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Senator Gleason Champions \$414,016 in Michigan Department of Transportation Funding for Flint Mass Transit, Mott Community College Projects

Flint Buses to Add Bike Racks, Mott Will Build Pedestrian Path with Funds

LANSING—Senator John Gleason (D-Flushing) announced today that the Flint Mass Transportation Authority (FMTA) and Mott Community College (MCC) have been awarded \$414,016 in federal Transportation Enhancement (TE) funding by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). Matching funds add \$157,271, creating a total economic investment of more than half a million dollars. The grants will be used to purchase and install bike racks to the FMTA's fleet of buses and construct a 1.3 mile pathway through the Mott campus.

“These projects will provide an even greater opportunity to enjoy our city by all modes of transportation,” said Sen. Gleason. “They encourage the protection and enjoyment of our environment, which adds to the appeal of living in Flint, while also bringing much-needed jobs and economic investment to our area.”

The Flint Mass Transportation Authority will purchase and install 50 bike racks on its fleet of buses. By providing accommodations for bicycles, FMTA will provide a link for residents to a network of non-motorized pathways, as well as enhance regional tourism. The total project budget is \$61,650, with \$49,320 in federal TE funds and \$12,330 in matching funds from FMTA.

The city of Flint will construct 1.3 miles of a 10-foot-wide non-motorized path along Horrigan Drive through the Mott Community College campus from Longway Boulevard to East Court Street. This path will provide a connection to Kearsely Park and the Flint River Trail for residents south of Court Street, and will serve as a primary pedestrian route for students on the MCC campus. The path is being coordinated with a two million dollar environmental project that will block a culvert in the adjacent Gilkey Creek and direct the creek to a new channel in order to restore 2,500 feet of stream bank. The total project budget is \$509,637, with \$364,696 in federal TE funds, \$94,941 from the Ruth Mott Foundation, and \$50,000 from Mott Community College.

Under federal law, 10 percent of federal surface transportation funds are set aside for TE projects. Administered by MDOT, the grants enable communities to invest in streetscapes and non-motorized trails. TE funds provide a maximum of 80 percent of

the money required for each project, with the remainder coming from state and local government and the private sector. All projects will take place during the 2008 construction season.

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