



City of South Haven

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## **CITY OF SOUTH HAVEN TENTATIVELY AWARDED \$750,000 MEDC GRANT**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – (South Haven, Michigan) The Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), through the Michigan Strategic Fund (MSF), has notified the City of South Haven that it has been tentatively awarded \$750,000 for the Williams Street project. The City and the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) have committed to providing matching funds for this project in the amount of \$491,826.

The vision for the project is to expand the capacity to handle non-motorized transportation on Williams Street in South Haven's downtown Central Business District, linking the downtown and the Kal-Haven Trail. Facilitated through a two-phase project, this grant would assist in updating and upgrading the infrastructure, including the creation of bike lanes going in both directions, replacing the current condition of shared lanes; changing parking from slanted to parallel; repaving and widening roads and sidewalks; updating curbs to ADA requirements; burying electrical utilities; and redesigning applicable landscapes to include public-use street amenities.

The Michigan Strategic Fund was created by P.A. 270 of 1984 and has broad authority to promote economic development and create jobs. The MSF transfers the majority of its appropriated State funds and employees to the MEDC. In turn, the MEDC administers State economic development programs.

"This is great news for our City," stated Brian Dissette, City Manager. "The Williams Street improvements are key to connecting the Kal-Haven Trail to downtown. We anticipate increased activity which results in increased economic opportunity for local residents and businesses."

For more information, contact Deb Davidson, DDA Director, 269-637-0748 or [ddavidson@south-haven.com](mailto:ddavidson@south-haven.com)

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# Kal-Haven Trail Downtown Connection



## Legend

- ● ● Asphalt/Concrete Off Street Trail
- ▬▬▬ Bike Lanes
- ▬▬▬ On Street Sharrow Markings