

Reinvest Greenhouse Gas Revenue from Transportation Back into Transportation

What's Best for Michigan

Ensure that if a cap and trade program or carbon tax is instituted to reduce emissions, with new fees being paid by emitters or oil refineries, a proportional share of the revenues are reinvested in transportation solutions that help address climate change.

The next federal surface transportation authorization should recognize the environmental and climate change benefits of increased public transportation usage by designating a portion of any new revenue from climate change legislation to public transportation expansion and capacity improvements.

Why

Reinvesting cap and trade revenue in transportation will provide transportation agencies the additional resources necessary to expand travel options in less energy intensive ways while improving mobility.

Additional revenue from a GHG program can also provide a source of funds for use in improving the operations of our transportation systems and for new or expanded research and development initiatives aimed at developing a zero-carbon-fueled vehicle fleet.