

Jonathan Smith

From: Jonathan Smith
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2026 11:56 PM
To: Chelsea Alcock
Cc: chennessy@fveng.com; Rep. Mike Harris (District 52)
Subject: RE: Clarkston LDSI Request
Attachments: Clarkston 2026-2027 LDSI Request.docx; Clarkston 2027 LDSI Project Overview.docx; Clarkston 2027 LDSI Project Cost Estimate.pdf; Clarkston 2027 LDSI Project Photos.pdf; Clarkston 2027 LDSI Project Letters of Support (5).pdf

Hello Chelsea,

Attached please find the following documents pertaining to Clarkston's 2027 LDSI Project Request:

1. The Application Form
2. Project Overview
3. Project Cost Estimate
4. Project Photos
5. Project Letters of Support

Thank you for your consideration of this important project. Please let me know of any questions you may have or if additional information is needed.

Jonathan Smith

City Manager, City of the Village of Clarkston
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From: Chelsea Alcock <CAIcock@house.mi.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2026 12:59 PM
To: Jonathan Smith <smithj@villageofclarkston.org>
Cc: chennessy@fveng.com; Rep. Mike Harris (District 52) <MikeHarris@house.mi.gov>
Subject: FW: Clarkston LDSI Request

Hi Jonathan,

Please see the attached LDIS form.

Thanks,
Chelsea

From: Chelsea Alcock
Sent: Friday, February 13, 2026 5:38 PM

To: smithj@villageofclarkston.org

Subject: Clarkston LDSI Request

Hi Jonathan,

Thanks for taking the time to meet with Rep. Harris this afternoon. He has asked me to share the LDSI questions that he is required to submit. Please do not hesitate to contact our office with any questions.

Thanks,

Chelsea Alcock
Legislative Director
Office of State Rep. Mike Harris
52nd House District

Legislatively Directed Spending Item (LDSI) – Request Application

Sponsoring legislator's full name: Rep. Mike Harris

Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable): Not Applicable

Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient: City of the Village of Clarkston

Physical address of legislatively directed spending item recipient and the intended location of the project or activity: Recipient address: 375 Depot Road, Clarkston, MI 48346. Project Location: Downtown Clarkston along Main Street (M-15) between Washington Street and Waldon Road.

The recipient's employer identification number: 38-6032021

Project contact info: Jonathan Smith, City Manager, City of the Village of Clarkston, 375 Depot Road, Clarkston, MI 48346. Office Phone (248) 625-1559, Cell Phone: (248) 909-3380. Email: Smithj@villageofclarkston.org

Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item: \$834,400.00 (80% of the estimated total project cost of \$1.043M)

What is the purpose and how does the legislatively directed spending item provide a public benefit that is an appropriate use of taxpayer money? The City is seeking financial assistance through the 2026-2027 FY Legislatively Directed Spending Items (LDSI) program to improve walkability, ADA compliance, and overall pedestrian safety in our downtown, effectively enabling the co-existence of heavy pedestrian and vehicular traffic. The proposed work will include all new sidewalks, curbing, and driveways in the downtown blocks that are safe to walk and compliant with ADA requirements, making it an appropriate use of taxpayer money. The existing sidewalks and driveways are badly deteriorated, sloping, and riddled with trip hazards. This project is consistent with the City's Master Plan.

Has the legislatively directed spending item previously received or been awarded any of the following types of funding in the past 5 years? If so, how much? Check all that apply. Federal, State, Local No, there have been no previous awards for the proposed project.

Estimated time frame for completion of the legislatively directed spending item project: September 2027

Has the nonprofit corporation continuously operated in this state for the preceding 36 months? Not applicable – Municipal Government

Has the nonprofit corporation had a physical office in this state for not less than the preceding 12 consecutive months? Not applicable – Municipal Government

Does the nonprofit corporation have a board of directors? Not applicable – Municipal Government

List all of the officers and active members on the board of directors: Not applicable – Municipal Government

Attachments:

1. Clarkston 2027 LDSI Project Overview
2. Clarkston 2027 LDSI Project Cost Estimate
3. Clarkston 2027 LDSI Project Photos
4. Clarkston 2027 LDSI Project Letter of Support (5)

City of the Village of Clarkston

Application for the 2026-2027 FY Legislatively Directed Spending Items Program

Project Name: Downtown Clarkston Walkability and Pedestrian Safety

Project Location: Downtown City of the Village of Clarkston, Oakland County

Project Purpose:

Complete rehabilitation of Clarkston's downtown sidewalks, curbs and driveways (including bump-outs) to improve pedestrian walkability and safety.

