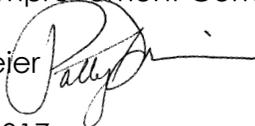


TO: Capital Improvement Committee

FROM: Patty Dreier 

DATE: June 1, 2017

I summarize this plan as a proposal to leap forward in attending to our infrastructure needs and opening the door on partnership opportunities in our community.

This 2018 – 2023 Capital Improvement Plan takes a significant step forward in committing to renovating our existing Courthouse. It also takes the design process forward for a new Government Facility Building while addressing critical infrastructure needs of our current Jail.

It proposes a new methodology in capital planning for the Highway Department Enterprise.

It proposes that Portage County seek a partner to gracefully plan a transition of the Portage County Health Care Center and its residents and staff into a modern facility operated on a daily basis by an organization that specializes in health care. This proposal retains licensed skilled nursing beds in this County for our future, would transition the Health Care Center away from dependence on County tax dollars, and would still have the open doors to serve everyone that the law requires when they accept Medicaid and Medicare insurances.

It attends to needed Library infrastructure improvements. This plan also continues to keep our parks system strong as we continue to bring in additional tourism dollars and ensure we are investing in community development initiatives that are important in attracting and retaining a workforce that drives our economy here.