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**Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact  
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**1 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Federal Highway Administration

**2 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT: OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

**3 SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement will be prepared for the I-75 Oakland County Planning/Environmental Study.**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James A. Kirschensteiner, Assistant Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, 315 West Allegan Street, Room 207, Lansing, Michigan 48933, Telephone: (517) 702-1835, Fax: 377-1804, email [james.kirschensteiner@fhwa.dot.gov](mailto:james.kirschensteiner@fhwa.dot.gov)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Transportation, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to add an additional through travel lane in each direction on I-75 between 8-Mile Road and M-59 to bring the total number of through travel lanes to four in each direction, together with other improvements. Improvements are considered necessary to provide for improved travel on I-75, which is already highly congested through much of the day. The EIS will include the evaluation of recommendations from the previous I-75 Corridor Feasibility Study (November 2000), including a thorough analysis of transit alternatives utilizing the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) Transit Vision and the 1999 Southeast Michigan High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Feasibility Study. The Feasibility Study recommended the addition of a fourth lane in those areas where it is needed to provide four through lanes, improving several interchanges, and implementing intelligent transportation systems (ITS) throughout the corridor.

Alternatives under consideration include (1) taking no action; (2) providing mass transit; (3) implementing transportation system management and/or transportation demand management techniques; (4) developing the proposed lanes for use either all day or during a portion of the day by high occupancy vehicles (carpools, vanpool, and buses) only; and, (5) developing normal, unrestricted freeway travel lanes.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate federal, state, and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have an interest in this proposal. Five rounds of public meetings were held during the Feasibility Study phase during 1999 and 2000. Additional meetings and a public hearing are planned. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the hearing(s). The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing. No formal scoping meeting is planned at this time.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above. (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation of Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

James J. Steele  
Division Administrator  
Lansing, Michigan

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## **Appendix B - Section 2**

### **List of Those Invited to Scoping Meetings August 29, 2002**

**The following federal, state, and local agencies and offices were sent scoping information packets for the proposed I-75 project from M-102 (8 Mile Road) to M-59 in Oakland County. Those who attended and those who responded to the scoping materials are noted in the list that follows.**

## **FEDERAL AGENCIES**

Mr. Lester Berman, Environmental Officer  
US Depart. of Housing and Urban Development  
Patrick McNamara Federal Building  
477 Michigan Avenue  
Detroit, Michigan 48226

Craig Czarnecki, Field Supervisor - **Responded**  
United States Department of the Interior  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
2651 Coolidge Road  
East Lansing, MI 48823  
Ph: 517.351-8315 (Tameka Dandridge)  
Email [r3elfo@fws.gov](mailto:r3elfo@fws.gov)

Mr. Joel Ettinger, Regional Administrator  
Federal Transit Administration  
200 West Adams Street, Suite 2410  
Chicago, Illinois 60606

Mr. Gary Mannesto, Chief - **Responded**  
Regulatory Office  
Department of the Army  
Detroit District, Corps of Engineers  
PO Box 1027  
Detroit, Michigan 48231-1027  
Ph: 313-226-7590 (Paul Allending)

Mr. William Schenk, Regional Director  
National Park Service, Midwest Region  
1709 Jackson Street  
Omaha, Nebraska 68102-2571

Mr. Kenneth A. Westlake, Chief – **Attended** (Sherry Kamke)  
Environmental Planning and Evaluation Branch  
Office of Strategic Environmental Analysis  
United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5  
77 West Jackson Boulevard, B-19-J  
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590  
Ph 312/353-5794 (Sherry Kamke)  
Email Westlake Kenneth@epa.gov

Mr. Ronald C. Williams,  
State Conservationist  
Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Michigan State Office  
Suite 250  
3001 Coolidge Road  
East Lansing, MI 48823-6350  
Ph 517.324.5277  
Email ron.williams@mi.usda.gov

