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- What data is available that will help us identify community needs and challenges?
- How can we more broadly engage our residents, particularly those whose voices aren't often heard, to get input on investment priorities?
- What partnerships can help us maximize opportunities and leverage additional resources?
- How will we tell the story about our investment priorities and their impact on our residents?



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FROM RESCUE TO PROSPERITY: A ROADMAP TO MICHIGAN'S FUTURE

The events since March 2020 have forever changed Michigan. The pandemic has caused pain, suffering and immense challenges, but it also presented an opportunity to reset the trajectory of the state's success and prosperity for decades to come.

The American Rescue Plan dedicates billions of dollars to support individuals, education, small business, infrastructure and government. Our **Coalition for a Strong and Prosperous Michigan** set out to thoughtfully answer how we invest these resources. We came together, discussed our priorities, and listened and learned about priorities other than our own. This helped us develop a comprehensive and strategic roadmap for Michigan's future.

Our bold vision to build **a strong and prosperous future for Michigan** leverages nearly \$6 billion in American Rescue Plan funding, capitalizes on the economic value of thriving communities, advances equity, builds community wealth, supports entrepreneurship, prioritizes the need for talent, and spurs business development.

To meet these ambitious goals, the **Michigan Prosperity Roadmap** focuses the state's ARP resources in a coordinated fashion across **five key areas**:

Infrastructure
Fiscal Health
Thriving Communities
Strong Economy
Public Health & Safety

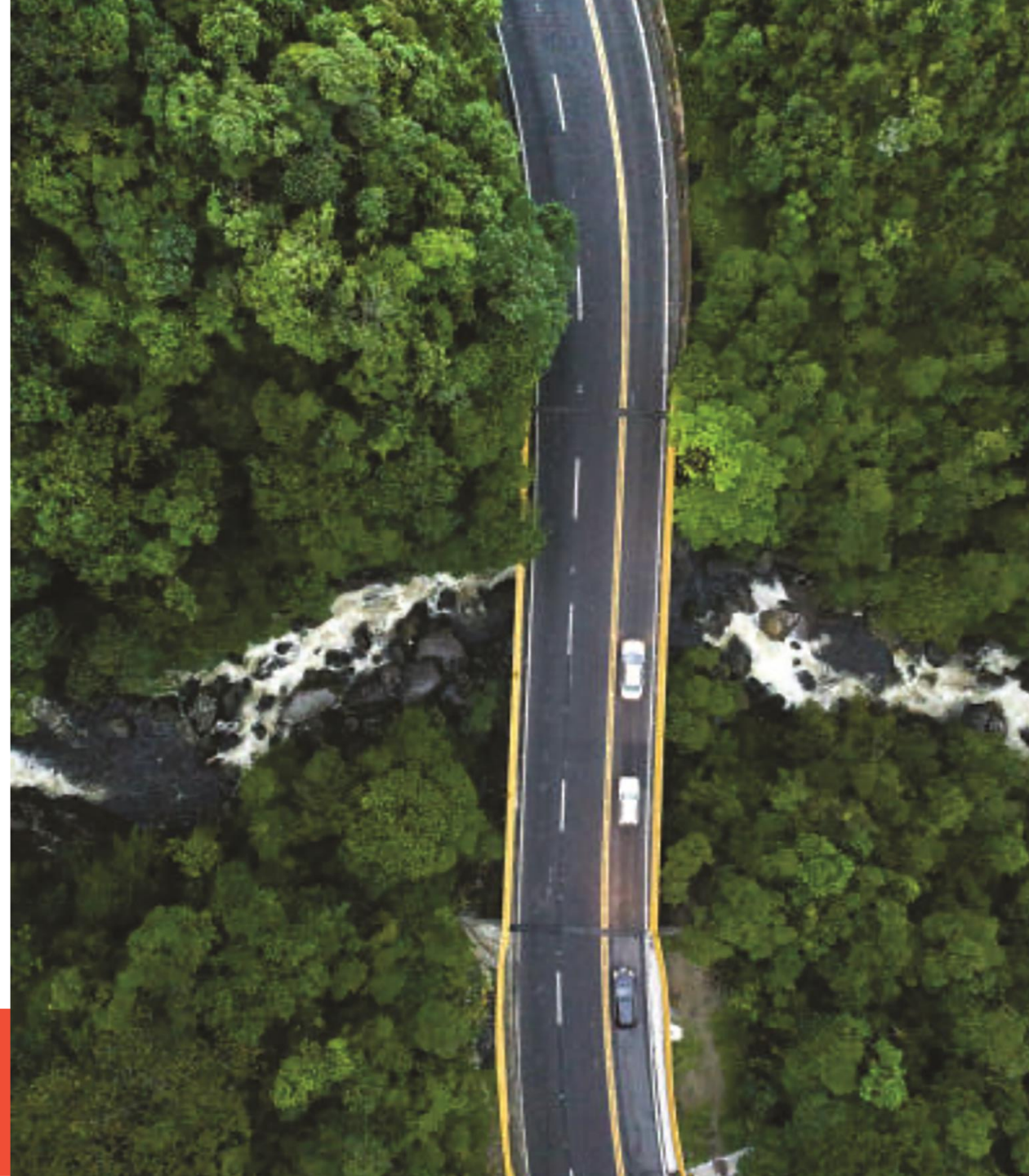
As leaders representing people from every corner of Michigan, we are ready to get to work, to find common ground, and to invest in Michigan's future. Together we can and will emerge stronger, more

