

# 2025 Legislative Agenda & Policy Guide

## MISSION

Making the Greater Lansing region the best place to do business in Michigan. The Lansing Regional Chamber works with business leaders, community members, and officials from every level of government to collaboratively influence and support initiatives, legislation, and regional investment that will strengthen and move the Greater Lansing region forward.

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### POLICY COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIR

**Ben Bakken**, Tri-Star Trust

## LRCC POLICY COMMITTEE

The Lansing Regional Chamber Policy Committee exists to both guide and advance LRCC legislative priorities. The LRCC Policy Committee reviews issues pertaining to the current priorities and works to encourage members to engage in action.

## 2025 LRCC POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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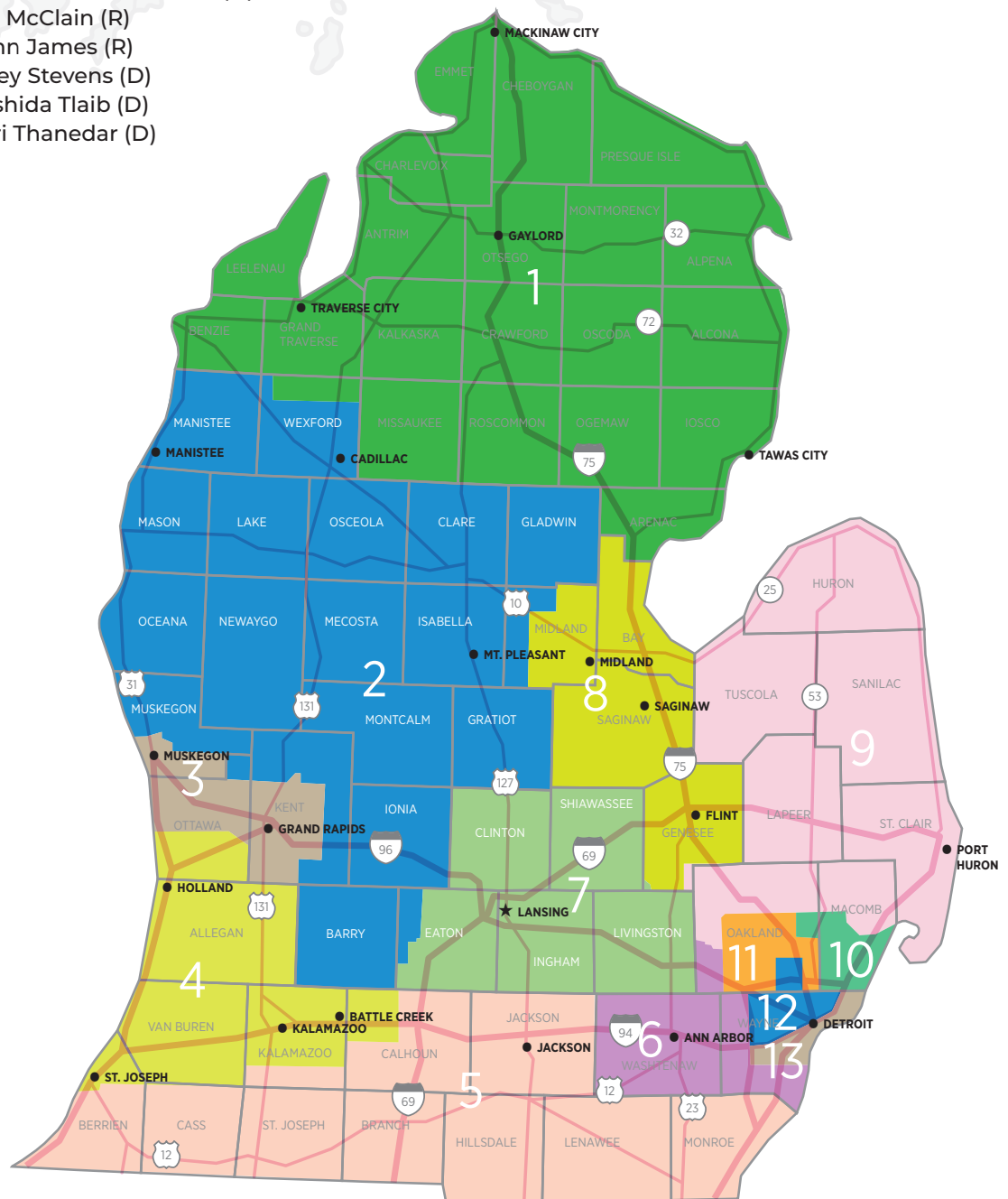
## THE LANSING REGIONAL CHAMBER FOOTPRINT

