



Transportation News Summary for Legislators, Apr. 8 – Apr. 21, 2006

A Review of Recent Top Transportation Stories from Around Michigan

ROAD DEAL PAVES WAY FOR M-59, I-96 WORK

Detroit Free Press

Zachary Gorchow & Matt Helms

04-21-06

Scores of road projects -- from county road work in metro Detroit to a \$10-million study into widening an 18-mile stretch of I-75 in Oakland County -- got the green light Thursday in a deal struck by Gov. Jennifer Granholm and Republican legislative leaders.

<http://www.freep.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060421/NEWS10/604210487>

A similar story appears in the 4/21 Lansing State Journal:

<http://lsj.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060421/NEWS04/604210333&SearchID=73242234041299>

GAS PRICES ADD UP ON ROAD WORK

Grand Rapids Press

Greg Chandler

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Rising fuel prices are making improvements to some of Allegan County's main roads more expensive than last year. Road commissioners Friday approved the awarding of contracts for seven resurfacing projects on the county's primary road network, adding up to about \$2.85 million. Bids for four of the projects came in higher than Road Commission estimates, Managing Director Bill Nelson said. The repaving work is being paid for through a countywide millage that began in the early 1980s. Voters will be asked to renew the 1-mill levy in August. <http://www.mlive.com/news/grpress/index.ssf?base/news-7/1144940199210680.xml&coll=6>

FEWER ROAD PROJECTS SET

Saginaw News

Greg Nelson

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ITHACA -- The Gratiot County Road Commission is scaling back its 2006 construction plans because of a drop in state transportation funds and an increase in the cost of materials. "Our funding has been down the last two years, but our costs continue to increase," Road Commission Superintendent Mark Craft said.

<http://www.mlive.com/search/index.ssf?base/news-18/1145183012143150.xml?sanews?NECN&coll=9>

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A THIRD OF PLANT JOBS EVAPORATE IN MICHIGAN

Detroit News

Josee Valcourt / Louis Aguilar

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DETROIT -- Michigan has lost nearly 1 in 3 manufacturing jobs since 1999 and impending factory closures by automakers and suppliers could further erode the state's position as a major global automotive hub, according to a new analysis by the Center for Automotive Research in Ann Arbor.
<http://www.detnews.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060420/AUTO01/604200397&SearchID=73242233275848>

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