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Opinion: Urgent investments needed to support northern Michigan's success

By Joe Short and Tim Neumann Dec 26, 2021

There's nothing quite like northern Michigan. The woods, the water, the people. It all adds up to the perfect place to live, run a business and be part of this region's amazing growth and success. The quality of life we all enjoy is why so many choose to raise their families here. It's also why Short's Brewing Company chose to locate and grow our business here.

Right now, Short's is partnering with Renovare Development, a woman-owned, social impact real estate enterprise that focuses on transformational investments in urban areas and rural main streets. We're working together to build a mixed-use project across from our flagship brewery in Bellaire that will include workforce housing and community-focused retail components.

We're excited to expand our footprint, create more jobs and strengthen our community, but the success of our investment also depends on things like reliable basic infrastructure, clean water (an essential ingredient in great beer!) and access to housing that our employees can afford. In today's overheated real estate market, building attainable housing is a significant financial challenge. To make it work, we need help and partnership, especially from our elected officials in Lansing.

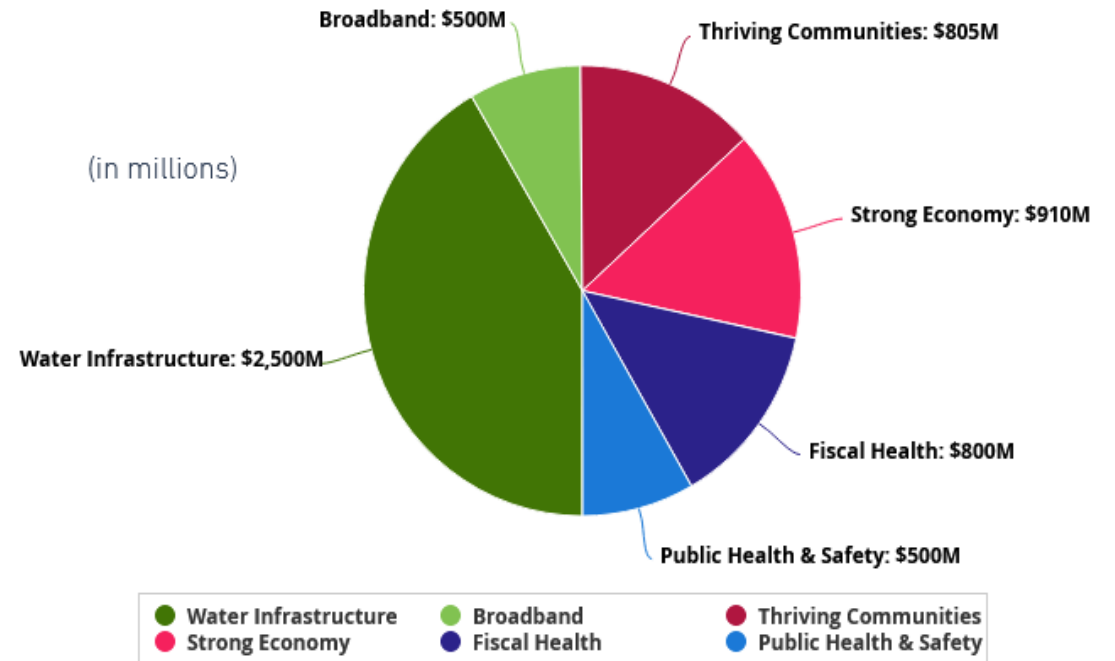
Michigan has an enormous opportunity right now to invest billions in available funding from the American Rescue Plan to create a path from recovery to prosperity for residents and businesses alike. Many other states are charging ahead, making critical ARP investments that will drive the creation of new jobs and build thriving communities. If we sit on the sidelines while they act, they will enjoy more than just great beer from Short's.

That's why Short's and Renovare Development have joined forces with the Michigan Rural Water Association and nearly 60 other public and private sector organizations to create a strategic plan for investing Michigan's ARP resources. Our plan — the Michigan Prosperity Roadmap — lays out a comprehensive strategy to promote economic development, repair failing infrastructure, build attainable housing, support thriving communities, strengthen public health and safety and more.

This visual illustrates the Coalition's bold vision for strategic investment of Michigan's available ARP allocation. The Roadmap provides specific recommendations for investment in key areas to ensure transformational and generational change across the state.

