

Jobs Today Initiative and SAFETEA-LU Earmark Project Investments

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JOBS TODAY: In support of Governor Granholm's Jobs Today Initiative, the Michigan Department of Transportation will add an additional \$418 million of near-term bonding to its 2006-2010 Five Year Transportation Program. The additional revenues will be utilized to advance system preservation projects and the construction of critical capacity increase projects. In addition to stimulating job growth, this investment will enable continued progress towards achieving and sustaining our state trunkline pavement condition goals.

SAFETEA-LU EARMARKS: SAFETEA-LU contained \$643 million worth of congressionally-designated projects and earmarks for Michigan. Of this amount, approximately \$189 million was designated for MDOT highway projects and approximately \$251 million was designated for local agency highway projects. The remaining \$203 million was designated for transit-related projects. Twenty-six MDOT highway projects received funding earmarks within SAFETEA-LU. Of this amount, \$22 million was already programmed in the department's current Five Year Program.

MDOT Construction Projects

The SAFETEA-LU projects when combined with the additional funding from the Jobs Today Initiative will create positive construction related benefits for every region of Michigan, from I-75 in the Upper Peninsula to I-94 in Kalamazoo. Specifically, the following projects will proceed to construction within the next five years.

Shaded projects will utilize Jobs Today Funding

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Benzie	M-168 reconstruction in the Village of Elberta	\$1,760,000	CON is planned for 2010	\$2,112,000	Funds will be used to reconstruct this portion of M-168. Following completion of this project, this roadway will be jurisdictionally transferred to the Village of Elberta.
Calhoun	I-94 Business Loop	\$0	PE, ROW, CON	\$8,000,000	Jobs Today bond funding will be used to design and construct the I-94 BL project from I-194 to Elm, north to Michigan in Battle Creek.
Isabella	Isabella Road Extension (Mt. Pleasant)	\$0	PE, ROW, CON	\$1,000,000	This project will utilize Job Today bond funds to provide improved access to US-127 and the US-127BR by extending Isabella Road and relieving congestion on Mission Street.
Kalamazoo	Reconstruct and widen I-94 in Kalamazoo	\$40,800,000	CON	\$78,400,000	Funds will be combined committed MDOT preservation funds to widen and reconstruct the first phase of the I-94 improvement project from US-131 to Oakland Drive in Kalamazoo.
Kent	US-131 BR / Michigan Street Improvements	\$0	PE, ROW, CON	\$4,000,000	This project will construct operational improvements so that improved access can be provided to the Life Science corridor medical facilities being constructed in downtown Grand Rapids. These developments will support approximately 2,150 new jobs in the medical science fields. These funds will be used to lengthen and widen the Michigan Street bridge over US-131BR.
Kent	Replacement of the interchange at 44th Street and US 131 in Grand Rapids	\$7,200,000	CON	\$4,000,000	MDOT and the City of Wyoming have been working together for several years to develop improvement plans for this interchange. MDOT will use a portion of these federal funds to meet a prior commitment to rehabilitate the 44th Street bridge. The remainder of the cost (estimated at \$12 million) to construct a single point urban interchange will be funded locally.

