## GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER REBUILDING MICHIGAN'S ROADS AND BRIDGES



Governor Whitmer is fixing the damn roads and creating tens of thousands of good-paying construction jobs. She launched the Rebuilding Michigan Plan, a \$3.5 billion investment over 5 years in our highways and bridges without an increase at the pump. Over 20 projects supporting 22,800 good-paying construction jobs are already underway, including construction on I-496. Governor Whitmer continues to push for more funding for our roads and bridges, including \$300 million in the state budget to fix 120 local bridges in serious or critical condition. She also continued Michigan's partnership around the Gordie Howe International Bridge, a key trade corridor between Michigan and Canada that has already created 2,500 good-paying jobs for Michiganders. There are cones and barrels up at hundreds of sites statewide, fixing our crumbling, critical infrastructure so that people can go to work and get home safely, parents can drive their kids to school without blowing an axle, and businesses can get their goods where they need to go on time.

## INVESTMENTS IN OUR ROADS, BRIDGES, AND WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

- Launched the <u>Rebuilding Michigan Plan</u>, a \$3.5 billion bond plan that expands hundreds of major new road projects, building up our state highways and bridges over the next 5 years, without an increase at the pump.
  - In 2020, Michigan invested a total of \$1.984 billion in our roads. In 2021, that number is anticipated to reach \$3.57 billion.
  - In August 2021, the state closed on an additional \$800 million bond which includes funding for a \$120 million project on I-94 in Jackson County.
  - In September 2020, the <u>first \$800 million bond</u> was spent to cover the cost of rebuilding some of Michigan's most highly traveled freeways, including I-496.
- <u>Announced</u> the first 21 state highway projects for the 2021 Michigan Department of Transportation construction season. The investment supports approximately 22,800 construction jobs in 2021 along with an additional 21,700 jobs in other industries.
- <u>Proposed</u> \$300 million to repair or replace 120 local bridges in serious or critical condition. This investment would address every closed bridge in the state.
- Continued partnership with the Canadian government on the Gordie Howe International Bridge, a major trade corridor that supports at least <u>2,500 good-paying jobs for Michiganders</u>.
- Launched MI Clean Water, a \$500 million drinking and wastewater infrastructure plan supporting 7,500 good-paying jobs to address high water rates, lead-laden water service lines, toxic contaminants like PFAS, sewers that can't meet demand, and failing septic systems.

"Our roads are dangerous, and the longer we wait, the more expensive it will be to fix them. That's why I'm taking action now to fix the damn roads and keep Michiganders safe. In the state that put the world on wheels, every family deserves access to roads that get them where they need to go without blowing an axle or cracking a windshield. I am committed to making lasting investment in infrastructure and with my Rebuilding Michigan plan, we are moving dirt right now and building up our roads to connect our communities, families, and small businesses."



- Governor Gretchen Whitmer