



## Pittsfield Charter Township

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### **Pittsfield Charter Township Awarded Over \$1 M for Non-Motorized Project (Platt Road Greenway, Phase II)**

Pittsfield Township, MI (March 12, 2020): Pittsfield Charter Township has been awarded \$1,072,747.00 in federal funding through the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) offered in cooperation by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT).

This project will, for the first time, construct a 10' greenway south of Michigan Avenue in Pittsfield Township to connect thousands of area residents to the southern-most (Wall) park in our community. The first greenway Pittsfield installed, over a decade ago, was the Platt Road Greenway along Platt Road between Ellsworth and Michigan Avenue, which connects to the Township's most visited (Lillie) park. This second phase extends the 10' wide paved pathway south of Michigan along Platt Road between Michigan Avenue and Wall Park (south of Merritt Road and north of Bemis Road). It will add two mid-block crossings at Township Hall and at Wall Park with mast arm LED cross-walk illumination and Rapid Flashing Beacons.

“The first phase of the Platt Road Greenway, completed over a decade ago, was historic insofar as it was the first 10' multi-use pathway installed within a suburban setting in Washtenaw County. The second phase of the greenway, for which we have received over \$1 million in grant funding, is also historic insofar as it installs the southern-most connection to the regional B2B network and begins to establish non-motorized amenities that inter-connect a more rural landscape with a multitude of recreational (Lillie Park, Pittsfield Preserve, Woolley Park, Marsh View Meadows), cultural (Sutherland-Wilson Farmstead), public (Pittsfield Township Hall, Saline schools), and other (Farmers Market) amenities,” noted Supervisor Grewal.

As Pittsfield Township continues to enhance its multi-modal network, the addition of a greenway south of Michigan Avenue by way of PRGII assists in meeting its goal of providing non-motorized amenities to the many residents in the area that are looking to age in place or reside in multi-unit housing while having access to recreational, cultural, public, commercial, and open spaces. The ultimate goal, as always, for Pittsfield Township remains to enhance the quality of life for all in our community.

For more information please contact [supervisor@pittsfield-mi.gov](mailto:supervisor@pittsfield-mi.gov); 734.822.3135.

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