



TO: City of Lansing
Mayor Andy Schor

FROM: Capital Council of Governments
Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce

RE: Two Way Streets

DATE: September 21, 2018

Streets in downtown Lansing, as well as most other urban downtowns, were originally designed for two-way traffic. In an effort to increase capacity many of the major streets in downtown Lansing were converted to one-way in the 1960s. In 1999, the City of Lansing successfully converted Ionia, Shiawassee and Washtenaw Streets to two-way operation.

Two-way streets offer a number of benefits including, more direct travel routes, greater overall efficiency, increased exposure for retail, and less confusion, especially for visitors. The Capital Council of Governments and the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce believe it is time for the state of Michigan and MDOT to commit to working with the City of Lansing to convert the remaining one-way streets in downtown Lansing (Capitol, Grand, Pine, Walnut, Ottawa and Allegan) back to two-way operation as they were originally designed for.