## STATE AGENCIES

Mr. George Burgoyne - **Responded**  
Resource Management Deputy  
Dept. of Natural Resources  
Mason Building, 6th Floor  
530 West Allegan  
Lansing, MI 48933  
Ph: 517-373-1263 (Lori Sargent)

Mr. Brian Conway – **Responded**  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
Michigan Dept. of History, Arts and Libraries  
717 West Allegan Street  
Lansing, MI 48918

Mr. Gerald Fulcher - **Attended (Alex Sanchez)**  
Geological and Land Water Mgt. Division  
Dept. of Environmental Quality  
Constitution Hall  
525 West Allegan  
Lansing, MI 48933

Mr. G. Vincent Hellwig  
Division Chief  
Air Quality Division  
Dept. of Environmental Quality  
Constitution Hall  
525 West Allegan  
Lansing, MI 48933

Ms. Carol Isaacs, Director  
Health Legislation & Policy Development  
Michigan Department of Community Health  
Lewis Cass Building, 6th Floor  
320 South Walnut Street  
Lansing, MI 48913

Ms. Teresa Seidel, District Supervisor  
Southeast Michigan District Office  
Dept. of Environmental Quality  
38980 Seven Mile Road  
Livonia, MI 48152-1006

Mr. Dan Wyant, Director - **Responded**  
Michigan Department of Agriculture  
Constitution Hall,  
525 West Allegan  
Lansing, MI 48933

## LOCAL AGENCIES

Mr. Gary Ahol  
Oakland County Drain Commission  
Building 95 West  
One Public Works Road  
Waterford, MI 48328

Mr. Brent Bair – **Attended** (Gerald Holmberg)  
**Responded**  
Road Commission of Oakland County  
31001 Lahser Road  
Beverly Hills, MI 48025

Ms. Claudia Berry  
Chamber of Commerce  
One Woodward Avenue, Suite 1900  
P.O. Box 33840  
Detroit, MI 48232-0840

Mr. Michael Brouchard, Sheriff  
Oakland Co. Sheriff Department  
1201 North Telegraph Road  
Pontiac, MI 48341-1044

Hon. Ralph Castelli, Jr., Mayor  
City of Pleasant Ridge  
23925 Woodward Avenue  
Pleasant Ridge, MI 48069-1132

Hon. Ben Colley, Mayor  
City of Hazel Park  
111 East 9 Mile Road  
Hazel Park, MI 48030-1892

Mr. Joseph Cozma – **Attended** (Eugene  
Snowden)  
Oakland Co. Drain Commission  
Bldg. 95 West  
One Public Works Road  
Waterford, MI 48328

Hon. John Davey, Mayor  
City of Bloomfield Hills  
45 E. Long Lake Road  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304-2369

Mr. Dan Dirks – **Attended** (Ron Ristau)  
General Manager  
SMART  
660 Woodward Avenue  
Suite 950  
Detroit, MI 48226

Hon. George Frisch, Mayor  
City of Lake Angelus  
45 Gallogly Road  
Lake Angelus, MI 48326-1262

Hon. Ronald F. Gillham, Mayor  
26815 Scotia Road  
Huntington Woods, MI 48070-1199

Mr. Ron Grimes, Supervisor  
Environmental Health  
Oakland Co. Health Dept.  
1200 N. Telegraph Road, Dept. 432  
Pontiac, MI 48341-0432

Hon. Mari Harvey-Edwards, Mayor  
1827 N. Squirrel Road  
Auburn Hills, MI 48326-2753

Ms. Carolyn Henney  
Oakland Co. Soil Conservation District  
1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Dept. 416  
Building #26  
Pontiac, MI 48341

Hon. Barbara L. Iseppi, Mayor  
425 N. Main Street  
Clawson, MI 48017-1596

Hon. David Katulic, Mayor  
400 6th Street, #10  
Rochester, MI 48307-1483

Hon. Kwame Kilpatrick, Mayor – **Attended**  
(Sarah Lile)  
City of Detroit  
1340 City-County Building  
Detroit, MI 48226

