a snow storm 2 years ago. Currently 100 million freight tons originate in Kalamazoo annually and travel I 94.

Supporting Chamber:

Southwest Michigan First

Name of Project 3:	131 Business Southbound Interchange
City/Region of Project:	Kalamazoo
Overall Project Cost:	\$30-60 Million
Description:	This project will create a southbound interchange on the 131 business loop. There is currently only a northbound interchange.
What is the significance to your region?	Economic Development on the north side of Kalamazoo is hampered by the lack of a southbound interchange. Currently businesses on the north side are forced to send truck traffic through downtown to access a major highway.

Supporting Chamber:

Youngstown Warren Regional Chamber

Name of Project 1: SMAR2T Corridor / Fifth Avenue

City/Region of Project: Youngstown, OH

Overall Project Cost: \$20 Million

Description: This project will connect medical, educational, technological and recreational assets to create a greater regional cluster.

What is the significance to your region? This project will protect the largest employers and their workers and expands city center's growth.

Supporting Chamber:

Youngstown Warren Regional Chamber

Name of Project 2:

Routes 46 and 82 Interchange Upgrade

City/Region of Project:

Trumbull County, Ohio

Overall Project Cost:

\$12 Million

Description:

This will create a diverging diamond interchange that will enhance mobility in the Youngstown region.

What is the significance to your region?

This project will address the worst safety issues and fulfill the need of a proposed major economic project.

Supporting Chamber:

Youngstown Warren Regional Chamber

Name of Project 3:

Golden Triangle Infrastructure Projects

City/Region of Project:

Trumbull County, Ohio

Overall Project Cost:

\$7 Million

Description:

This project coordinates the upgrades/fixes to 10 road and sewer projects/problems.

What is the significance to your region?

This will protect thousands of jobs and respond to employers' demands for job growth.

Supporting Chamber:

Lancaster Chamber

Name of Project 1:	Route 30 East
City/Region of Project:	Lancaster County - East Lampeter to Salisbury Townships
Overall Project Cost:	\$477 Million for Expressway - \$200 million for Alternative
Description:	Route 30 East from Rt. 896 to Rt. 41 - Eastbound Expressway / Alternative is TSM improvements.
What is the significance to your region?	High volume of traffic and accidents, major transit and pedestrian cooridor.

Supporting Chamber:

Lancaster Chamber

Name of Project 2:

US 222 Reconstruction

City/Region of Project:

Lancaster County - multiple townships

Overall Project Cost:

\$86 Million

Description:

Road widening, bridge replacements, capacity adding.

What is the significance to your region?

This road has higher than statewide average crashes, low overhead clearances, inadequate traffic flow and weave areas, large queues in AM/PM peak, currently C, D, E and F level of service for HCS analysis.

Supporting Chamber:

Lancaster Chamber

Name of Project 3:

PA 23 Two-Lane Alternative

City/Region of Project:

Lancaster County - multiple townships

Overall Project Cost:

\$194 Million

Description:

What is the significance to your region?

Congested corridor with direct connections to major transportation corridors north and east of the County.

Supporting Chamber:

Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce

Name of Project 1:	Accelerated transit build out in the East Metro of the Twin Cities
City/Region of Project:	Ramsey County - Minnesota
Overall Project Cost:	\$2.5 Billion
Description:	Multiple transit lines using both LRT and BRT.
What is the significance to your region?	Job accessibility, support for economic development.

Supporting Chamber:

TraverseCONNECT/TC Area Chamber of Commerce

Name of Project 1: Soo Locks Improvements

City/Region of Project: Sault Ste. Marie, MI

Overall Project Cost: \$1.7 Billion

Description: Upgrade to Poe Lock and construction of a new, larger lock to facilitate movement of essential raw materials throughout the Great Lakes.

What is the significance to your region? Highly significant: near- and long-term jobs; irreplaceable movement of raw materials; supply chain for manufacturers and agricultural businesses; viability of mining and United States steel production; national defense.

Supporting Chamber:

TraverseCONNECT/TC Area Chamber of Commerce & Detroit Regional Chamber

Name of Project 2:

International Trade Crossing at Detroit (Gordie Howe Bridge)

City/Region of Project:

Detroit, MI

Overall Project Cost:

\$3 Billion - mostly paid by Canada

Description:

New trade crossing connecting Canada and United States at Detroit, where there is a bottleneck. New customs facilities, expedited truck and trade processing, more efficient route bypassing inner cities on both sides

What is the significance to your region?

International Trade Corridor from Halifax to Mexico passes directly through Detroit. Already the busiest trade route in America, the new bridge will allow ancillary businesses to expand along the corridor, reaching hundreds of miles in each direction along the route to OEM and other suppliers and manufacturers.

Supporting Chamber:

TraverseCONNECT/TC Area Chamber of Commerce

Name of Project 3:

Harbor Dredging

City/Region of Project:

Northwest Lower Peninsula of Michigan

Overall Project Cost:

\$250 Million

Description:

Harbors throughout our region need annual dredging due to the severe pounding of the Great Lakes and the movement of sediment towards the coastal areas.

What is the significance to your region?

Harbors and marinas are vital to the \$7 Billion Great Lakes economic impact of tourism, fisheries, and associated fresh water businesses. Not being able to keep even one open for one "season" would have a devastating impact felt throughout northwest lower Michigan.

Supporting Chamber:

South Bend Regional Chamber of Commerce

Name of Project 1:	South Shore Railroad Double Track Project
City/Region of Project:	Northcentral and Northwest Indiana
Overall Project Cost:	\$290 Million
Description:	New track in Northwest Indiana, eliminates congestion and allows passenger trains to reach greater speeds
What is the significance to your region?	This will reduce average passenger train trip to Chicago by nearly 30 minutes, which will spur growth in our region.

Supporting Chamber:

South Bend Regional Chamber of Commerce

Name of Project 2:

US 31 Improvements, Indianapolis to South Bend

City/Region of Project:

Central Indiana and Northern Indiana

Overall Project Cost:

\$980 Million

Description:

Upgrade of existing highway to limited access. 7 stoplights, 2 railroad crossings, 100 intersections and 200 driveways to be eliminated.

What is the significance to your region?

This is a major transportation artery to the Capital City. Critical Logistics corridor.

Supporting Chamber:

South Bend Regional Chamber of Commerce

Name of Project 3:

South Shore Railroad SBN Airport Relocation

City/Region of Project:

North Central Indiana

Overall Project Cost:

\$20 Million

Description:

Move rail station to west side of airport from east side, allows trains to move faster and avoid crossings, picks up 20 minutes on the trip.

What is the significance to your region?

This, combined with project 1 reduce passenger rail travel time to Chicago by 50 minutes.

Supporting Chamber:

Chicagoland Chamber

Name of Project 3: 75th Street CIP

City/Region of Project: Chicago, IL

Overall Project Cost: \$488 Million

Description: This application seeks federal support to leverage a significant private funding commitment to fix the most complex and congested segment of railroad in North America. CREATE's 75th Street Corridor Improvement Project (75th Street CIP) and Argo Connections project comprise five inter-related infrastructure improvements that are central, both geographically and functionally, to reducing rail and highway delays and expanding freight, commuter, and passenger railroad capacity in Chicago.

What is the significance to your region? CREATE Program will significantly improve freight rail, passenger rail, and highway operations in the Chicago metropolitan area, while also providing community mobility, safety, air quality, and economic benefits