### MICHIGAN'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)

Senator Gary Peters (D-MI)

- District 1 – Representative Jack Bergman (R)
- District 2 – Representative John Moolenaar (R)
- District 3 – Representative Hillary Scholten (D)
- District 4 – Representative Bill Huizenga (R)
- District 5 – Representative Tim Walberg (R)
- District 6 – Representative Debbie Dingell (D)
- District 7 – Representative Tom Barrett (R)
- District 8 – Representative Kristen McDonald Rivet (D)
- District 9 – Representative Lisa McClain (R)
- District 10 – Representative John James (R)
- District 11 – Representative Haley Stevens (D)
- District 12 – Representative Rashida Tlaib (D)
- District 13 – Representative Shri Thanedar (D)



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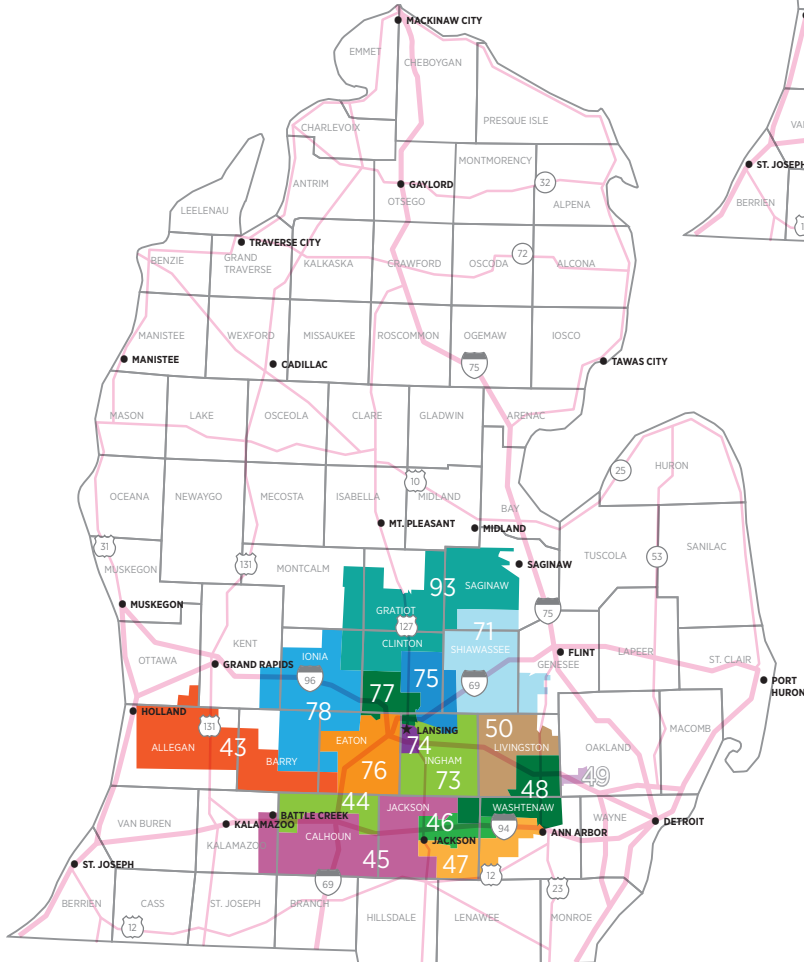
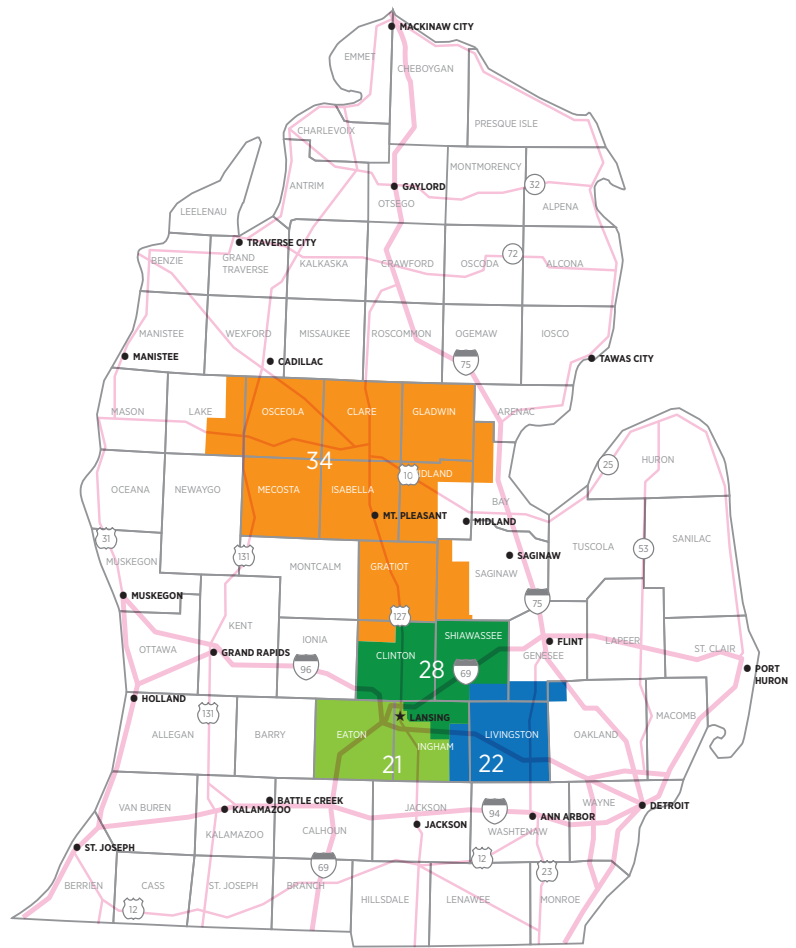
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### MICHIGAN SENATE DISTRICTS