Mr. Robert Long, Chairman  
Oakland Co. Conservation District  
2891 Dixie Highway  
Waterford, MI 48328

Hon. Dianne McKeon, Mayor  
151 Martin Street, #3001  
Birmingham, MI 48009-3368

Hon. John Mark Mooney, Mayor  
3338 Coolidge Highway  
Berkley, MI 48072-1690

Hon. Gerald E. Naftaly, Mayor  
City of Oak Park  
13600 Oak Park Blvd.  
Oak Park, MI 48237-2090

Mr. Gail Novak, Chief  
Oakland Co. Emergency Management  
1200 N. Telegraph Rd.  
Dept. 410  
Pontiac, MI 48341-0410

Mr. Carmine Palombo, Director - **Attended**  
Transportation Programs, SEMCOG  
535 Griswold Street  
Suite 300  
Detroit, MI 48226

Hon. Willie Payne, Mayor – **Attended** (Art Mitchell)  
City of Pontiac  
47450 Woodward Avenue  
Pontiac, MI 48342-2271

Hon. Robert Porter, Mayor – **Attended** (Tom Barwin)  
City of Ferndale  
300 East 9 Mile Road  
Ferndale, MI 48220-1731

Hon. Matt Pryor, Mayor - **Attended**  
City of Troy  
500 W. Big Beaver Road  
Troy, MI 48084-5254

Mr. Phil Sanzica  
Asst. Chief Engineer  
Oakland Co. Drain Commission, Construction  
Building 95 West  
One Public Works Road  
Waterford, MI 48328

Hon. Patricia Somerville, Mayor – **Attended** (Paul Davis)  
City of Rochester Hills  
1000 Rochester Hills Drive  
Rochester Hills, MI 48309-3033

Hon. Edward Swanson, Mayor – **Attended**  
300 West 13 Mile Road  
Madison Heights, MI 48071

Hon. Bill Urich, Mayor – **Attended** (Dick Cole)  
211 South Williams St, #64  
Royal Oak, MI 48067-2634

Mr. J. David Vanderveen - **Attended**  
Oakland County  
2400 Telegraph Road  
Pontiac, MI 48341

## STATE AND U.S. SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES

Hon. Michael D. Bishop  
State Representative  
124 North Capitol  
Lansing, MI 48933

Hon. Mat J. Dunaskiss  
State Senator  
Capitol Building, Room S-8  
100 North Capitol  
Lansing, MI 48933

Hon. Patricia A.K. Godchaux  
State Representative  
123 N. Capitol  
Lansing, MI 48933

Hon. Robert Gosselin - **Attended**  
State Representative  
P.O. Box 30014  
Lansing, MI 48909-7356

Hon. Gilda Z. Jacobs  
State Representative  
124 North Capitol  
Lansing, MI 48933

Hon. Ruth A. Johnson  
State Representative  
124 North Capitol  
Lansing, MI 48933

Hon. Shirley Johnson  
State Senator  
124 North Capitol  
Lansing, MI 48933

Hon. Dale E. Kildee  
U.S. Representative  
2107 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Hon. Joe Knollenberg  
U.S. Representative  
2349 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Hon. Mike Kowall  
State Representative  
124 North Capitol  
Lansing, MI 48933

Hon. Carl Levin  
U.S. Senator  
459 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Hon. Sander Levin  
U.S. Representative  
2300 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Hon. John G. Pappageorge  
State Representative  
124 North Capitol  
Lansing, MI 48933

Hon. Gary Peters  
State Senator  
710 Farnum Building  
125 West Allegan  
Lansing, MI 48933

Hon. Clarence Phillips  
State Representative  
124 North Capitol  
Lansing, MI 48933

Hon. Debbie Stabenow  
U.S. Senator  
702 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Hon. David T. Woodward  
State Representative  
124 North Capitol  
Lansing, MI 48933

## **OTHER AGENCIES**

Ms. Dusty Fancher  
Land Programs Director  
Michigan Environmental Council  
119 Pere Marquette  
Suite 2-A  
Lansing, MI 48912

