

Opinion/Editorial

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Governor Rick Snyder (R-Ann Arbor) has come in for much criticism over some of his proposals since taking office last January. One area where the Governor deserves praise is in his handling of the state's public transportation budget.

Governor Snyder proposed the strongest budget recommendation for public transportation services in more than a decade and then he stood firm in his resolve to see this budget passed by the Legislature, despite pressure from many in his own party to cut public transit services. For this strong leadership, the Michigan Public Transit Association, commends the Governor.

Public transportation in Michigan is a growing service and an economic development tool that is often overlooked and under-utilized. Governor Snyder seems to have a clear vision for investing in, and growing, our public transit infrastructure. He has recognized that transit is not only a tool for luring new businesses to Michigan and keeping young professionals in our state, but he also acknowledges the significant role that public transit plays in the quality of life for those who lack mobility options; seniors, the infirm and disabled, students and those who do not own cars or can not drive.

For this outstanding advocacy, we thank Governor Snyder and encourage him to remain strong in his resolve to support this sector of our state government services.

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