Project Description:

Founded in 1832, the historic City of the Village of Clarkston is one of the smallest cities in the state, just ½ mile square with 928 residents. With just 2 vacant lots remaining, we are effectively built out, with a limited annual revenue of just \$860k.

The downtown Main Street portion of our city is approximately 2 1/2 blocks long with five very popular restaurants, retail shops and other businesses. Pedestrian traffic is heavy throughout the year, especially in the summer months when our Social District is active. Because Main Street (M-15) travelling through the center of Clarkston is an MDOT state trunkline, thousands of vehicles and heavy trucks pass through our downtown every day, often conflicting with the pedestrian traffic. Concerning to our residents and City Council is the fact that vehicle-pedestrian accidents and vehicle-bicycle accidents are becoming more and more common in our downtown district. The City is seeking financial assistance through the 2026-2027 FY Legislatively Directed Spending Items (LDSI) program to improve walkability, ADA compliance, and overall pedestrian safety in our downtown, effectively enabling the co-existence of heavy pedestrian and vehicular traffic. The proposed work will include all new sidewalks, curbing, and driveways in the downtown blocks that are safe to walk and compliant with ADA requirements. This project is consistent with the City's Master Plan. The existing sidewalks and driveways are badly deteriorated, sloping, and riddled with trip hazards. Approval by MDOT is being sought to allow sidewalk extensions (bump-outs) and pedestrian-activated caution signaling at the critical intersections. An itemized construction cost projection is attached, showing a total investment of \$1.043M.

Project Justification / Taxpayer Benefit:

There are several levels of project justification and taxpayer benefits:

1. The current downtown sidewalks are far from being ADA compliant, leaving the potential for significant fines and lawsuits if no action is taken.
2. New, pedestrian-friendly sidewalks will encourage residents and visitors to patronize our downtown businesses, especially those with disabilities, seniors, and parents with strollers, leading to higher business income.
3. Safer sidewalks and pedestrian crossings will greatly lessen the possibility of trip-and-fall accidents as well as vehicle-pedestrian accidents. Occurrences of both of these types of accidents have been increasing in recent years.
4. The proposed improvements will dramatically increase the aesthetic value and vibrancy of our downtown district while also increasing the business property values.

Estimated Project Cost:

Construction Cost	\$ 745,000
Engineering Cost	\$ 149,000
Construction Contingency	\$ 149,000
Total	<u>\$1,043,000</u>
<u>LDS Funding Request (80%):</u>	<u>\$ 834,400</u>
<u>Matching Funds from City (20%):</u>	<u>\$ 208,600</u>



City of the Village of Clarkston
Main Street Sidewalk Rehabilitation Project
Sidewalk Rehabilitation (Selected Option DRAFT)

Opinion of Probable Construction Cost (Original March 2025, revised February 2026)

