

# What You Need to Know about the



U.S. Senator Gary Peters

## PETERS-BACKED HISTORIC BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE BILL THAT IS NOW LAW



U.S. Senator Gary Peters (MI) helped enact the bipartisan *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act* that makes historic investments in Michigan infrastructure, including roads, bridges, high-speed internet, electric vehicles and the Great Lakes that will strengthen our economy. This bill will boost Michigan's economic competitiveness.

It also includes robust funding for Gary's bipartisan *STORM Act* that was signed into law earlier this year and will help communities address and mitigate shoreline erosion, flooding and rising water levels. This year, Gary held roundtable discussions in communities across Michigan to hear from local, business and labor leaders on infrastructure needs and improvements.

### UPGRADING ROADS AND BRIDGES

In Michigan, roughly 1,219 bridges and over 7,300 miles of highway are in "poor condition." On average, each driver in Michigan pays \$644 annually in costs due to driving on roads in need of repair.

- Under this bill, based on formula funding alone, Michigan would receive an estimated **\$7.3 billion** for federal-aid highway programs and **\$563 million** for bridge replacement and repairs over five years.

### REDUCING THE RISK OF NATURAL DISASTERS, INCLUDING SHORELINE EROSION AND RISING WATER LEVELS

Gary secured **\$500 million** for a new program that could be used by local communities in Michigan and across the nation to carry out mitigation projects that reduce natural disaster risk, including extreme flooding, shoreline erosion and rising water levels.

- He authored the *Safeguarding Tomorrow through Ongoing Risk Mitigation (STORM) Act*, which was signed into law earlier this year, to create this new program. For more information about the STORM Act [click here](#).



## EXPANDING HIGH-SPEED INTERNET DEPLOYMENT, ADOPTION, AND AFFORDABILITY

Michigan is set to receive a minimum allocation of **\$100 million** to help provide high-speed internet coverage across the state, including access to the at least 398,000 Michiganders who currently lack it.

- Additionally, nearly 2.5 million or 25% of people in Michigan would be eligible for the Affordability Connectivity Benefit to help low-income families afford internet access.

## IMPROVING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE, REPLACING LEAD PIPES AND ADDRESSING PFAS

The legislation provides **\$55 billion** to invest in clean drinking water, including dedicated funding to replace lead service lines and address PFAS contamination.

## PROTECTING THE GREAT LAKES

The legislation provides **\$1 billion** for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI). In 2019, Peters secured the first increase in GLRI funding since the program was established a decade ago.

## SUPPORTING AMERICAN WORKERS AND MANUFACTURERS

The bipartisan infrastructure bill includes a provision championed by Gary to strengthen Buy American requirements and close loopholes to ensure the federal government is spending taxpayer dollars on American-made products that support American companies and workers, and create American jobs.

The package also requires domestically produced materials to be used for federal infrastructure projects, promotes domestic production of personal protective equipment, directs the creation of a BuyAmerican.gov website, and creates a Made in America Office in the White House.



## UPGRADING POWER INFRASTRUCTURE

The bill provides **\$73 billion** for upgrading our power infrastructure, including by building thousands of miles of new, resilient transmission lines to facilitate the expansion of renewable energy, and for investing in demonstration projects and research hubs for next-generation technologies.

## INVESTING IN ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE

The legislation makes the first-ever national investment in EV charging infrastructure and includes **\$7.5 billion** in funding.

## PUBLIC TRANSIT

The legislation will improve sustainable transportation options for Michiganders. Michigan is expected to receive **\$1 billion** over five years to improve public transportation options across the state.

## STRENGTHENING CYBERSECURITY AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT

Gary helped provide **\$1 billion** for a fund, managed by the Department of Homeland Security, to support state, local, tribal, and territorial government efforts to improve cybersecurity needs by securing their networks, assessing their cybersecurity vulnerabilities, and building up their cybersecurity workforce.

- The legislation includes Gary's provision to provide additional resources to help entities recover from a serious cyber-attack.

## SECURING OUR BORDERS AND ENSURING SAFE TRAVEL AND TRADE AT PORTS OF ENTRY

Gary has long worked to secure our nation's borders and promote safe and efficient travel and trade at ports of entry.



- As a part of this package, he helped secure approximately **\$3.8 billion** in funding to support the modernization of U.S. land ports of entry along our northern and southern borders. This funding will help Customs and Border Protection upgrade facilities allowing them to more efficiently and securely process travelers and trade at land border crossings.
- The legislation would provide **\$2.25 billion** over five years for the Port Infrastructure Development Program, which provides grants to help strengthen, modernize, and improve our country's coastal seaports, inland river ports, and Great Lakes ports.