

## 4 Rebuild our Roads & Infrastructure

I've spend my life traveling our two peninsulas and 83 counties, so I fully understand the dire need for better roads. Michigan has too many potholes and crumbling bridges. It hits drivers right in the wallet for car repairs, and makes our state economically uncompetitive. Imagine the disadvantage we are at when a company or a family considering a move to Michigan gets here and sees our roads.

Gretchen Whitmer spent 14 years in Lansing and didn't patch a single pothole. When I'm governor, I'll deliver results.

First, we must look at our current spending and prioritize. With a state budget of more than \$57 billion, the first answer to every problem cannot be another tax increase as was done during the Whitmer-Granholm Lost Decade. Second, we need to grow our economy, fill our open jobs with skilled workers, and draw more population here. There isn't a problem that couldn't be made better by more people moving to Michigan, and road funding is one of them. We cannot simply sit back and keep raising taxes on the same group of people and expect to grow.

My plan to rebuild Michigan's infrastructure includes:

- **Top-to-bottom audit** of the transportation department (MDOT) to ensure we spend tax dollars efficiently and get more "miles paved per gallon."
- Stronger, **enforceable guarantees** and warranties on roads and bridges.
- Making sure Michigan gets its **fair share of funds from Washington, DC.**
- Using the **savings from the repealed prevailing wage** law to fund roads.
- Finally, we have a \$57 billion state budget. We need to re-prioritize how we spend this money, and **roads will be one of my top budget priorities.**



"Michigan can't have a first world economy with third world roads."