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Mr. David Worthams, Legislative Associate
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Dear Mr. Niemela and Mr. Worthams:

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) Project Signing

After much discussion, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will continue with the practice of including signs on all projects indicating that the projects are funded fully or in part by the Recovery Act. The intent of the signs is to provide transparency and enable taxpayers to see where Recovery Act dollars are being spent.

Many local agencies have voiced their concern regarding the cost for the additional signage. In an effort to mitigate this situation, we have set forth the following criteria:

- Urban projects and projects with a duration of less than one week, have a total cost less than \$100,000 or are less than a half mile in length will be allowed to use the smaller (60") detail sign.
- Each Transportation Service Center (TSC) will have two signs available for use on small projects. These will be deployed on a first come first served basis. Please contact your TSC Delivery Engineer for scheduling the use of these signs. If a local agency uses these signs, it is expected that you will pick them up just prior to start of your project and return the signs promptly upon the completion of the work so they can be available for the next project. Since MDOT can not guarantee the availability of these signs, we will continue to bid the appropriate signs in each contract and delete them from the contract if used.

If you have any additional questions regarding the signing requirements for Recovery Act projects, please contact either the Local Agency Programs staff engineer reviewing your design package or the local TSC.

Sincerely,

Bradley C. Wieferich, P.E.
Engineer of Design