F&V Project #

LOCATION: Main Street at North side of Waldon to 300 Ft North of Washington

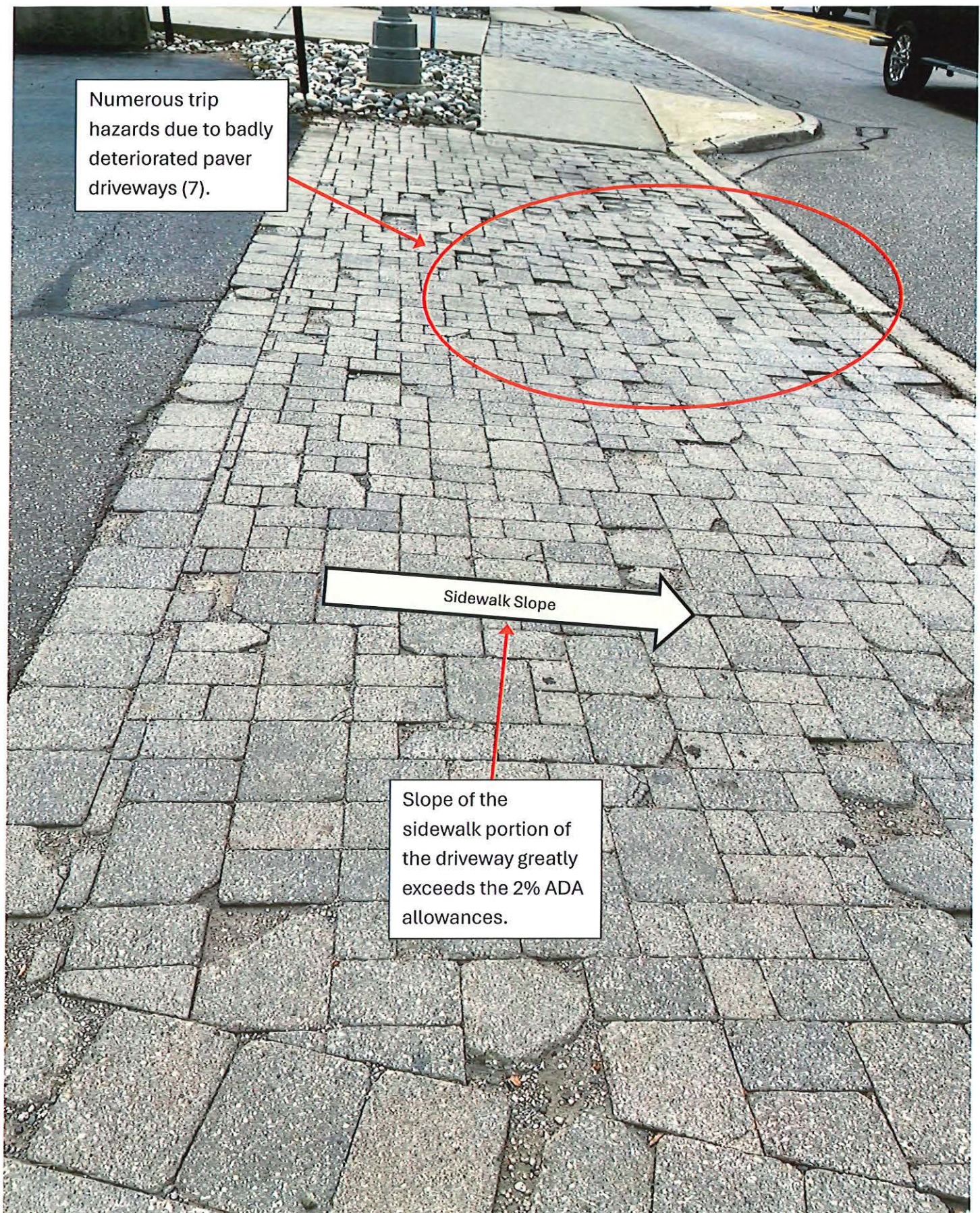
ITEM #	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	ESTIMATED UNIT PRICE	ESTIMATED AMOUNT
1	General Cond., Bonds, Insurance and Mobilization	LS	1	\$74,500.00	\$74,500.00
2	Traffic Control	LS	1	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
3	Soil Erosion & Sedimentation Control	LS	1	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
#REF!	Grade Rehabilitation of Exist Commercial Drive and Concrete Base	EA	10	\$17,500.00	\$175,000.00
#REF!	Remove and Replace 4 ft Sidewalk	Sqft	14500	\$20.00	\$290,000.00
#REF!	Remove and Replace Sidewalk Ramp (Incl ADA Detectable Warning Mat Repl)	Sqft	1100	\$55.00	\$60,500.00
#REF!	Drainage Structure Adjustments, Rehab, or Alterations	LS	1	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00
#REF!	Drainage Correction at NW of Main & Washington (incl concrete damage)	LS	1	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
#REF!	Restoration	LS	1	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

Total Estimate of Probable Construction Cost	\$745,000.00
Undeveloped Details & Construction Contingency (20%)	\$149,000.00
Est. Design & Construction Engineering & Administration (20%)	\$149,000.00
Total Estimate of Probable Construction Cost	\$1,043,000.00

The Design Professional has no control over costs or the price of labor, equipment or materials, or over the Contractor's method of pricing.

Bid prices may vary significantly based on these factors and market conditions at time of bid.

City of the Village of Clarkston – Downtown Driveway



City of the Village of Clarkston – Downtown Sidewalk



City of the Village of Clarkston – Downtown Main Street Crosswalk



Sidewalk extensions (bump-outs) needed to improve pedestrian visibility at crosswalks.



“See-Me” Crossing Flags Made Available to Pedestrians with Little or No Improvement



(While taking pictures of this crosswalk, our Parking Enforcement Officer – wearing a safety vest and carrying a “See-Me” Flag - was almost hit.)



