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The Honorable Shirley Johnson, Chair  
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee  
on Transportation  
Michigan State Senate  
P.O. Box 30036  
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The Honorable Scott Shackleton, Chair  
House Appropriations Subcommittee  
on Transportation  
Michigan House of Representatives  
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Dear Senator Johnson and Representative Shackleton:

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is committed to conducting pavement demonstration projects in order to evaluate new construction methods, materials, or design, and to incorporate any findings from such into our standard practices. Enrolled Senate Bill 563 gives authority to MDOT to conduct such projects.

A pavement demonstration project can consist of constructing an entirely new pavement design or specifically address certain aspects of a pavement design. MDOT has identified pavement needs that may be addressed by a demonstration project program. In addition, MDOT will continue to partner with the paving industries to identify any new paving technologies or methodologies that may improve the overall use of tax dollars.

To date, no projects have been constructed under the pavement demonstration law. Potential projects have been identified, but have not been let for construction. Therefore, at this time there is no reporting of actual demonstration projects as required by Enrolled Senate Bill 563.

Sincerely,

Gloria J. Jeff  
Director

cc: Gary S. Olson, Director, Senate Fiscal Agency  
Mitchell Bean, Director, House Fiscal Agency  
Senator James A. Barcia, Minority Vice Chair  
Representative Rich Brown, Minority Vice Chair