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## **Gov. Snyder's Transportation Plan on Right Path to Prosperity**

### ***Proposal Paves Way for Economic Growth, Community Investment***

**LANSING, Mich.** (Oct. 26, 2011) — Gov. Rick Snyder's proposal to increase Michigan's investment in transportation infrastructure and systems will pave the way for economic growth and investment in Michigan communities.

Transportation and infrastructure funding have long been a top priority for the Michigan Municipal League, and League officials were pleased to hear similar calls to action in the transportation and infrastructure special message delivered today by Governor Snyder. League officials, however, are concerned about how the proposal distributes some of the funding, but are optimistic those details can be worked out as discussions continue.

"We're optimistic that what the governor called for today will end more than two decades of disinvestment in the state's transportation system and give local governments additional funding options to compete with other states for jobs and business investments," said League CEO & Executive Director Dan Gilmartin. "The Governor's proposal is a positive first step toward creating the jobs we need to repair, build, and modernize our transportation system and creating a modern process for funding state and local transportation needs."

The League also applauded the governor's continued support for creating a real transit system in Michigan, which also would create thousands of jobs, generate billions of dollars in new private sector investments, and help create the types of urban centers where young, talented, creative, college-educated people want to live, work and raise families.

League President and Hamtramck Mayor Karen Majewski said the governor's proposal gives local governments across Michigan new transportation funding options, similar to those available to the vast majority of other states.

"In a community like Hamtramck, it's highly important to have regional mass transit options as part of an economic development strategy," Majewski said. "The local option aspect to this plan would allow our communities to identify and develop transportation options that will fit their

needs, encourage economic growth, and attract and retain knowledge-based workers who demand this as part of their lifestyle.”

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