Example of Pedestrian-Activated Crosswalk Signals and Sidewalk Extensions in Fenton, MI

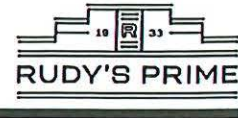


Pedestrian-Activated crosswalk lights recommended to warn drivers in high-pedestrian areas.

Crosswalk material differentiation helps make it clear that pedestrians are crossing.

Sidewalk extensions (bump-outs) needed to improve pedestrian visibility at crosswalks.

Rudy's Prime Steakhouse



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Apr 2, 2025

Jonathan Smith
City Manager
City of the Village of Clarkston
375 Depot Road
Clarkston, MI 48346

Subject: Letter of Support for Downtown Walkability, ADA Compliance, and Pedestrian Safety Improvements

Dear Mr. Smith,

As the owner of Clarkston's newest restaurant, Rudy's Prime Steakhouse, I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed improvements to the City's downtown walkability, ADA compliance and pedestrian safety. Replacing our deteriorating and non-compliant sidewalks and driveways is very important to pedestrian safety, but also **important to enhance the overall experience of the patrons to our restaurant and our neighboring businesses.**

The sidewalks and driveways in Clarkston currently pose significant hazards to pedestrians and customers, particularly those with mobility challenges. Uneven and deteriorating walkways not only create safety risks but also discourage **foot traffic, which is vital to local businesses like mine.** Addressing these issues will foster a more welcoming and pedestrian-friendly environment, **encouraging more people to visit and support businesses in the area.**

Additionally, improving our sidewalks and driveways aligns with our city's commitment to accessibility and compliance with ADA regulations. By investing in this project, the municipality is demonstrating its dedication to creating an economically vibrant community. The enhancements will not only improve pedestrian safety but also **contribute to the long-term prosperity of local businesses, increasing customer satisfaction and overall economic activity.**

I fully support the efforts of the City of the Village of Clarkston in prioritizing this initiative and urge the necessary allocation of resources for its successful execution. My restaurant is committed to working alongside the community and local officials to ensure the success of this project and will gladly participate in outreach or advocacy efforts if needed.



Thank you for your leadership and commitment to improving our community's infrastructure. I look forward to seeing this project move forward and the positive impact it will bring to both businesses and residents alike. Please feel free to reach out if further support is needed.

Sincerely,

Robert Esshaki

Robert Esshaki
Owner, Rudy's Prime Steakhouse



March 28, 2025

Jonathan Smith
City Manager
City of the Village of Clarkston
375 Depot Road
Clarkston, MI 48346

Subject: Letter of Support for Downtown Walkability, ADA Compliance, and Pedestrian Safety Improvements

On behalf of Main Street Oakland County, the nation's first and only countywide Coordinating Main Street Program, we lend our support to local governments such as Clarkston to **develop their downtowns into vibrant, successful districts** that serve as the heart of their communities. In keeping with this mission, I am writing to express our full support for the City of the Village of Clarkston and its proposed improvements to the downtown sidewalks, curbing, and driveways.

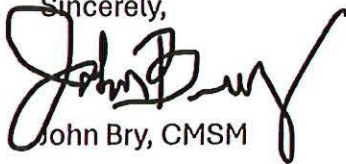
These critical infrastructure upgrades are designed to improve walkability, enhance ADA compliance, and ensure pedestrian safety in the heart of Clarkston's historic downtown. This project aligns perfectly with MSOC's vision, and we commend the City for prioritizing both accessibility and safety.

The need for these improvements is clear. Clarkston's downtown Main Street, spanning approximately 2.5 blocks, is **home to a vibrant mix of restaurants, retail shops, and other local businesses. Throughout the year—especially in the summer months, when the City's Social District is active—pedestrian traffic surges.** At the same time, Main Street (M-15) remains a heavily trafficked MDOT state trunkline, with thousands of vehicles and heavy trucks passing through daily. The coexistence of dense pedestrian and vehicular activity makes these upgrades not only necessary but urgent.

Communities across Oakland County have consistently demonstrated that attractive, accessible, and pedestrian-friendly downtown environments are essential to economic vitality and business success. I am confident that Clarkston's proposed improvements will have the same positive effect, making the city an even more appealing destination for business owners, visitors, and residents alike.