- 21 – Sarah Anthony (D)
- 22 – Lana Theis (R)
- 28 – Sam Singh (D)
- 34 – Roger Hauck (R)

### MICHIGAN HOUSE DISTRICTS

- 43 – Rachelle Smit (R)
- 45 – Sarah Lightner (R)
- 71 – Brian BeGole (R)
- 73 – Julie Brixie (D)
- 74 – Kara Hope (D)
- 75 – Penelope Tsernoglou (D)
- 76 – Angela Witwer (D)
- 77 – Emily Dievendorf (D)
- 78 – Gina Johnsen (R)
- 93 – Tim Kelly (R)





## FEATURED PRIORITIES

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & JOB CREATION

The Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce believes efforts to diversify and expand our economy are of primary importance and a top priority. Our specific responsibilities and focus will be business creation, expansion of existing businesses, recruitment of new business, and work force availability. The Chamber will work with private and public partners in supporting realistic and effective economic development.

### TALENT & EDUCATION

The Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce advocates for a well-rounded, quality education that provides individuals the chance to reach their own life goals. We strongly support efforts to adequately fund a seamless, effective, efficient system of K-12 education, including vocational and technical curriculum. In the 21st century it will be imperative that our educational system produces well-prepared future business owners and managers for the entire state and region.

### INFRASTRUCTURE

The Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce believes that we should maintain a high-quality infrastructure network that meets the current and future needs of individual, business, and corporate citizens.

### TAXATION | REGULATION

The Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce operates on the basic premise that taxation should fund essential government services and any additional tax should be levied only in special circumstances. We believe budget shortfalls in all levels of government, local governments in particular, should be addressed by reorganizing priorities and reducing spending before tax increases are considered.

### PUBLIC SAFETY

The Chamber believes that a unified and aligned leadership from our elected leaders as well as our law enforcement officers is critical towards identifying solutions to provide a safe environment to residents, ensure neighborhoods are safe for families, give confidence to employers that their employees and customers are safe, and to ensure that every visitor to our state's capital city can enjoy the amenities our communities offer safely.

### HEALTHCARE ACCESSIBILITY & AFFORDABILITY

The Chamber is focused on promoting effective private sector solutions to our health care challenges that will help control costs, expand access, and improve the quality of care.

