

Sec. 603. It is the intent of the legislature that the department shall use traffic congestion as 1 of the criteria in determining the priorities for designating which roads shall be remediated in its 5-year road plan, which must be submitted on or before February 1, 2002. Criteria for evaluating traffic congestion shall include, but not be limited to, coordination with local, county, and regional planning, improvement in traffic operations, improvement in physical roadway conditions, accident reduction, and coordination with area public transportation planning.

The Michigan Department of Transportation utilizes a prioritization model that addresses traffic congestion to help determine the priorities for designating which roads shall be remediated in the 5 Year Road & Bridge Program. "Cost per Vehicle Miles of Travel (VMT) per Year" is one of eight different measures given a weighted score in the department's preserve prioritization model. This measure is made up of three components: cost of the project, the VMT within the project limits, and the fix life of the project. The VMT is calculated by multiplying the length of the project by the Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT).