

# Michigan Association of Mayors



## Legislative Update

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# 100<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session – 1<sup>st</sup> Half Recap



- 47 Public Acts so far – fewest since 2007
- No – Fault Auto Insurance Reform
- Asset Forfeiture Reform
- Budget
- Roads
- Political Shifts



# State Budget



- Revenue Sharing
  - Governor: 3% Constitutional (\$27.5M), 3% Statutory (\$7.7M)
  - Senate: 3% Constitutional, 0% Statutory
  - House: 3% Constitutional, 2.3% Statutory (\$5.9M)



# Environment, Great Lake and Energy Budget



- Drinking Water Protection and Innovation
  - \$25M for Lead Pipe Removal
  - \$30M for PFAS and Emerging Contaminates
  - \$30M for Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund Forgiveness
  - \$30M for SAW Grants
  - \$5M for Testing of Private Wells



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# Tax Policy & Economic Development

- Dark Stores reforms – HB 4025, HB 4047, SB 26, & SB 39
- Veteran's property tax exemption changes – HB 4176
- Personal Property Tax (PPT) - Oppose any erosion of tax base without reimbursement
  - HB 4268: Broadband equipment exemption
  - Utility & solar equipment exemptions
  - Heavy rental equipment exemption
- Reinstate state historic tax credit program – HB 4100 & SB 54

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# Lead and Copper



- July 26 – Court of Claims rejected the challenge to Michigan’s lead and copper rules for drinking water.
- This means:
  - The lawsuit filed to overturn the lead and copper rule was unsuccessful. Local communities and utilities will be expected to follow the lead and copper as written
  - An appeal to the decision is being discussed



# Michigan's New PFAS Health-Based Values

Specific PFAS	Drinking Water Health-based Value
PFNA	6 ng/L (ppt)
PFOA	8 ng/L (ppt)
PFHxA	400,000 ng/L (ppt)
PFOS	16 ng/L (ppt)
PFHxS	51 ng/L (ppt)
PFBS	420 ng/L (ppt)
GenX	370 ng/L (ppt)

- In June, the Science Advisory Workgroup directed by Governor Whitmer presented new health-based values for PFAS contaminants to

These health-based values were adopted by the Michigan PFAS Response Action Team and will be used to guide the rule-making process.





# What's next for PFAS?

- Stakeholder Listening Sessions – Thank you to communities that provided feedback!
- New regulatory drinking water standards to be developed and adopted by April 2020.
- The formal rule making process is set to begin in October





# Road Funding

Governor Proposes Bold Plan to Fix Michigan's Roads

Three Key Tenets of the Proposal

1. Sustainable Long Term Solution

Return State Roads to 90% Good and Fair Condition

- Targeted Investment

2. Replace Diversion from the General Fund with Constitutionally Protected Revenues for Roads

- Increases the Gas Tax by 45 Cents

3. Provide Tax Offset to Mitigate the Impact for Low Income Families

- Doubles Earned Income Tax Credit



# Road Funding

- Raises the Gas tax 45 Cents by October 2021
  - Phased-In Over 12 Months in Three 15-cent Increments
  - Increase Gas and Diesel Taxes from 26.3 cents to 71.3 cents
    - Index to Inflation
- Generates \$2.5 billion in new Fuel Tax Revenue
- \$2.137 Billion in New Road Funding
- New Funding Formula
  - Focuses Resources on the Most Highly-Traveled and Economically Important Roads





# The Bottom Line

There Are No Easy Solutions

The Problem is Big

The Solution Required is Equally as Big

Significant **New Revenue** is Needed

Inaction No Longer an Option

Bold Action Is Required



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