

Washtenaw Avenue: Brainstorming Results on Legislative Steps Needed

1. Redistrict to give Council member seat to Ann Arbor & Ypsilanti City Core
2. Increase Cooperation between different municipalities along corridor
3. Create an urbanized area master/transportation plan with input from all planning departments along corridor
4. Hire independent professionals to educate population and politicians on sounds building, planning and market realities
5. State adopt/allow inclusionary zoning: ie. requiring developers in any zoning use municipality desires to include affordable housing or buy out of requirement
6. Abolish term limits everywhere in the State (2)
7. Reward regional planning/zoning
8. Encourage intergovernmental cooperation and merger of services including planning at the Township/municipality level
9. All local government units give County authority to plan/zone key corridors like Washtenaw
10. Allow public/private partnerships through PPP/PIIP/etc.
11. Economic Development and Transit Funding Legislatively Linked
12. \$200 Million earmark for Corridor Infrastructure Improvements
13. Comprehensive review of all economic development legislation – remove obsolete/non-functional
14. Increase federal investment in transportation system for homeland security & economic development
15. Increase bottle return laws to include more containers so less garbage = cleaner communities
16. Give those with responsibility for roads control of funding sources
17. Transportation Impact Fees
18. Allow for developers to pay impact costs to go to off site infrastructure need
19. Local options for Transit Funding , not just property tax (2)
20. Increase state transportation funding through user fees
21. Increase transportation/infrastructure local funding options

- 22.** Increase gas tax
- 23.** Lower Property Tax
- 24.** Expand municipality revenue options (eg. Local gas tax to fund transit with voter approval)
- 25.** Incentives for intergovernmental cooperation (such as increased revenue sharing)
- 26.** Provide state incentives for local governments to cooperate and have joint services
- 27.** MDOT funds can be used for multi-purpose projects!
- 28.** Realign MDOT/SEMCOG spending toward multi-modal improvements on existing/built corridors