



S. Martin Luther King Jr. Corridor Improvement Authority Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

Thursday, April 9th, 2026 – 1:00 PM
UA Local 333 Plumbers and Pipefitters
5405 S Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
Lansing, MI 48911

AGENDA

1. Call to Order/ Roll Call
2. Approval of S. MLK Jr. CIA Meeting Minutes (3.19.26)- **Action**
3. Update on the 2026 Spending Plan
4. Discussion on Public Engagement Committee
5. Discussion on Spring Cleanup
6. Other Business
7. Public Comment
8. Adjournment



Andy Schor, Mayor

**South Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Corridor Improvement Authority
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting**

March 19th, 2026

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Members Present: Amanda Defrees, Kristina Schmidgall, Jeremy Matthews,
Dustin Howard, Don "Moose" Sober

Members Absent:

Facilitator Present: Kahleea Washington (Lansing EDC)

Guests Present: Paul Anderson (SWAG)

Public:

Recorded by: Kahleea Washington (Lansing EDC)

1. Call to Order/ Roll Call: 1:02 PM

2. Approval of S. MLK Jr. CIA Meeting Minutes (01.15.26) -Action

Motion: Howard Support: Schmidgall

Passed unanimously

3. Approval of the FY 2026/2027 Budget

The board reviewed the proposed budget. After an informative conversation about the CIAs funding and spending plans, the board moved to approve.

Motion: Schmidgall Support: Matthews

Passed unanimously

4. Discussion on 2026 Spending Plan

The board members discussed the proposed projects and added some additional dollars for some categories.

Motion: Schmidgall Support: Sober

5. Other Business

Member White expressed her desire to engage more with the community and implement key initiatives. This led voting to the board establishing the "Public Engagement Committee".

Motion: White Support: Howard

The Public Engagement Committee may consist of board members Defrees and White, along with Paul Anderson and Kahleea Washington.

Paul Anderson discussed the new housing development at the former Metro Bowl.

6. Public Comment

NA

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:59 pm

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Amanda Defrees

Chairperson, South Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Corridor Improvement Authority

S. Martin Luther King Jr. Corridor Improvement Authority

2026 Annual Spending Plan

The **S. Martin Luther King Jr. Corridor Improvement Authority (MLK CIA)** spending plan outlines priority investments for the 2026 calendar year. These initiatives are intended to support corridor beautification, strengthen local businesses, and promote economic activity along the S. MLK Jr. corridor.

Each proposed project aligns with the Authority's **Development and Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Plan**, while also addressing current needs identified within the corridor. The spending plan provides a framework for how the Authority will allocate resources strategically throughout the year.

Projects will be funded through **tax increment financing (TIF) revenue generated within the district** as well as **remaining COVID-19 Relief ARPA funds**.

2026 Budget Summary

Available Funds

- TIF Revenue (Tax Capture): **\$511,954.00**
- ARPA Funds: **\$71,199.91**

Total Available Budget: \$583,153.91

**Target Spending Goal (approximately 40% of total budget):
\$250,000**

Proposed Spending Categories

Aesthetic and Design Improvements

These projects focus on improving the **appearance, cleanliness, and pedestrian environment** of the corridor.

- Corridor Signage – **\$10,000**
- Corridor Cleanup and Maintenance – **\$10,000**
- Pedestrian Island Enhancements and Maintenance – **\$6,000**
- Street Sweeping – **\$10,000**
- **Mural Installation - \$25,000**

Category Total: \$63,000

Economic Reconstruction

These initiatives support **business stability, growth, and capacity building within the corridor.**

- Business Grant Program – **\$50,000**
- Business Technical Assistance Support – **\$15,000**

Category Total: \$65,000

Marketing and Promotion

Marketing investments help promote corridor businesses and communicate opportunities within the district.

- Print Needs – **\$5,000**
- Graphic Design Needs – **\$15,000**
 - **Banners, business cards, swag, etc**
- Marketing and Communications – **\$15,000**

Category Total: \$35,000

Organizational and Community Initiatives

These resources support **community engagement, professional support services, and administrative capacity** necessary to implement corridor initiatives.

- Annual Community Event(s) – **\$25,000**
- Consultant Services – **\$15,000**
- Administrative Support – **\$15,000**

Category Total: \$55,000

Total Proposed Spending

\$218,000