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Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber Issues Statement Urging Michigan's Elected Leaders to Work Together Toward a Legislative Solution Fixing Michigan's Roads and Bridges

TAYLOR, MI – The Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber issued the following statement on behalf of the Chamber's Board of Directors, and Chamber President & CEO Ronald J. Hinrichs.

“The poor condition of Michigan’s roadways and bridges continues to have a detrimental impact on the southern Wayne County and Downriver business community. Our membership of large and small business, for profit and nonprofit, expect and deserve roadways that provide a pathway to success for their organization. As the Body representing Downriver’s and southern Wayne County’s employers and community investors, we urge Michigan’s Legislature and Governor to work together toward creating a strong legislative solution to fix Michigan’s roads and bridges.

The SWCRC agrees that an increase of investment into Michigan’s roads and bridges is necessary to repair our crumbling infrastructure. We stand with our friends and colleagues across the State and agree with the principle that “those who use the roads should pay for the roads.” The Chamber agrees and is ready to support the necessary user fees phased in over time, to be used specifically for the repair of Michigan’s roads and bridges. Michigan must remain competitive with our neighbors in relation to the condition of our vital roadways and bridges to provide for an environment that allows businesses and communities to thrive. We must also remain competitive in the dollar amount assigned to user fees associated with fixing our roads and bridges.

The SWCRC calls on our friends in State government to take positive, bold action toward finding a real solution to fixing Michigan’s roads and bridges to provide for a positive and thriving future for Michigan’s businesses and residents.”

The Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber provides member businesses and organizations across the region with the opportunities and resources to engage and network with other businesses, enhancing financial growth, professional development, and the ability to contribute to a thriving community environment.

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