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Michigan House of Representatives  
State Capitol Building  
Lansing, MI 48909-7514

Representatives,

Today I am returning Enrolled House Bill 4476 to you without my approval.

I received several veto requests from municipalities and workers from across the state. And while I appreciate the aims of this bill—to ensure a competitive bidding process for major projects—I agree that this legislation sweeps too broadly.

By requiring local communities to contract out any federal and/or state-funded road improvement projects over \$800,000 in value, this legislation would all but eliminate the ability of cities to self-perform capital improvement projects on local neighborhood streets. It would also immediately result in layoffs of dozens of hard-working employees in the City of Detroit, who annually resurface up to 50 miles of residential streets each year.

Infrastructure is the backbone of our state's economy. I am vetoing this bill in order to ensure that essential road construction and maintenance activities can continue to be performed without interruption. I look forward to continuing to work toward long-term solutions to repair, maintain, and improve our roads.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gretchen Whitmer".

Gretchen Whitmer  
Governor