



City of Madison Heights, Michigan

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Oakland County Board of Commissioners
Attn: Board Chair David Woodward
1200 North Telegraph Road
Pontiac, MI 48341

I am writing to support the City of Madison Heights' application to the Oakland County Placemaking grant for the 11-Mile Streetscaping project, emphasizing the proposed 3-lane configuration. This project represents a significant opportunity to transform our downtown into a walkable, vibrant downtown area, enhancing both livability and economic vitality.

Madison Heights is evolving into a dynamic community, and the 11 Mile Streetscaping project is crucial in this transformation. The emphasis on a 3-lane configuration improves safety, slows traffic flow, and creates an inviting environment for pedestrians. By incorporating features such as widened sidewalks, outdoor seating areas, and trees, the project aims to build a downtown feel that encourages people to linger, shop, and dine, fostering community and enhancing local businesses.

Investing in the 11 Mile Streetscaping project is an investment in our community's future. It will attract new visitors, residents, and businesses, boosting economic activity and revitalizing our downtown area. By supporting this grant application, we are not only improving infrastructure but also fostering a sense of community and belonging.

The city administration, the Mayor and City Council, and our Downtown Development Authority all support this grant application and project, which has an estimated total development cost of \$784,953 with a committed City/DDA match of \$470,972.

Thank you for considering the City of Madison Heights' grant application for the 11-mile Streetscaping project. I am confident that this initiative will have a transformative impact on our city, creating a more walkable, vibrant downtown that we can all be proud of.

Sincerely,

Melissa Marsh
City Manager
City of Madison Heights

Area Code (248)

Active Adult Center.....	545-3464	Finance	583-0846	Nature Center	585-0100
Assessing.....	588-0776	Fire Department.....	588-3605	Police Department.....	585-2100
City Clerk.....	583-0826	43rd District Court.....	583-1800	Purchasing.....	583-0828
City Manager.....	583-0829	Human Resources.....	583-0828	Recreation.....	589-2294
Community Development	583-0831	Library	588-7763	Water & Treasurer	583-0845
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The following is an excerpt from the Regular Meeting of the Madison Heights Downtown Development Authority, Madison Heights, Oakland County, Michigan held on June 18, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. Eastern Time.

Present: Busler, Davignon, Grafstein, Jarbo, Keys, Marsh, Sheppard, Ujkic, and Van Buren.

Absent: Morando and Renshaw

DDA-24-17. 11 Mile Streetscaping Plan & Main Street Oakland County Placemaking Grant Due June 18th.

Motion to recommend to City Council the three-lane configuration for the 11 Mile Streetscape Project and to support City staff in applying for the Oakland County Placemaking Grant.

Motion made by Vice-Chair Jarbo, Seconded by Member Busler.

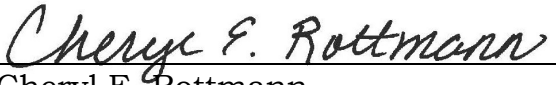
Voting Yea: Member Busler, Member Davignon, Mayor Grafstein, Vice-Chair Jarbo, Member Keys, Member Marsh, Member Sheppard, Member Ujkic, Chair Van Buren

Absent: Member Marando, Member Renshaw

Motion carried.

CERTIFICATION:

I, Cheryl E. Rottmann, the duly appointed City Clerk of the City of Madison Heights, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a motion adopted by the Madison Heights Downtown Development Authority at their Regular Meeting held on June 18, 2024.


Cheryl E. Rottmann
City Clerk

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 12, 2024

TO: Giles Tucker, Community and Economic Development Director

FROM: Sean P. Ballantine, Director of Public Services
Melissa R. Marsh, City Manager
Gregory G. Lelito, Fire Chief
Brent S. LeMerise, Police Chief
(Comprising the Traffic Safety Committee)

SUBJECT: DDA Streetscape Project – Three Lane Configuration

At the Traffic Safety Committee meeting of June 10, the topic of discussion was the newly proposed three lane option in the John R to Lorenz corridor. The response was positive, with the dedicated left turn lane anticipated to provide for smooth traffic flow through the area, and raising no traffic safety concerns.

One of the general concerns raised, however, was the long-term plan for the entirety of the 11 mile corridor, and if the traffic study took this into account. A situation where a major road is going back and forth several times from three to four lanes is not ideal, and can in fact create its own traffic safety hazards. Per the traffic study, and as confirmed by Nowak and Fraus, a three lane option was indeed evaluated for the entire 11 Mile corridor from Stephenson to Dequindre, with the necessary transitions taking place at or near those respective intersections as conditions allow.

The Traffic Safety Committee therefore has no objections to the proposed three lane design, with the recommendation that it should be implemented as funding allows through the entire 11 Mile corridor (Stephenson to Dequindre), to provide for consistent traffic flow.

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