# CAPITAL REGION IMPROVEMENT SUPPORT PACKAGE

#### A STRONG & HEALTHY CAPITAL CITY IS VITAL TO THE REGION & STATE

As the state capital, Lansing serves as the symbol of the state, a place for its democratic processes, and a venue to educate citizens and visitors about our state's rich history. Downtown Lansing, where the Capitol building and state governmental offices are located, is also home to thousands of residents living throughout the downtown neighborhoods, hundreds of small businesses in the central business district, and attracts thousands of visitors.

The impact of the Covid pandemic has negatively affected downtown Lansing, perhaps more than any other central city in Michigan. The loss of state workers who have shifted to remote and hybrid schedules has impacted the city and small businesses significantly. However, we have continued to be resilient and focused on our work together to revitalize our downtown because we know a strong and healthy downtown makes our region somewhere people want to live, work, and thrive.

#### WE'RE MAKING IT HAPPEN

The Lansing three county region, centered by the capital city, has experienced over \$5.5 billion in project investments since 2011, creating over 10,000 direct jobs. The region as a whole has/is experiencing over \$6 billion in construction including rebuilding our infrastructure throughout the region. Data from MSU indicates that MSU graduates are more likely now to live and work in the Lansing area than was true in previous decades and years. Our region was proud to be a part of Team Michigan, which landed the Ultium battery plant, and requires 1,700 new employees

in less than two years from now. Ultium has requested the region provide a plan for housing, labor attraction, childcare, public transit, etc. to support their talent attraction efforts. The Lansing region must be able to match the needs of Ultium, MSU's FRIB and many other major, state-impacted new technology project investments like these.

Additionally, the MEDC would attest that the Lansing region, especially its emerging Michigan Manufacturing Technology Campus (Lansing megasite) is actively engaging and attracting global interest for massive chip makers or OEM/battery plants. Community/regional growth and the necessary people infrastructure must be in place or available to tangibly demonstrate the region's plan to accommodate these statewide-impact projects.

#### CAPITAL REGION SUPPORT PACKAGE ESSENTIAL

In recognition of the critical importance of positioning our region for future growth more than a dozen regional and statewide organizations have joined together to embrace what we are calling the Capital Region Improvement Support Package. This package includes funding requests to the state of Michigan for projects and services that will combine to provide proactive steps to revitalize Lansing's central city and the region. Support for this package is necessary to provide for anticipated growth coming to our region in the next few years.

The Capital Region Improvement Support Package is a sensible and visionary approach to ensure that we have a strong and healthy capital city which is not only good for our region but for the entire state of Michigan.

## CAPITAL REGION IMPROVEMENT SUPPORT PACKAGE REQUEST OVERVIEW

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### **ON-GOING STATE AID** CAPITAL CITY STATE PARTNERSHIP SUPPORT: **\$4.67M**

**ONE-TIME INVESTMENTS** OVERALL FUNDING REQUEST: **\$530M** 



