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## **Sen. Prusi Announces \$230,000 MDOT Grant to Dickinson County Road Commission to Improve Sawyer Lake Road**

LANSING-State Senator Mike Prusi (D-Ishpeming) announced today that the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has awarded a \$230,000 grant to the Dickinson County Road Commission (DCRC) to repair Sawyer Lake Road.

"Nearly every aspect of our U.P. economy is tied to our roadways, which serve as vital arteries to industry while providing outside visitors and tourists the means to explore our vast recreational opportunities," said Prusi. "Investing in roads and bridges is critical to fueling economic growth in the U.P."

Currently, Sawyer Lake Road is in very poor condition and is not an all-season roadway, unfortunately limiting access to a local forest products facility. The DCRC will use this funding to construct an all-season pavement section between the facility and M-95.

"I appreciate MDOT's continued focus on improving the safety and quality of U.P. roads," Prusi added. "Fighting to ensure the U.P. gets its fair share of road funding will continue to be one of my top priorities in Lansing."

The award will take the form of a Transportation Economic Fund (TEDF) Category A grant. This program specifically promotes economic growth throughout Michigan by investing in transportation projects that create and retain jobs. TEDF grant applications are reviewed by the MDOT Office of Economic Development and Enhancement, which selects those that provide the greatest return on investment and best meet requirements established by the Legislature.

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*Sen. Prusi serves on the Senate Finance, Natural Resources & Environmental Affairs, Judiciary, and Energy Policy & Public Utilities Committees. He represents the 38th Senate District, which includes all Upper Peninsula counties west of Luce County.*