### HOUSING

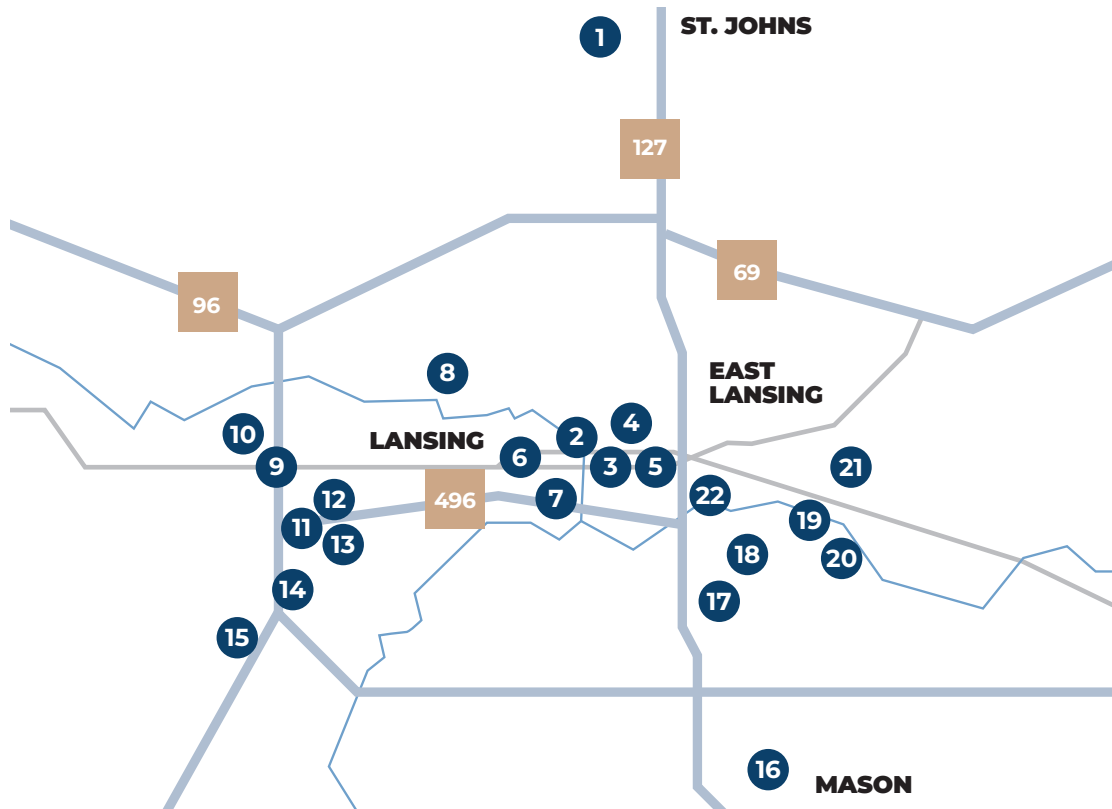
The Greater Lansing region is seeing unprecedented economic growth and job creation and we support measures to build more housing at all levels of attainability.



## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Regional public-private projects totaling in \$6.65 billion in new and planned investments, 2020–2025.