Last update: Feb 18 2022

Total Roadmap Proposal: \$6.015 billion





Michigan Municipal League Applauds House Approval of Pension Investment Bill

ANN ARBOR, Michigan – The Michigan Municipal League is issuing the following statement about House Bill 5054, that was passed in the full House today. The bill would create a grant program and the opportunity for local units of government to access direct resources to address municipal pension debt. The statement can be attributed to League CEO and Executive Director Dan Gilmartin.

"We applaud today's action by the state House in passing HB 5054 and thankful for state Representatives who made this effort possible. This bill would bring much needed relief to many of our communities and would significantly improve the capacity of all Michigan communities moving forward. We look forward to working with the state Senate to get approval in that Chamber as well."



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House Passes \$1.15B Municipal Pension Debt Relief Grant Program

Posted on **March 1, 2022** by [John LaMacchia II](#)

By a vote of 71-33 the House of Representative passed **HB 5054** that would provide \$1.15B in state general fund resources will be utilized to provide direct assistance to municipalities to help pay down municipal pension debt. There will be two parts to the grant program, \$900M will be utilized to get all pensions that are less than 60% funded up to 60% funded, and \$250M will be provided to pensions that are 60% funded or greater.

The legislation first saw action last Thursday in House Appropriations committee. [Click here](#) to view our blog on the introduction and details of the bill. Since committee action, the bill has seen a few changes and those are highlighted in the lists below. This bill now heads to the Senate and we will be working closely with them to secure passage of this legislation.

Changes to House Bill 5054 Include:

- Further defines that the most recent mortality tables may also be adjusted based on experience studies as well.
- Require retirement systems to comply with Uniform Actuarial Assumptions within 5 years of receiving the grant funds rather than immediately.
- Clarifies that benefit enhancements must be 100% pre-funded and that increases to wages and salaries are not considered a benefit enhancement. The update also removes the 10-

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