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As we emerge from the second week of physical distancing and the first of the Governor's stay-in-place emergency order, I want to ensure you that your team at Pittsfield Township continues to work with and for you. The Board of Trustees held its first virtual meeting last Wednesday that focused on two issues: (a) Road improvements; and (b) Moving our sustainability agenda forward.

After more than a decade of working toward a solution, we have accrued about \$1 million from the Washtenaw County road millage to improve the State Road corridor this year. This project provides for road resurfacing, turn lanes, and paved multi-use shoulders to improve bike/pedestrian safety along the corridor. The Board also approved the installation of mast heads to provide for safer non-motorized movements at the Ann Arbor-Saline/Oak Valley and Ellsworth/Lohr intersections.

Other non-motorized projects planned for this year include a mid-block crossing at Packard/Hawks Roads and sidewalk gap filling along Ann Arbor-Saline Road from Tiger Lily to Oak Valley. Building on our track record of acquiring historical amounts in grants, Pittsfield Township has been awarded yet another grant of over \$1 million to extend the Platt Road Greenway south of Michigan Avenue to Wall Park, just south of Merritt Road. After implementation of this project, in 2021, all Pittsfield parks will be inter-connected to adjoining residential and other uses via non-motorized access.

Such milestones are possible because our administration has maintained a steadfast commitment, since 2009, to promote co-locations with local, multi-modal connections to not just parks but other amenities such as groceries, pharmacies, and restaurants. A decade ago, the driving force behind this commitment was an effort to reduce our carbon footprint. As we continue this work, in 2020, through such initiatives as the Tree Canopy & Green Infrastructure Program, installation of electric charging stations, and the adoption of the Sustainability Blueprint, we are driven by not just the need to improve our water, air, and soil quality but also to ensure localized self-reliance as the current pandemic reminds us of the critical importance of vibrant, resilient, and self-reliant communities.

For regular updates from Pittsfield Township, please sign up for the Notify Me feature on the township website and/or go to: pittsfield-mi.gov/covid19

Please know that everyone from your Pittsfield Township team continues to work tirelessly, despite the challenges presented by the pandemic, to provide for a unique and safer space for you – the residents and businesses of Pittsfield Township. In particular, our community's first responders and health care providers are risking their safety to protect ours so please keep them in your thoughts.

I sincerely hope each of you are taking good care of your mental and physical well-being while doing your part, even if it's just a phone call or a small monetary contribution to a local business/non-profit, to take care of our most vulnerable community members. As a reminder, please be patient and kind with yourselves and each other as we traverse through uncharted scenarios.

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Supervisor
