

## **MDOT US 31/M-37 Division Street Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Process**

- Project Area: Division Street (US 31) from 14<sup>th</sup> Street to Grandview Parkway; 1.2 miles
- MDOT received MI Roads and Risk Reserve Funds to implement this PEL project.
- Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL)  
This is an approach to transportation decision-making that helps the State Department of Transportation, local governments and agencies consider environmental issues early in the transportation planning process and use the information and analysis conducted in planning to design.
  - a. Address complex environmental challenges early and avoid environmentally sensitive natural resources.
  - b. Design projects that meet mobility, environmental, and community needs.
  - c. Minimize duplication of efforts and data.

This project development process will include:

- a) Developing a purpose and need
  - b) Engaging the community, the resource agencies, and stakeholders, and
  - c) Decision making criteria that will be developed for evaluating project alternatives to arrive at recommendations that will have the least impact to the historic/cultural, environmental, and residential areas.
- The Process will use a collaborative and integrated approach to select future transportation improvements that:
    - 1) Consider environmental, community and economic goals.
    - 2) Uses the information, analysis and products developed during the process to inform the environmental review process.
    - 3) Develop a project purpose and need, and alternatives for the corridor, and
    - 4) Look at the feasibility of each alternative moving towards the preferred alternative.
  - The City has created several proposal concepts for Division Street over the years and this project will compile all the recommendations, utilize the stakeholders, the public, and experts to research and decide what fits this road and this community.