

Rep. Mayes offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 252.

A resolution to urge the Michigan Department of Transportation to upgrade all of M-138 in Bay and Tuscola Counties to an all-season state highway standard.

Whereas, All-season highways are those that have no seasonal load limitations due to road and weather conditions and can be traversed by residents, tourists, and commercial traffic year-round. Michigan Highway 138 is one of four east-west arteries between the Saginaw, Bay City, and Midland tri-city area and the thumb region of Michigan. Presently, M-138 is not being utilized to its fullest potential. Improving M-138 to an all-season road will promote commerce, tourism, growth, and development in Bay and Tuscola Counties and Michigan's thumb region; and

Whereas, Agri-business is growing in Bay and Tuscola Counties, with an increased demand for agricultural byproducts for biodiesel fuels and other needs. An all-season M-138 could provide an additional, efficient route to serve this growing sector of the local economy; and

Whereas, Commercial growth along M-15 in Bay City, including the potential site of a new Wal-Mart store, will stimulate the local economy and bring a concomitant increase in area truck traffic. Eliminating seasonal weight restrictions on M-138 will facilitate commercial truck traffic between the Bay City area and Michigan's thumb region. Allowing commercial truck traffic to traverse M-138 year-round through a mostly rural area would potentially reduce commercial truck traffic on the more urban and congested M-25 route through Bay City; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the Michigan Department of Transportation to upgrade all of M-138 in Bay and Tuscola Counties to an all-season state highway standard; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Department of Transportation.