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## **New Transportation Vision for Michigan on Twitter**

**LANSING, Michigan** – The Twittersverse will be the virtual location for a unique statewide conversation on the need for a new transportation system in Michigan. Beginning at 12 pm on September 13, Let's Save Michigan and the Michigan Municipal League will host a public forum on Twitter (using the hashtag #MiTransVision) as legislators and leading thinkers on Michigan's economy, communities, and environment gather in Lansing.

It's a new way to talk about a vital part of Michigan's future, at a time when new ideas and new approaches are needed more than ever, said Dan Gilmartin, Executive Director of the Michigan Municipal League and a panelist at the event.

"The way we fund—the way we even think about—transportation in this state remains essentially unchanged from the way we did in the 1950s. It's obvious that a 1950s system isn't sufficient for a 21<sup>st</sup> century economy. A new vision is essential for Michigan's economic recovery," said Gilmartin.

The event is intended to create a consensus of ideas and suggested solutions for Governor Snyder, who has hinted that he will unveil a new transportation and infrastructure vision in October.

Other experts include: Robert Puentes, Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution; Chris Kolb, Executive Director, Michigan Environmental Council; Rory Neuner, Project Coordinator, Transportation for Michigan (Trans4M); and Rich Studley, President and CEO, Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

Prior to Sept. 13, anyone can tweet using the hashtag #MiTransVision to have their ideas and questions included. During the event, live tweeting by @LetsSaveMich will give up-to-the-minute reports on the presentations and ideas presented. Media are invited to attend the event in person or by phone, but arrangements must be made in advance. Inquiries may be sent to [sarah@letssavemichigan.com](mailto:sarah@letssavemichigan.com). Additional details can be found at <http://www.mml.org/newsroom/twitter-transit/index.html>.

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