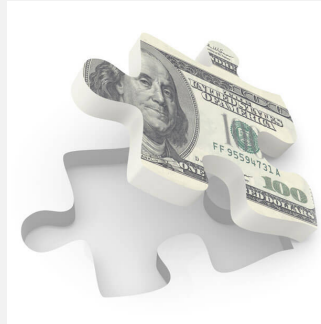


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FY 2026 revenue sharing appropriations not final as of July 1 budget deadline

Early July is typically when the Legislature and governor approve the state budget for the upcoming fiscal year, which begins on Oct. 1. This allows local units of government, schools, universities and other publicly funded entities the ability to plan for their fiscal budget. However, this year, passage of the fiscal year 2025-2026 state budget—which includes appropriations for statutory revenue sharing and estimates for constitutional revenue sharing for local units of government—did not occur by the July 1 statutory deadline. The Legislature will return in mid-July to continue work on the FY 2026 budget and a road funding package.



Roadside saliva testing bills approved by House

Law enforcement could soon be permitted to use roadside saliva tests to detect controlled substances in drivers, under legislation passed by the House this week. [House Bills 4390](#) and [4391](#), introduced by Reps. Brian BeGole (R-Perry Twp.) and Julie Rogers (D-Kalamazoo), offer a framework similar to that of preliminary breath tests (PBTs) for the use of roadside oral fluid testing that can detect the presence of several impairing substances. Supporters testified earlier this year that saliva samples taken roadside can offer immediate results to guide an officer making an arrest about what may be impairing a driver compared to the current practice of urine or blood testing, which must take place in a medical facility, giving certain drugs time to metabolize. Drivers who refuse to submit to the test could face a civil infraction, mirroring the punishment for refusing a PBT. The bills await consideration by the Senate.

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Applications are now being accepted for the September 2025 [Michigan Certified Assessing Technician \(MCAT\) program](#), to be held Sept. 4-5 at the Macomb ISD Building in **Clinton Charter Township** (Macomb Co.) from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The exam will be on Sept. 8 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the same location. Completed [applications](#) must be received by the State Tax Commission no later than Aug. 15 to be considered. The [Michigan Certified Assessing Officer \(MCAO\) program](#) is also open for enrollment. The nine-month program covers 10 chapters, with weekly virtual classroom sessions either on Monday or Tuesday evenings. Specific classroom dates will be given after acceptance to the program. [Applications](#) must be received by no later than Aug. 8. Contact GastW@michigan.gov with questions.

Reminder: Revolving fund priorities survey

Local units of government, planning agencies, watershed management leaders and drain commissioners are asked to share their stormwater infrastructure priorities and water infrastructure needs by the end of July via a brief [survey](#) being conducted by the state Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE). This information will assist EGLE in updating the [State Revolving Fund](#) (SRF) by identifying upcoming water infrastructure needs and help shape the future of the SRF. The department will release new draft SRF scoring criteria in August for public comment and host a public hearing in September before finalizing the new criteria in October for the 2027 application deadline.



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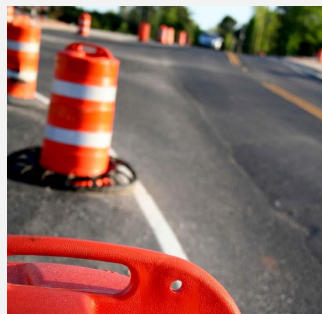
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Road work suspended for July 4 holiday

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is removing lane restrictions on 61% of its road and bridge projects statewide to ease traffic delays for July 4 holiday travelers. Beginning at 3 p.m. Thursday, July 3, and continuing until 6 a.m. Monday, July 7, 110 out of 179 projects statewide will have lane restrictions removed. While motorists will see suspended operations in most MDOT work zones for the weekend, drivers are advised that equipment and certain traffic configurations may remain in place, like temporary shifts or shoulder closures. For the most up-to-date information on MDOT projects, go to the [Mi Drive website](#).



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Changes to state unemployment law affect reimbursing employers

Changes in Michigan's unemployment law went into effect in early April and will result in higher payments by reimbursing employers to the Michigan Unemployment Insurance Agency (UIA). Reimbursing employers, about 2.2% of all Michigan employers, do not pay quarterly unemployment insurance taxes. Instead, they reimburse the UIA dollar-for-dollar for benefit charges paid to former employees.

Effective April 1, reimbursing employers will pay a maximum increase of \$84 for each week an employee receives the maximum weekly unemployment benefit. The new law increased the weekly maximum benefit amount from \$362 to \$446, and expanded the maximum weeks of eligibility to 26 weeks from 20 weeks. Some reimbursing employers will be required to submit payment to the UIA beginning in the second quarter of 2025, depending on the employer's billing cycle, which is annually for local governmental units. The maximum weekly benefit amount will also increase by \$84 the next two years, on Jan. 1, 2026, and Jan. 1, 2027. Starting on Jan. 1, 2028, and in subsequent years, any change in benefit amounts will be tied to the Consumer Price Index calculated by the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Dashboard shares status of DNR facilities, trails and forest roads

As the state Department of Natural Resources continue their [response activities](#) following the spring ice storm in northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula, more than 1,200 miles of state forest roads remain impassable. A [map and dashboard](#) shares the latest status (open, partially open, temporarily closed) of state-managed facilities, trails and forest roads.



Food waste myth-busting webinar

The next [Catalyst Communities](#) webinar, hosted by the state Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, will address common misconceptions about composting, food donation and rescue, and offer local government leaders strategies for community-coordinated food loss and waste reduction. Register now for the [webinar](#), scheduled for July 23 at 11 a.m.

MTA announces 'summer school' lineup

MTA can help your board structure more *Effective Meetings*, understand the elements of *Assessment and Taxation*, and hone techniques for *Managing Your Township Team*. Join us Aug. 18-19 as we team up with the experts to bring you [three classes](#) over two days at one beautiful location—Shanty Creek Resort in Bellaire. Attend any two classes and save \$50 off registration fees, choose all three and save \$75. [Register now](#) to secure your seat or [download the full brochure](#) to learn more. (Need lodging? [Make your reservation](#) by July 17 to secure the discounted rate!)

Federal updates for week of June 30

Check out the National Association of Towns and Townships [Weekly Legislative Update](#) for the latest on federal actions impact townships.

MTA office holiday schedule

The MTA office will be closed on Friday, July 4, for the July 4 holiday. We will resume work on Monday, July 7. We wish everyone a safe and happy Independence Day!

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