

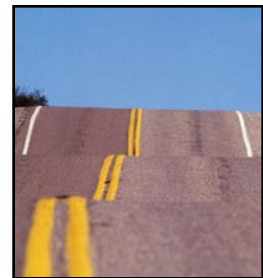


- Successful in amending the new proposed Michigan Business Tax.

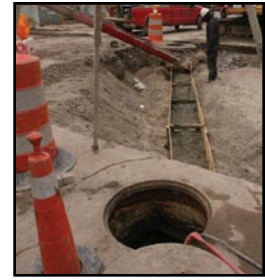
- Companies were given a 100% deduction for subcontracting costs and a tangible purchases credit that will allow contractors to deduct the cost of goods.
- Small businesses under \$20 million in gross receipts don't pay the MBT, but instead pay a reduced small business tax rate.
- The plan provides a personal property tax credit for the construction industry.
- LLCs and S-Corps will be able to deduct the cost of salaries paid to co-owners, thus avoiding double taxation.
- Fought off a 33-percent MBT surcharge.



- Successful in exempting construction costs from the new state tax on services, saving an estimated \$372 million a year.
 - Recruited bipartisan bill sponsors to introduce an increase in the gas tax, vehicle registration fee and diesel tax (HB 4575-4577).
 - Garnered gas tax endorsement by the MI Chamber of Commerce.
- Have significantly increased awareness of the need for an overhaul of the transportation funding mechanism here in Michigan.
 - Testified before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on DEQ, urging the Legislature to begin investing state general fund dollars once again into the State Revolving Fund.
 - Met with DEQ Director Steve Chester to encourage full annual use of the \$200 million clean water money under the voter-approved 2002 bond proposal.
 - Worked to fight diversions of road money to other state agencies by requiring state departments to adopt cost allocation plans based on the actual cost of providing the transportation service. The budget amendment would also allow easier tracking of internal interdepartmental transfers.
 - Successfully fought off attempts to force the state to pay AT&T for utility relocation, potentially costing as much as \$44 million of road dollars.
 - Worked with House Transportation Chairman to create transportation reform ideas including asset management and better coordination between public works and road agencies.
 - Kept MITA members apprised of government shutdown procedures and updates.



- Lobbied Michigan Congressional members to restore a proposed \$158 million in federal road money for our state. A budget bill in Congress in 2007 would have frozen all increases in federal funding for the year.



- Worked to promote legislation pending in the Senate which would provide additional grants to encourage small communities to do more water and sewer projects (SB 495).

- Worked with House and Senate members to limit proposed new Drain Commissioner powers over construction projects (HB 4644).



- Traveled to Washington D.C. to lobby to restore proposed cuts in the State Revolving Fund loan program, oppose the new 3 percent contractor withholding for federal, state and local projects, make efforts to shore up the Federal Highway Trust Fund and support reauthorization of the Federal Clean Water Act.

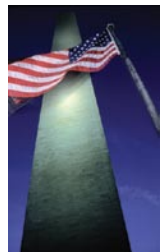
- Created legislation (HB 5351) to eliminate needless work zone signs to better protect road workers and save money spent on that signage.

- Continued working with legislators and various interest groups on prompt pay legislation.

- Helped to extend the Local Jobs Today program (SB 360) so more funds were used to improve infrastructure in municipalities across the state.

- Worked to draft legislation giving statutory authority for traffic regulators in construction zones.

- Helped to get compromise Life Cycle Cost language adopted in the state budget. The bill allows the state to use data for equivalent designs from other states in trying to determine historic project maintenance, repair and resurfacing schedules on pavement projects for which there is no actual historic information from Michigan.



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MITA PUBLIC RELATIONS ACHIEVEMENTS



- Created numerous public relations successes including several major press conferences that generated statewide press coverage on infrastructure funding.

- Garnered the editorial support of every major daily newspaper in Michigan for our transportation funding initiative.

- Positioned MITA as a top news source for major media outlets across the state and submitted dozens of letters to the editor to newspapers on infrastructure issues.

- Generated over 10,000 constituent postcards to legislative offices supporting our gas tax proposal.