

Dear Selection Committee,

The Mackinac Island Transportation Authority (MITA) is preparing an application to the Infrastructure Projects Authority Fund for critical improvements to the Coal Dock facility on Mackinac Island. We respectfully request your consideration in supporting MITA's application for funding this important infrastructure project.

The Coal Dock serves as a vital transportation and freight hub for Mackinac Island, supporting the movement of goods, materials, and essential services that sustain residents, businesses, and visitors throughout the year. Improvements to the dock infrastructure will enhance safety, reliability, operational efficiency, and long-term resiliency while helping ensure continued access to this critical transportation asset. Additionally, an improved Coal Dock will provide a public option for access to the island, independent of the privately owned docks.

As a key component of Mackinac Island's transportation network and economic vitality, the Coal Dock plays an important role in supporting commerce, tourism, and community services to not only Mackinac Island but the surrounding region. Investment in this facility will help preserve and strengthen the infrastructure necessary to meet current and future transportation needs.

Thank you for your consideration and support of infrastructure investments that strengthen Mackinac Island's transportation system and economic future. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

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