Mr. James Goodheart  
Executive Director  
Michigan United Conservation Clubs, Inc.  
2101 Wood Street  
Lansing, MI 48912

Mr. Keith G. Harrison  
Executive Director  
Michigan Environmental Science Board  
Constitution Hall, 5th Floor South  
525 West Allegan Street  
Lansing, MI 48933

Ms. Allison Horton  
Director  
Sierra Club  
Mackinac Chapter  
109 East Grand River Avenue  
Lansing, MI 48906

Ms. Bethany Renfer  
Program Coordinator  
Clean Water Action  
1200 Michigan Avenue #A  
East Lansing, MI 48823

## **Appendix B - Section 3**

### **Correspondence Received in Response to Scoping**

1. August 22, 2002 – Road Commission for Oakland County
2. September 16, 2002 - Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Division
3. September 18, 2002 – Michigan Department of Agriculture
4. October 1, 2002 – Michigan Department of State, State Historic Preservation Office
5. October 17, 2002 – US Army Corps of Engineers
6. March 14, 2003 – Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
7. March 21, 2003 – US Department of the Interior, US Fish and Wildlife Service
8. May 14, 2003 – Michigan Department of State, State Historic Preservation Office
9. May 23, 2003 – US Environmental Protection Agency
10. July 2, 2003 – MDOT to Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
11. September 25, 2003 – FHWA to US Environmental Protection Agency
12. September 25, 2003 – FHWA to US Fish & Wildlife Service





August 22, 2002



Sue Datta, Project Manager  
MDOT Metro Region Office  
18101 W. Nine Mile Road  
Southfield, MI 48075

RE: I-75 EIS

Dear Ms. Datta:

The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) would like to respond in writing to your request for official comments for the EIS being prepared on the I-75 widening project between Eight Mile Road and M-59 in Oakland County. Please include this letter in your Scoping Document for review by the Federal Highway Administration.

First, RCOC supports the effort to widen I-75 to four lanes in each direction through Oakland County. The demand is evident by the volumes on I-75 and the overflow traffic that clogs the local roads in the corridor.

Secondly, we believe the two new lanes should be general-purpose lanes and not high-occupancy-vehicle lanes. We do not believe the extra costs of construction and enforcement of HOV lanes can be justified by the expected use.

Thirdly, the reconstructed interchanges of I-75 at both Twelve Mile and Fourteen Mile roads should use the single point design. We believe that design is more efficient and will function best with our FAST-TRAC signal system.

Finally, there are freeway interchanges with several county roads: Twelve Mile Road, Fourteen Mile Road, Big Beaver Road, Long Lake Road, Crooks Road, and Adams Road. It is essential that design review and collaboration take place with our Engineering/Design staff. If additional right-of-way is required along any of the county roads, consultation is important to ensure the purchased parcels meet the guidelines of our master right-of-way plan, and ultimately end up in the proper hands. Please contact Tom Blust, director of Engineering, for coordination on both issues.

**Board of Road Commissioners**

Larry P. Crake  
Chairman

Richard G. Skarriff  
Vice-Chairman

Rudy D. Lazano  
Commissioner

Brent D. Bair  
Managing Director

Gerald M. Holmberg  
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County Highway Engineer

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Beverly Hills, MI  
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Ms. Sue Datta  
August 22, 2002  
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Should interchange construction result in work along county roads and require a county permit, please contact Bill McEntee, director of Permits & Environmental Concerns for consultation and procedures.

Thank you for providing this opportunity to offer comments at an early stage on this important project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brent O. Bair".

