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Dear Dr. Saab and Mr. Niemela:

Thank you for your response to my letter regarding the use of Transportation Economic Development (TEDF) Category D funds for preventive maintenance activities. Based on your recommendation and the authority granted under P.A. 231 of 1987 to establish policies and guidelines for the use of TEDF Category D funding, I am approving a change to the current policy to allow preventive maintenance activities that will upgrade Category D eligible roadways in order to maintain all-season status on those roadways. Due to the volume of applications already received in relation to the limited funds available, I cannot approve a similar change to the Category F program.

The Office of Economic Development has held discussions within MDOT to develop guidelines for the use and implementation of Category D (federal and state) funding to support preventive maintenance activities. In addition, we spoke with several road agencies regarding guidelines for implementing a policy change.

The guidelines for the use of Category D funds for Preventive Maintenance projects are as follows:

- Eligible projects shall be on existing all-season roadways
- Eligible projects shall be on roadways designated by the appropriate Rural Task Force as part of the county's Category D system
- Eligible maintenance activities are those defined as Preventive Maintenance in the *Michigan Department of Transportation Local Agency Programs Guidelines for Geometrics* of current adoption
- Routine maintenance activities are not allowed

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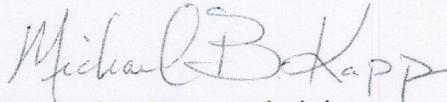
- All projects must be implemented in the same manner as projects using federal Surface Transportation Program funding

Please be aware that my office may review this policy periodically in order to assess its effectiveness.

In these financially difficult times, we are excited to partner with you in expanding the use of these funds. We are confident that this change in policy will allow you to keep your all-season system functioning at the highest level to serve the needs of our transportation users.

If you have any further questions, please contact Michael Leon, TEDF Program Manager, at (517) 241-2568 or leonm@michigan.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael B. Kapp". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Michael B. Kapp, Administrator
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