Kent / Ottawa	Design, ROW and Construction of the I-196 Chicago Drive (Baldwin Street) Interchange Modification	\$17,880,000	ROW, CON	\$44,100,000	SAFETEA-LU funds will be used to advance design and right-of-way acquisition phases once early preliminary engineering is completed. Construction will be completed utilizing funds from the Jobs Today bond initiative.
Lapeer	Widening of M-24 from two lanes to a four lane boulevard from Pratt Road to I-69	\$800,000	CON was already committed in 2006	\$34,200,000	Funds will be combined with committed MDOT capacity increase and Jobs Today funds to construct Pratt Road to I-69 segment in 2006.
Livingston	M-59, East of I-96 to Michigan Avenue, Livingston County	\$0	CON	\$35,300,00	Jobs Today bond funds will be used to widen M-59 to a four-lane boulevard from east of I-96 to Michigan Avenue in Howell.
Mackinac	Reconstruct I-75 from North of US-2 to Sault St. Marie and reconstruct the existing roadway.	\$6,000,000	CON is planned for 2006	\$13,000,000	Funds will be combined with MDOT committed preservation funds to rehabilitate I-75 from M-134 to the north Mackinac County line. These funds will be used for a grade lift, extending the proposed fix-life of the improvement from 12 years to 20 years.
Manistee	Reconfiguration of US 31 from the Manistee Bascule Bridge to Lincoln Street in the city of Manistee	\$600,000	PE, CON	\$600,000	Funds will be used to implement operational improvements identified as part of a recently completed access management study along US-31.
Oakland	I-96 Wixom Road Interchange	\$2,400,000	Partial Design, ROW, CON	\$70,000,000	SAFETEA-LU and other discretionary earmarks will be utilized to advance a portion of the right-of-way acquisition phase for the I-96/Wixom Road interchange. The remaining right-of-way and construction activities will be completed using bond funds from the Jobs Today Initiative. Design work on this project will resume in 2006, if the legislature passes a supplemental appropriations bill that restores MDOT funding cuts and vetoed road funding without special interest earmarking.
Oakland	Construction of the I-696 and Northwestern Highway Interchange Freeway ramps at Franklin Road in Southfield	\$4,600,000	CON was already committed in 2006	\$20,450,000	Funds will be combined with committed MDOT capacity increase funds to construct this interchange access improvement project.
Statewide	Advancement of over 100 preservation jobs statewide	\$0	CON	\$268,531,090	Jobs Today bonding funds will be used to advance over 100 preservation projects. This investment will assist in helping the department meet its 2007 road and bridge condition goals.
Washtenaw	I-94 Baker Road interchange, Washtenaw County	\$0	CON	\$9,500,000	Jobs Today bonding funds will be used to reconstruct and improve this interchange
Wayne	Repair M-10 corridor from I-696 to downtown Detroit	\$800,000	CON was already committed in 2007	\$10,000,000	Funds will be combined with 2007 committed MDOT preservation funds to rehabilitate M-10 between Greenfield and I-94.
Wexford	Design, ROW and construction of passing relief lanes and improvements necessary on M-55, between M-37 and M-115	\$1,760,000	PE, CON	\$2,100,000	Funds will be used to design and construct this passing relief project along M-55 in Wexford County.
SAFETEA-LU EARMARKS WITH PLANNED CONSTRUCTION:		\$84,600,000			

MDOT Existing Pre-Construction Commitments (Projects in Current or Previous Five-Year Programs)

SAFETEA-LU earmarks were also provided for several MDOT projects that have on-going pre-construction activities such as early preliminary engineering, design, or right-of-way acquisition. The department will continue to work with appropriate local, regional and federal transportation stakeholders over the next five-years to develop strategies to spend these earmarked funds in a manner that meets and/or builds upon MDOT's Five-Year Program commitments.

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Grand Traverse	M-72/US-31 Intersection Improvement	\$2,000,000	PE, ROW, CON	Funds will be used to improve the M-72 corridor at the US-31 intersection. Funds will be used for right-of-way acquisition consistent with on-going design along the US-127 corridor. MDOT will be unable to spend any funds to advance this project during 2006, unless the legislature passes a supplemental appropriations bill that restores MDOT funding cuts and vetoed road funding without special interest earmarking. If such changes are made, investment in this project can resume in 2006.
Gratiot	US-127 from Ithaca to St. Johns	\$4,000,000	Partial design and partial ROW	MDOT will develop a strategy to spend these funds to advance a strategic segment of the I-94 Modernization study once the environmental clearance phase is completed in early 2006.
Jackson	I-94 Modernization Project in Jackson	\$12,800,000	Early Preliminary Engineering	The department will utilize these earmarked funds to construct a new Latson Road bridge over I-96 once the needed right-of-way has been provided from local sources. MDOT will be unable to spend any funds to advance this project during 2006, unless the legislature passes a supplemental appropriations bill that restores MDOT funding cuts and vetoed road funding without special interest earmarking. If such changes are made, investment in this project can resume in 2006.
Livingston	I-96 at Latson Road Interchange Improvements	\$4,800,000	Pending local ROW acquisition	The department will work with the City of Warren and other appropriate transportation stakeholders to develop an appropriate strategy for the use of these earmarked funds.
Macomb	Construct road improvements to Van Dyke Road, from I-696 to Red Run Drain, City of Warren	\$8,000,000	PE, CON	The HPP funds will be used to initiate design work and right-of-way preservation for priority segments within the corridor, pending completion and approval of the environmental clearance phase.
Ottawa	US-31 between Holland and Grand Haven	\$7,200,000	PE, ROW	Funds will be used to proceed with completing the required federal Interchange Access Justification Study and subsequent project phases consistent with funding.
Saginaw	Study access modifications at I-675 and M-13	\$10,000,000	Feasibility Study	Funds will be used to initiate design and acquire right-of-way for strategic parcels once the environmental clearance phase has been completed.
St. Clair	Blue Water Bridge Plaza improvements and relocation of segments of I-94 and I-69	\$43,000,000	EPE, PE, ROW	Funds will be used to complete EPE, and design for this bridge widening project.
Wexford	US-131 Manistee River Bridge Widening, Wexford County	\$3,000,000	EPE, PE, CON deferred	
SAFETEA-LU Pre-Construction Related Earmarks:		\$94,800,000		

