



## Council Members:

Following is a **sample set of recommendations** related to land use issues concerning infrastructure and community services. They are taken from the Compilation of Suggested Recommendations (attached separately), a collection of previous recommendations from a variety of sources including the Land Use Leadership Council member survey, white papers solicited for the benefit of the council, and a number of land use initiatives at the regional or statewide level in Michigan from 1990 to 2003. The enabling mechanism to implement the recommendation follows it in parentheses.

To help facilitate discussion, we would like you to select, out of all the recommendations listed, the **top six recommendations** you would like the council to discuss and consider. In addition, if you have an additional recommendation to offer, please be prepared to do so during the discussion.

Thank you.  
Council Staff



# Sample Recommendations: Infrastructure and Community Services

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Infrastructure is those systems under public ownership, or operated or maintained for public benefit, that are necessary to support development, maintenance, and redevelopment and to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

Place an “X” on the line provided to the left of the six recommendations you think the council should consider.

## I. STATE PROGRAM EXPENDITURES

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Institute Fix It First policies. (*Council needs to determine to what infrastructure types this relates, e.g., roads, sewer and water systems, schools, other public facilities, etc.*).
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Require state agencies to retain current and locate new leased and purchased state facilities in city centers or core areas. (State policy)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Create a funding mechanism to assist northern communities in creating the infrastructure needed to support compact development. (Legislation/Appropriation)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Change current law(s) related to school funding to encourage construction and rehabilitation of schools in areas of compact development. (Legislation)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Implement public transit alternatives that would enhance and serve the stabilization and redevelopment of the existing urban areas and relieve traffic congestion in outlying areas. (Legislation)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Fund mass transit at the level the constitution provides. (Policy/Legislation)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Institute an area-wide tax to fund needed transportation improvements. (Policy/Legislation)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Discontinue state funding of inefficient transportation systems such as bus systems, which service very few suburban residents at great cost. Charge the full cost to those who currently use such systems. (Policy)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Tie state road funding for local communities to comprehensive plans that address transportation efficiency. (Legislation)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Establish Priority Funding Areas to focus state and federal funds on improving public infrastructure in city and town centers and in rural areas with strong commitment to Smart Growth principles and regional coordination. Use this to encourage private sector investment in places where public dollars are clearly committed to go. (Legislation)

- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Redefine municipal finance system. Provide incentives for building where infrastructure exists (such as extra revenue sharing dollars for communities that have policies to restrict development to areas where infrastructure exists, and for communities that participate in regional planning and have regional plans in place). (Legislation)

## **II. REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Enact an effective regional transportation bill for SE Michigan and promote that approach as a model for other metropolitan communities. (Legislation)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Provide water and sewer infrastructure on a regional basis. (Legislation)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Requires development of 25-year regional highway and multimodal transportation framework that is integrated with state and local community planning, to assure optimum utilization of public resources. (Policy/Legislation)

## **III. LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE DECISIONS**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Authorize local governments to adopt concurrency regulations, which require that all necessary infrastructure (e.g., schools roads, storm drains, water supplies, public safety) be in place before new development is constructed. (Legislation)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Impose moratoriums on building permits in communities where current infrastructure does not meet the needs of its growing population. (Legislation)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Pass legislation to enable local communities to assess impact fees through which development would pay the true costs of additional municipal capital costs generated by new development. (Legislation)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Urge local government units to identify potential areas for provision of partial and/or full urban services. (Policy/Legislation)