The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is responsible for overseeing and maintaining a vast infrastructure. MDOT customers are Michigan’s residents, businesses and visitors who expect transportation professionals to manage transportation assets in an effective, efficient and reliable manner. They rely on us to be good stewards of the resources entrusted to us. MDOT accomplishes this through a process known as asset management.

The asset management process is predicated on the principles of stewardship of public resources, accountability to customers and continuous improvement. It is based on managing for results by focusing on performance.

As noted by the organization, National Performance Review, “Most public managers work in environments that have echoed for years with rising demands for performance, accountability, and results. Citizens and elected officials are demanding tangible returns on the dollars they invest. Managers at every level of the intergovernmental system are moving toward improved accountability by managing for results.”

As good stewards, we can no longer be content to simply account for assets. Rather, we must aggressively ensure proper use and performance of those assets.

This booklet introduces you to MDOT’s transportation asset management process. It will show you that asset management is the way we do business!

**MDOT Transportation Assets - 1999**

- 9,700 Miles of state highway
- 5,670 Bridges and culverts
- More than 700 miles of railroad
- 215 Carpool lots
- 2,400 Trucks, vans and cars
- 450,000 Signs; 4,025 traffic & 12,328 freeway lights
- 8 Million feet of guardrail and 4,500 miles of fence
- 105 Garage, sign, maintenance/service & storage buildings
- One Central Office, 7 region offices, 25 transportation service centers
- 83 Safety rest areas and 13 Welcome Centers
- 85 Roadside Parks, 27 scenic turnouts, 41 picnic sites
- 163 Pumphouses, 188 water wells
- 54 Sewage disposal facilities & 64,000 catch basins
- 40,500 Acres that must be maintained
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