MDOT New Studies/Projects

SAFETEA-LU earmarks were also provided to initiate new studies or projects that were not previously included within the department's Five Year Transportation Program. The department will work cooperatively with its local, regional and federal transportation stakeholders to develop specific strategies on how to spend these earmarks consistent with state and local priorities. MDOT will also work with its transportation stakeholders on these projects agencies to complete the appropriate project development steps in order to best assure the transportation needs of the entire state are met.

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Crawford	Redesignates TEA-21 HPP funds to provide for a Grayling Transportation Needs Study and complete I-75 interchange improvements.	\$1,125,000	Feasibility Study	Unknown	The Northeast Michigan Council of Governments will administer the local study to identify future transportation improvements for the local road system. MDOT will work with its transportation stakeholders to identify trunkline operational improvements that can be implemented with the remaining balance of funds.
Emmet	Redesignates TEA-21 HPP funds to provide for a Petoskey Transportation Needs Study and complete operational improvements.	\$1,125,000	Feasibility Study	Unknown	The Northwest Michigan Council of Governments will administer this study to identify future transportation improvements for the local road system. MDOT will work with transportation stakeholders to identify trunkline operational improvements that can be implemented with the remaining balance of funds.
Muskegon	Study access improvements in the vicinity of I-96 / US 31 - Sternberg area improvements	\$2,000,000	Feasibility Study	Unknown	These funds will initially be used to complete a detailed study to identify feasible operational improvements in the trunkline interchange area (US-31/I-96/Sternberg Road). MDOT will utilize the remaining funds to implement recommendations of this study.
Muskegon	Study transportation system alternatives in the vicinity of US-31/M-46	\$2,800,000	Feasibility Study	Unknown	These funds will be used to study and identify feasible improvement options for state and/or local roads to enhance traffic operations and access to this area.
Saginaw	M-13 Washington Avenue Streetscape Project. Phase II of High Priority Project 192 in Pub. L 105-550. City of Saginaw.	\$1,200,000	PE, CON	Unknown	Funds will be used to design and construct this streetscape project along M-13 in the city of Saginaw.
Wayne	Construct railroad grade separation on M-85 (Fort street) North of Van Horn Road, Trenton	\$1,600,000	Feasibility Study	Unknown	These funds will be used to conduct a feasibility study to assess the impacts associated with constructing a grade separated crossing at this location.
TOTAL ALL EARMARKS RESULTING IN NEW STUDIES:		\$9,850,000			
TOTAL ALL MDOT SAFETEA-LU EARMARKS:		\$189,250,000			

Investment Summary

A safe, well maintained and efficient transportation system provides the backbone for all economic activity within the State of Michigan. By deploying the JOBS Today Initiative and utilizing the available SAFETEA-LU earmarks at approximately 90% obligation authority, the Michigan Department of Transportation will invest almost \$618 million (*\$418 million Jobs Today, \$200 million SAFETEA -U earmarks at approximately 90% obligation authority as well as the required 20% match*) in the state's trunkline highway system over the next five years. Through these investments MDOT estimates it will support 11,000 jobs over the next five years and will create a safer and more efficient transportation system for the residents, businesses and visitors of the State of Michigan.

2006-2010 ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL INVESTMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH JOBS TODAY & SAFETEA-LU EARMARKS:	\$618,000,000
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