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### **BICYCLES / PEDESTRIANS**

#### **Fewer Pedestrians Died on Michigan Roads in 2018: Report**

Across Michigan Patch

<https://patch.com/michigan/across-mi/fewer-pedestrians-died-mi-roads-2018-report>

#### **'We Don't Really Know Why,' University of Michigan Researchers Studying Spike in Pedestrian Deaths**

WJBK-TV

<http://www.fox2detroit.com/news/local-news/we-don-t-really-know-why-university-of-michigan-researchers-studying-spike-in-pedestrian-deaths>

#### **No Liability for Michigan DOT in Deaths of Two Bicyclists**

AP

<https://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/2019/03/03/no-liability-deaths-bicyclists/3049534002/>

### **CAMERAS**

#### **Detroit Traffic Cams to Be Added to Green Light Network for Crime Prevention**

WJBK-TV

<http://www.fox2detroit.com/news/local-news/detroit-traffic-cams-to-be-added-to-green-light-network-for-crime-prevention>

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

#### **Fiat Chrysler Announces \$4.5 Billion Detroit Investment Plan**

The Hill

<https://thehill.com/policy/transportation/431621-fiat-chrysler-announces-45-billion-detroit-investment-plan>

#### **GM Extends Manufacturing at Detroit Plant Until January**

The Hill

<https://thehill.com/policy/transportation/labor-employment/431160-gm-extends-manufacturing-at-detroit-plant-until>

### **FUNDING**

#### **Whitmer to Propose 45-Cent Gas Tax Hike to Fix Roads**

Detroit News

<https://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/local/michigan/2019/03/04/gretchen-whitmer-proposes-45-cent-gas-tax-hike-to-fix-roads/3057483002/>

#### **Whitmer Proposes New Way to Divvy Up Money for Roadwork**

AP

<https://upnorthlive.com/news/local/whitmer-proposes-new-way-to-divvy-up-money-for-roadwork-03-10-2019>

## **State to Scale Back Road Aid After Overpayments**

Detroit News

<https://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/politics/2019/03/13/state-scale-back-road-aid-after-overpayments/3152099002/>

## **Look to Sales Tax on Gas to Help Fix Michigan's Roads, Report Suggests**

Bridge

<https://www.bridgemi.com/public-sector/look-sales-tax-gas-help-fix-michigan-roads-report-suggests>

## **Thousands Sign Petition Opposing Governor Whitmer's Proposed Gas Tax**

WXYZ-TV

<https://www.wxyz.com/getting-around-metro-detroit/thousands-sign-petition-opposing-governor-whitmers-proposed-gas-tax>

## **Michigan Will Collect More Taxes Without Gas Tax Increase**

WBCK Radio commentary

<https://wbckfm.com/michigan-will-collect-more-taxes-without-gas-tax-increases/>

## **INFRASTRUCTURE**

### **Report: Michigan Doesn't Have Money to Fix Deteriorating Roads**

Detroit Free Press

<https://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/2019/03/12/michigan-roads-department-transportation/3132898002/>

### **Michigan Roads Are a Big Mess. Here Are Eight Big Ideas to Fix Them.**

Bridge

<https://www.bridgemi.com/public-sector/michigan-roads-are-big-mess-here-are-eight-big-ideas-fix-them>

### **Detroit Area Freeway Pumps Slowly Get Better Five Years After Great Flood**

Detroit News

<https://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/local/michigan/2019/03/06/detroit-area-freeway-pumps-slowly-get-better/2859009002/>

### **Researchers to Install 2,000 Data-Tracking Sensors to Mackinac Bridge**

MLive

<https://www.mlive.com/news/2019/03/researchers-to-install-2000-data-tracking-sensors-to-mackinac-bridge.html>

### **Report: Roads in Grand Rapids Getting Better, But More Funding Needed**

WZZM-TV

<https://www.wzzm13.com/article/traffic/report-roads-in-grand-rapids-are-getting-better-but-more-funding-is-needed/69-4d7a403d-291f-4060-b6ac-47fe788e704f>

