

# VAN BUREN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

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### **VAN BUREN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION AWARDED FUNDING BY GOVERNOR WHITMER**

#### **THE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION WANTS YOU TO KNOW . . .**

Governor Gretchen Whitmer awarded nine grants to help rebuild local roads in rural counties across Michigan, including Kalamazoo Street in South Haven Township, Van Buren County, Michigan. The project includes cold milling the existing surface of Kalamazoo Street from Blue Star Highway North 0.2 miles to the South Haven city limit, asphalt paving, curb and gutter replacement, and installing new pavement markings.

Kalamazoo Street is part of a truck route providing commercial traffic access between the City of South Haven's industrial areas and Blue Star Highway. The project will improve road conditions for a safe and continuous all-season road system for commercial truck traffic and the manufacturing industry. Commodities typically hauled on this roadway include concrete, landscape materials, steel and other metals, vehicle and equipment parts, plastics, and other manufacturing supplies.

The total project cost is estimated to cost \$125,454 with up to \$100,516 in TEDF Category F funds (80 percent of construction costs) and \$25,129 in matching funds from the Van Buren County Road Commission. This project is scheduled to take place in 2026.

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