Brent O. Bair  
Managing Director

c: Gerald Holmberg  
Brian Blaesing  
Tom Blust  
Bill McEntee

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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
LANSING

JOHN ENGLER  
GOVERNOR

September 16, 2002



Ms. Sue Datta  
Michigan Department of Transportation  
Metro Region Office  
18101 West Nine Mile Rd  
Southfield, MI 48075

**RE: I-75 Improvement Project**

Dear Ms. Datta:

The location of the proposed project was checked against known localities for natural features. Unique natural features are recorded in a statewide database. This continuously updated database is a comprehensive source of existing data on Michigan's endangered, threatened, or otherwise significant plant and animal species, natural plant communities, and other natural features. Records in the database indicate that a qualified observer has documented the presence of special natural features at a site. The absence of records in the database for a particular site may mean that the site has not been surveyed. Records are not always up-to-date, and may require verification. In some cases, the only way to obtain a definitive statement on the status of natural features is to have a competent biologist perform a complete field survey.

Under Act 451 of 1994, the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Part 365, Endangered Species Protection, "a person shall not take, possess, transport, ...fish, plants, and wildlife indigenous to the state and determined to be endangered or threatened," unless first receiving an Endangered Species Permit from the Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Division. *Responsibility to protect endangered and threatened species is not limited to the list below. Other species may be present that have not been recorded in the database.*

The presence of threatened or endangered species does not preclude activities or development, but may require alterations in the project plan. Special concern species are not protected under endangered species legislation, but recommendations regarding their protection may be provided. Protection of special concern species will help prevent them from declining to the point of being listed as threatened or endangered in the future. If the project is located on or adjacent to wetlands, inland lakes, or streams, additional permits may be required. Contact the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Land and Water Management Division, P.O. Box 30473, Lansing, MI 48909 (517-373-1170).

The following is a summary of the results for the project in Oakland County, I-75 from T3N R10E Section 26 south to T1N R11E Section 36:

The project should have no impact on rare or unique natural features at the location specified above if it proceeds according to the plans provided. Please contact me for an evaluation if the project plans are changed.

Thank you for your advance coordination in addressing the protection of Michigan's natural resource heritage. Responses and correspondence can be sent to: Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Division – Natural Heritage Program, PO Box 30180, Lansing, MI 48909. If you have further questions, please call me at 517-373-1263.

Sincerely,

Lori G. Sargent  
Endangered Species Specialist  
Wildlife Division

LGS:kpg



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
LANSING

JOHN ENGLER  
GOVERNOR

DAN WYANT  
DIRECTOR



September 18, 2002

Sue Datta, Project Manager  
MDOT, Metro Region Office  
18101 West Nine Mile Road  
Southfield, Michigan 48075

Dear Ms. Datta:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this preliminary phase of the planning and environmental study for the proposed widening of an 18-mile section of I-75 between 8 Mile Road and M-59 in Oakland County.

Since the widening of I-75 is to be accomplished largely within the existing right-of-way in a highly developed traffic corridor, little or no adverse impacts to agriculture are anticipated. However, we ask that you contact Mr. John McCulloch, Oakland County Drain Commissioner (phone: 248-858-0958), as you undertake your "drainage study" in order to avoid adverse impacts to established county and inter-county drainage systems.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Dan Wyant  
Director



JOHN ENGLER  
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY, ARTS AND LIBRARIES  
LANSING

DR. WILLIAM ANDERSON  
DIRECTOR

October 1, 2002

MARGARET BARONDESS  
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
425 WEST OTTAWA  
PO BOX 30050  
LANSING MI 48909

RE: ER-02-293 I-75 Improvements, 8 Mile road to M-59, Oakland County (FHWA)

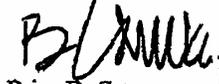
Dear Ms. Barondeas:

Under the authority of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, we have reviewed and approve the parameters determined by MDOT for the area of potential effects (APE) and inventory work for the above-cited project.

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is not the office of record for this undertaking. You are therefore asked to maintain a copy of this letter with your environmental review record for this undertaking. If the scope of work changes in any way, or if artifacts or bones are discovered, please notify this office immediately.

If you have any questions, please contact Martha MacFarlane Fees, Environmental Review Coordinator, at (517) 335-2721. Please reference our project number in all communication with this office regarding this undertaking. Thank you for this opportunity to review and comment, and for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

  
Brian D. Conway  
State Historic Preservation Officer

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