We are especially supportive of the City's recent decision to pursue a Congressional Directed Spending grant through the U.S. House of Representatives. This funding, which would cover an estimated \$1.5 million project cost, would allow Clarkston to fully realize this transformative plan. We thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Bry".

John Bry, CMSM

Administrator, Local Business Development and Main Street Program Coordinator

Oakland County Department of Economic Development

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April 1, 2025

Mr. Jonathan Smith, City Manager
City of the Village of Clarkston
375 Depot Road
Clarkston, MI 48346

RE: Letter of Support, Downtown Walkability, ADA, and Pedestrian Safety Improvements

This letter confirms support from SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, for City of the Village of Clarkston's request for Downtown Walkability, ADA, and Pedestrian Safety Improvements. This project will support the downtown Main Street portion of the historic City of the Village of Clarkston, which is approximately 2 1/2 blocks long, with five very popular restaurants, retail shops and other businesses.

SEMCOG is a regional planning partnership that supports coordinated local planning among over 170 units of local government across seven counties in Southeast Michigan. SEMCOG engages regional stakeholders and analyzes data related to the environment and parks to ensure that the region's public spaces and natural resources meet the quality of life, health, and accessibility needs of residents. This project will improve walkability, ADA compliance, and overall pedestrian safety in the downtown City of the Village of Clarkston, effectively enabling the co-existence of heavy pedestrian and vehicular traffic. The work will include all new sidewalks, curbing, and driveways in the downtown blocks that are safe to walk and compliant with ADA requirements. If allowed by MDOT, sidewalk extensions (bump-outs) and pedestrian-activated caution signaling will be included.

Investing in this project will improve quality of life for residents in City of the Village of Clarkston with positive impacts for the broader Clarkston communities, while also supporting SEMCOG's vision for the Southeast Michigan region. Please accept this letter of support in consideration of funding for this initiative.

This project is consistent with the policies of SEMCOG's long-range transportation plan, Vision 2050, as it will rehabilitate critical community assets and preserve economic connections and development. While this project cannot be added to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) until a written notice of funding award has been received, SEMCOG is prepared to act quickly and include the project in the TIP as soon as funds are identified.

Please contact me at 313-324-3350 or oleary@semcog.org if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

Amy O'Leary
Executive Director



Amy Laboissonniere, President
Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce
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April 2, 2025

Jonathan Smith
City Manager
City of the Village of Clarkston
375 Depot Road
Clarkston, MI 48346

Subject: Letter of Support for Downtown Walkability, ADA Compliance, and Pedestrian Safety Improvements

Dear Mr. Smith,

On behalf of the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, I am pleased to extend my unwavering support for the proposed improvements to the City of Clarkston's downtown walkability, ADA compliance and pedestrian safety. As an advocate for our local businesses, I cannot emphasize enough the importance of providing accessible, walkable and safe sidewalks in the business district. It is critically important to the success of any business.

In a time when Amazon and big-box stores are challenging the survival of the small businesses on a daily basis, we must find every way possible to encourage our community to "shop local". One of the ways we can do that is to offer walkable, ADA compliant and

pedestrian-friendly sidewalks and driveways in our downtown district. We simply cannot afford to lose a single customer due to crumbling and unsafe sidewalks and driveways!

I feel strongly that the proposed project will be a significant investment by the municipality in our local economy, contributing to the long-term success and vitality of our business district. I am thankful that the City of the Village of Clarkston recognizes the importance of this initiative and urge that the resources needed for a successful execution are deployed. If I or the Chamber of Commerce may be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amy Laboissonniere". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Amy Laboissonniere, President
Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce
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April 2, 2025

Jonathan Smith

City Manager

City of the Village of Clarkston

375 Depot Road

Clarkston, MI 48346

Subject: Letter of Support for Downtown Walkability, ADA Compliance, and Pedestrian Safety Improvements

Dear Mr. Smith,

The Clarkston SCAMP organization is excited to hear about your proposed improvements to downtown Clarkston, making the sidewalks walkable and ADA compliant. This is very important to Clarkston's many residents and visitors. Possibly even more important are the proposed improvements for pedestrian safety, a long overdue improvement given the many vehicles and large trucks that utilize Main Street (M-15) on a regular basis.

On behalf of the Clarkston SCAMP organization, please accept our full support and endorsement for this exciting and much needed project.

Thank you and please let me know if I may be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

Barb Rush, President

North Oakland SCAMP Funding Corporation

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