

PATRICK COLBECK UPDATES

Senate Transportation Committee Comes to Canton: I-275/Ford Rd Interchange Project Moves Forward

The I-275/Ford Rd interchange renovation project is one step closer to becoming a reality today after representatives from the Michigan Department of Transportation indicated at a Senate Transportation Committee hearing in Canton that the state will support Canton's application for a TIGER II federal grant.

The hearing was organized by Canton's State Senator Patrick Colbeck in order to give community members an opportunity to talk with the Transportation Committee about the necessity of proceeding with the interchange improvements and to ask for consideration of Senator Colbeck's two resolutions urging the federal government to consider the project for a grant.

The bi-partisan Senate panel unanimously approved the resolutions.

In a show of regional support for the project, local officials from Canton, led by Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy, were joined by elected leaders from surrounding communities.

Twenty-seven speakers testified before the Committee, including: Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey, Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume, Northville Township Manager Chip Snider, Wayne Mayor Al Haidous and Westland Mayor William Wild.

"I am grateful for the tremendous outpouring of support from our community and neighboring communities for our efforts to make these needed renovations to the interchange. The safety and economic development benefits from this project will spread out over the entire region," Colbeck said.

"I would also like to thank the members of the Senate Transportation Committee for making the trip to Canton in order to hear directly from the residents of our community about the importance of this project and for supporting the effort to make these necessary improvements to the I-275/Ford Rd interchange," concluded Colbeck.

Senate Transportation Committee Meeting in Canton



Community Members Discuss Proposed I-275/Ford Rd Interchange Improvements



Members of the Senate Transportation Committee Listen to Testimony



Senator Colbeck Addresses the Senate Transportation Committee with Tim Faas, Municipal Services Director for Canton Township and Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy

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