

Purpose/Business Case: MDOT's Bridge Preservation Program goal is to have 95% of freeway bridges and 85% of non-freeway bridges under MDOT's jurisdiction in good condition by 2007. The Program focuses on repairing the worst bridges first and extending the life of bridges to keep them in good condition.

Benefit: MDOT attempts to maximize benefits by using an asset management philosophy that develops programs that are prioritized projects based on such factors as traffic volume, cost/benefit, ride quality, safety, user savings, maintenance savings, and condition of bridges.

Funding Source:

87413A

State Restricted Trunkline Funds 100 %

Commitment Level: The contract cost is not fixed. It is based on the engineer's best estimate of probable construction cost. The contract's final cost will be based on actual quantities built in the field and unit prices bid by the contractor.

Risk Assessment: The deterioration of the existing State trunkline bridges, reduced safety, and increased vehicle maintenance and operational costs to the motoring public.

Cost Reduction: Reduced roadway maintenance costs.

Selection: Low bid.

New Project Identification: Rehabilitation.

Zip Code: 49202.

In accordance with MDOT's policies and procedures and subject to concurrence by the Federal Highway Administration, the preparation and award of the appropriate documents approved by the Attorney General, and compliance with all legal and fiscal requirements, the Director recommends for approval by the State Administrative Board the item on this agenda.

The approval by the State Administrative Board of this contract does not constitute the award of same. The award of contracts shall be made at the discretion of the Director-Department of Transportation when the aforementioned requirements have been met. Subject to exercise of that discretion, I approve the contract described in this agenda and authorize its award by the responsible management staff of MDOT to the extent authorized by, and in accordance with, the December 14, 1983, resolution of the State Transportation Commission and the Director's delegation memorandum of May 17, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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