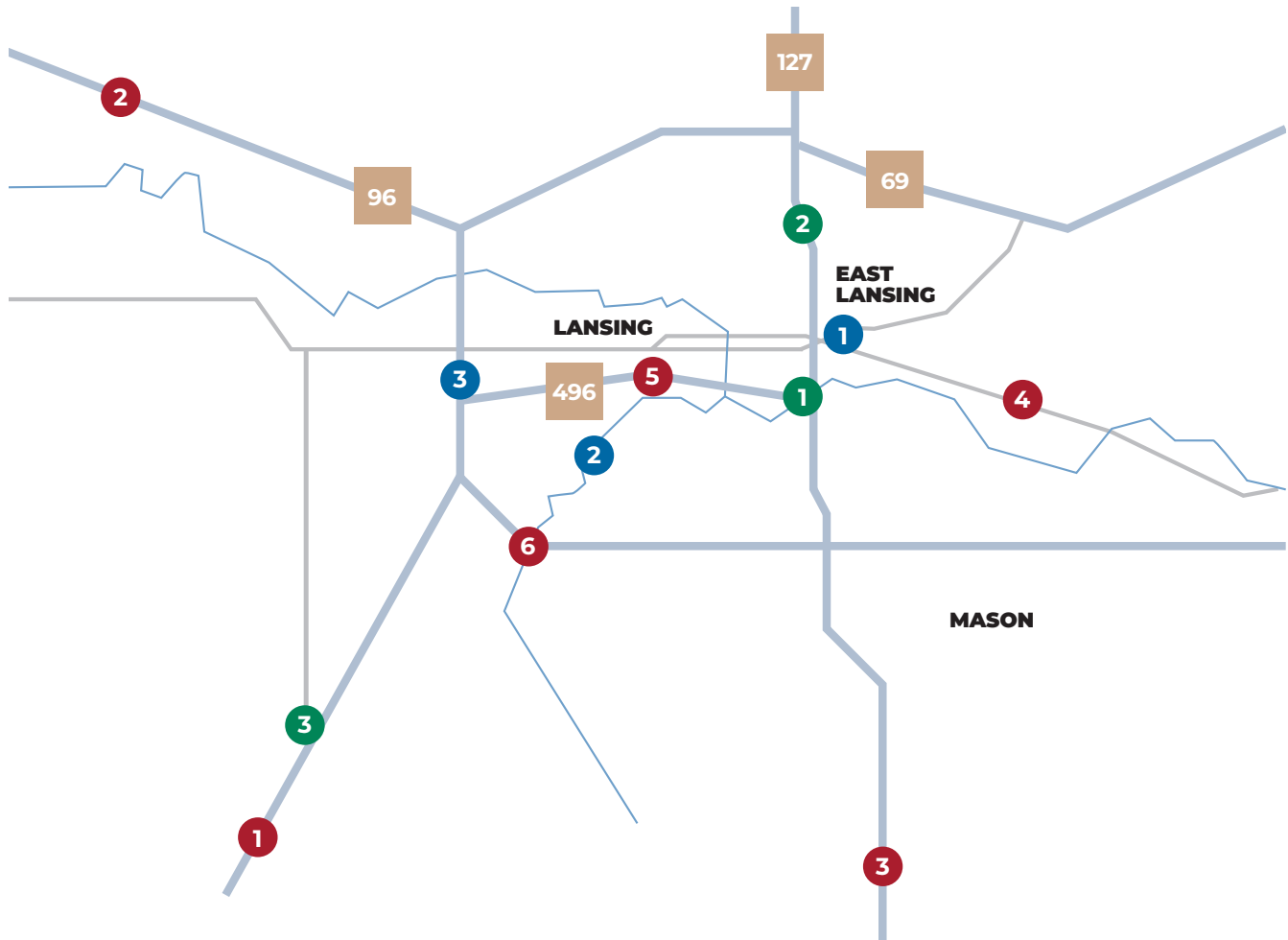
\*LEAP, LEDC, MEDC, LSJ



- 1 GLANBIA NUTRIONALS:** \$600 million dairy processing facility
- 2 CAPITAL CITY MARKET, COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT:** \$40 million investment
- 3 ALLEN PLACE:** \$13 million
- 4 NEOGEN:** \$70 million expansion
- 5 STADIUM NORTH LOFTS:** \$33 million
- 6 MONEYBALL:** \$1 million headquarters
- 7 STATE CAPITOL BUILDING:** Heritage Hall - \$40 million
- 8 CAPITOL REGION INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT:** Cargo expansion/site readiness - \$17.4 million investment
- 9 FARM BUREAU:** \$6.8 million headquarters expansion
- 10 DELTA CROSSINGS:** \$200 million
- 11 AMAZON DISTRIBUTION CENTER:** 1 million feet<sup>2</sup>
- 12 AUTO OWNERS:** \$105 million, 250,000 square foot headquarters expansion
- 13 MEIJER:** \$18 million distribution center expansion
- 14 LANSING BOARD OF WATER AND LIGHT:** Delta Energy Park power plant - \$500 million
- 15 GM | ULTIUM CELLS LLC:** \$2.5 billion EV battery cell plant
- 16 DART CONTAINER:** \$40 million Technical & Innovation Center
- 17 TECHSMITH:** \$15 million corporate headquarters
- 18 MCLAREN GREATER LANSING:** \$500 million health care campus
- 19 MSUFCU:** \$29 million investment in Downtown East Lansing
- 20 MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY:** Facility for Rare Isotope Beams (FRIB) - \$765 million; STEM Facility - \$106.7 million
- 21 SPARROW HEALTH SYSTEM/ MICHIGAN MEDICARE:** \$800 million planned expansion
- 22 RED CEDAR PROJECT:** \$250 million

## REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Infrastructure, roads, and bridges investment totaling more than \$800 million through 2028.  
 \*MDOT-Rebuilding Michigan Program



### COMPLETED

- 1** Coleman Road Extension (East Lansing Northern Tier): \$7.5 million
- 2** M-99 Resurfacing: \$3 million
- 3** I-496 Between I-96 and Old Lansing Road, and Waverly Road Interchange Improvements: \$60 million

### CURRENT PROJECTS

- 1** I-69 from I-94 to Island Hwy.: \$210 million
- 2** I-69 from I-96 to Airport Road: \$65 million
- 3** Ingham/Jackson County Line to M-36: \$67 million
- 4** M-43 (Grand River) from Park Lake Road to Oak Point Road: \$15 million
- 5** I-496 from Lansing Road to Grand River: \$82 million
- 6** I-96 Bridges at Billwood Hwy., M-99 and Washington Ave: \$40 million

### FUTURE PROJECTS

- 1** I-496/U.S. 127 Reconstruction from I-96 to I-496: \$178 million
- 2** U.S. 127 Rehabilitation from I-496 to I-69: \$75 million
- 3** I-69 Reconstruction from Vermontville to I-96: \$76 million