

MI Mobility Fellowship

Cohort 2: 2026-27

Fellow Position Description

The MI Mobility Fellows (MMF) Program is a 15-month, highly selective fellowship designed to strengthen Michigan’s transportation and mobility ecosystem. Fellows from across the country are placed in host organizations where they gain hands-on experience addressing real mobility challenges. This program aims to make Michigan’s mobility future more inclusive, accessible, and sustainable—improving the way people, goods, and ideas move across the state.

Program Duration: June 16, 2026 – September 17, 2027

Fellow Compensation: \$75,000 (\$60k per year) + benefits

Organization Name and Website: Transportation Riders United; DetroitTransit.org
Organization Location (City and State): Detroit, MI
Supervisor Name and Title: Megan Owens, Executive Director
Position Title: Mobility Data and Policy Analyst
Position Description (max 300 words) and objectives/goals: TRU seeks a passionate self-starter to research, analyze, and advocate for more equitable transit access throughout Michigan and more balanced state transportation investment priorities. Everyone should be able to get where they need to go, regardless of whether they drive. Yet Michigan has no clear measurement or map of where people have meaningful transportation alternatives - and you can't fix what you don't measure. Michigan also fails to prioritize the transportation investments needed to expand and improve those options. This Fellow will work in three main areas: First, the fellow will identify available data sources and propose definitions of levels of service to effectively map out what parts of the state have public transit services and at what levels of service, with particular focus on rural residents, low-income Michiganders and persons with disabilities.

Second, they'll analyze Michigan's transportation investments in addressing transit gaps by evaluating how MDOT decides how to invest the \$8+ billion it spends on Michigan transportation every year. They'll study national best practices and identify and advocate for innovative ways to prioritize that funding to best address gaps in mobility.

Throughout the process, the fellow will engage with diverse Michiganders from throughout the state and who represent a range of societal sectors to ground-truth the data and proposals based on real lived experiences, to ensure it represents and benefits the breadth of Michiganders.

Skills/Background Preferred (Technical or otherwise - a list is fine):

The ideal candidate will have both data mapping and analytics experience and a good understanding of state public policy and finance. They should be self-driven and able to work independently, while also able to work respectfully and communicate effectively with a wide diversity of Michiganders.

Primary Working Location: TechTown Detroit, 440 Burroughs, Detroit, 48202

Is a hybrid schedule offered? YES

Primary Working Hours: generally 9-5 M-F, can vary

Any other useful information (links, reports, etc.):