## **MOBILITY**

### **Ann Arbor to Add \$650,000 Lower Town Mobility Study to 2020 Budget Proposal**

MLive

<https://www.mlive.com/news/ann-arbor/2019/03/ann-arbor-to-add-650k-lower-town-mobility-study-to-2020-budget-proposal.html>

### **Ford Expands City:One Challenge Program to Detroit, Austin and Indianapolis**

Ford

<https://medium.com/@ford/ford-expands-city-one-challenge-program-to-austin-detroit-and-indianapolis-5380c93341e8>

## **OTHER**

### **Intel Exec to Lead American Center for Mobility**

Detroit News

<https://www.detroitnews.com/story/business/autos/mobility/2019/02/19/intel-executive-michael-noblett-new-ceo-american-center-for-mobility-willow-run/2905834002/>

### **Ford Says Cutting US Salaried Jobs, Doesn't Say How Many**

Reuters

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-ford-cuts/ford-says-cutting-u-s-salaried-jobs-doesnt-say-how-many-idUSKBN1QU289>

## **ROADWAYS**

### **Michigan DOT I-94 Bridge Team Honored With Award**

AASHTO Journal

<https://aashtojournal.org/2019/02/15/michigan-dot-i-94-bridge-team-honored-with-award/>

### **What Southeastern Michigan Municipalities Are Doing to Address State's Roads Crisis**

Model D

<http://www.modeldmedia.com/features/road-crisis-michigan-022619.aspx>

### **Michigan House Committee Votes to Rename Portion of Freeway After Aretha Franklin**

Detroit Free Press

<https://www.freep.com/story/news/politics/2019/02/26/aretha-franklin-lodge-freeway/2989391002/>

## **ROAD SAFETY**

### **Number of Michigan Traffic Fatalities in First Weeks of 2019 Higher Than Last Year**

Detroit Free Press

<https://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/2019/02/19/michigan-traffic-fatalities-crashes/2914766002/>

### **Detroit, Warren, Kalamazoo to Crack Down on Drivers, Pedestrians**

Detroit News

<https://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/local/michigan/2019/03/07/warren-detroit-kalamazoo-crack-down-drivers-pedestrian-deaths/3098034002/>

### **Michigan Police Support Bill to Restrict Cellphones on Roads**

Capital News Service

<http://news.jrn.msu.edu/2019/02/michigan-police-support-bill-to-restrict-cellphones-on-roads/>

### **Cars vs. Pedestrians: How Many People Killed in Mid-Michigan?**

WEYI-TV

<https://nbc25news.com/news/local/cars-vs-pedestrians-how-many-people-killed-in-mid-michigan>

## **TRANSIT**

### **Lt. Governor Gilchrist Stresses Need for Better Regional Transit**

Detroit News

<https://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/local/detroit-city/2019/02/28/lt-gov-gilchrist-stresses-need-better-regional-transit/3004933002/>

### **Battle Creek Tele-Transit Temporarily Reduces Service Due to Driver Shortage**

WBCB Radio

<http://wbckfm.com/battle-creek-tele-transit-temporarily-reduces-service/>

### **New Transit System Linking Grand Rapids and Holland in the Works**

WZZM-TV

<https://www.wzzm13.com/article/news/new-transit-system-linking-grand-rapids-to-holland-in-the-works/69-9506bcd5-74df-45b4-8417-c838e8493916>

**Saginaw's Public Transportation Offers More Options to Get to Work**

WNEM-TV

[https://www.wnem.com/news/saginaw-s-public-transportation-offers-more-options-to-get-to/article\\_474df9ea-3f9d-11e9-87ad-4b8f22778c4a.html](https://www.wnem.com/news/saginaw-s-public-transportation-offers-more-options-to-get-to/article_474df9ea-3f9d-11e9-87ad-4b8f22778c4a.html)

**VEHICLE ELECTRIFICATION**

**Could Michigan's Proposed Gas Tax Fuel Electric Vehicles Sales?**

WXYZ-TV

<https://www.wxyz.com/news/could-michigans-proposed-gas-tax-fuel-electric-vehicle-sales>

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