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Scoping

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Those who attended and those who responded to the scoping materials are so noted in the list. Responses follow at the end of Appendix C.

FEDERAL AGENCIES

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Also Attending

Pat Alexander, then Brandon Township Supervisor
Jakki Sidge, Manager, Village of Goodrich

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Correspondence Received in Response to Scoping

1. October 20, 2000 – Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division
2. October 26, 2000 – US Department of the Interior, US Fish and Wildlife Service
3. October 30, 2000 – Michigan Department of State, State Historic Preservation Office
4. October 31, 2000 – Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Division
5. November 29, 2000 – Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Surface Water Quality Division
6. November 29, 2000 – US Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5
7. November 30, 2000 – Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Land & Water Management Division
8. December 1, 2000 – Southeast Michigan Council of Governments
9. April 3, 2001 - Michigan Department of State, State Historic Preservation Office
10. April 17, 2001 - Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Division
11. June 26, 2001 - Michigan Department of State, State Historic Preservation Office
12. September 26, 2001 - Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Land & Water Management Division
13. November 26, 2001 – Michigan Department of State, State Historic Preservation Office

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RUSSELL J. HARDING, Director

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October 20, 2000

Mr. Ted Stone
The Corradino Group
First Trust Centre, Suite 300 North
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Dear Mr. Stone:

This is in response to your letter of October 2, 2000, concerning the development of environmental documents for proposed improvements to highway M-15, in Oakland and Genesee Counties, Michigan. Both counties are currently classified "attainment" for all National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

Through a Memorandum of Agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation, the review of environmental analyses of this type are to be performed by the appropriate Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) rather than our agency. The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments is the designated MPO for transportation issues in Oakland County, and the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission acts as the MPO for Genesee County. Your request for input concerning potential environmental impacts that may result from this project should be directed to those organizations.

If you have any further questions, please contact Mr. Robert Rusch, of our staff, at 517-373-7041.

Sincerely,

Dennis M. Drake, Chief
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DMD:RAR:DB

cc: Mr. Robert Rusch, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality



IN REPLY REFER TO:

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FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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October 26, 2000

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Louisville, Kentucky 40202

Re: Review of the Scoping Document for M-15 from I-75 to I-69 in Oakland and Genesee Counties, Michigan

Dear Mr. Stone:

We have reviewed the subject document dated September 2000 and offer the following comments relative to potential impacts of the proposed action on fish, wildlife, and wetland resources. These comments are prepared under authority of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act and are consistent with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Mitigation Policy, Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act) as amended, and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 as amended.

NEPA and Section 404 Comments

Any build alternative will likely result in the filling of wetland habitat. We expect to see forthcoming NEPA documents disclose measures that will avoid and minimize wetland impacts. You should also locate wetland mitigation sites as close to wetland impacts as practicable, constructed in advance, or concurrently with any road and bridge construction. We typically request completion of a conceptual comprehensive wetland mitigation and monitoring plan well before Michigan Department of Environmental Quality permit application, and included in any forthcoming NEPA documents.

A comprehensive mitigation and monitoring plan that fulfills Service mitigation goals would contain, but not be limited to, the following elements:

- o Disclosure of proposed wetland habitat mitigation ratios. We typically recommend a *minimum* of 1.5 acres replaced for every acre of emergent and scrub/shrub wetland habitat type lost and a *minimum* of 2.0 acres replaced for every acre of forested wetland habitat type lost due to the proposed action. Wetlands of special value may require higher mitigation ratios.
- o A commitment to insure that wetland mitigation sites are compatible with adjacent land uses.

- o A commitment that mitigation site plans include a *minimum* 30 m (50 ft) buffer zone for boundaries not adjacent to existing wetlands.
- o A plan to control the establishment of undesirable exotic and invasive plant species such as purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*), common buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica*), and reed grass (*Phragmites australis*).
- o A plan, with performance criteria, to monitor the progress and verify success of the wetland habitat mitigation following construction for a period of six years for emergent and scrub/shrub wetlands, and ten years for forested wetlands. The plan should include a monitoring protocol that includes a timetable for the habitat monitoring such as time of year and the frequency of sampling. Annual monitoring reports should be submitted to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ). Termination of monitoring after the 6 year/10 year period would be contingent upon MDEQ concurrence that the wetland mitigation site exhibits a strong likelihood of successful replacement of the impacted wetland habitat's functions and values.
- o A plan to implement appropriate measures for correcting or improving the biological productivity of the wetland mitigation habitats in the event that performance criteria are not met, for the duration of the monitoring period. This would include planting desirable hydrophytic vegetation, controlling exotic and invasive plant species, and implementing other measures, as necessary, to achieve successful mitigation.
- o A commitment to protect, in perpetuity, the wetland habitat mitigation areas by a full conservation easement recorded as a deed restriction as soon as possible after mitigation sites are secured.
- o A commitment that the Conceptual Wetland Mitigation Plan would be made available for review by the Service, and approved, at least 90 days before applying for necessary permits.

Further, we recommend utilizing prior converted historical wetland areas or land with a water table near the surface for mitigation construction to the maximum extent possible. This would reduce construction costs and increase the likelihood of success for a functioning mitigative wetland.

Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act Comments

We may conduct a separate and additional evaluation pursuant to the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act if the project requires a permit from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality or the Army Corps of Engineers. In the review of these permit applications, we may concur (with or without stipulations) or recommend denial of a permit for the activity depending on potential effects. We would likely not oppose issuance of required permits