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## **State transportation economic development grants to support 519 new jobs in Macomb County**

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) announced it will award over \$1.6 million in state Transportation Development Funds (TEDF) to support 519 new jobs in Macomb County.

Yanfeng USA Automotive Trim Systems specializes in the design and production of interior trim systems for the automotive industry. Growing ever since it established its first Harrison Township location in 2010, the company was considering an expansion to a location outside of the region.

Camille Silda, senior economic development specialist for the Macomb County Department of Planning and Economic Development, offered assistance to company officials. By working collaboratively with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, MDOT, the Macomb County Department of Roads and township officials, the company ultimately decided to expand here.

As a result, Yanfeng will invest \$56.6 million to renovate a previously vacant building on Executive Drive in Harrison Township. The expansion is expected to create 519 new jobs.

“This expansion will be a significant investment to our headquarters here in Harrison Township,” said company President David Wang. “This is going to dramatically improve the appearance and functionality of our operations. We would like to thank Macomb County and the state of Michigan for their advocacy on our behalf.”

Executive Drive is an industrial road that serves Yanfeng and other companies within an industrial park. The road, according to transportation officials, is in an extreme state of disrepair. It does not drain properly, which causes flooding during heavy rainfalls, plus icy conditions in the winter.

The Macomb County Department of Roads will reconstruct Executive Drive between Henry B Joy Boulevard and Production Drive, as well as widen the intersections at these roadways to allow for improved access for Yanfeng and other companies in the park. The total estimated cost for this project is just over \$2.3 million. In addition to MDOT’s TEDF contribution, The Macomb County Department of Roads is providing \$700,560 to the project.

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