

The Michigan Department of Transportation's Truck Safety Turnout Program has been a major success. In a recently taken poll, the Michigan Timberman's Association found their membership appreciated and regularly used the truck safety turnouts that have been constructed. The truck drivers feel the additional truck safety turnouts built to check their loads have made traveling on the state trunk line system safer for themselves and the general public.

The truck drivers are well informed of the truck safety turnout system and its individual locations and have taken an active role in consulting MDOT on future turnout locations. Four additional sites have been identified as a top priority by the Timberman's Association and will be constructed in the next two to three years.

The Superior Region has made a point of including truck safety turnouts when possible in their existing road construction projects and have used existing maintenance agreement contracts with county road commissions to lower construction costs. The region has utilized the \$40,000 legislatively earmarked for the program to construct two truck safety turnouts in fiscal year 2000 and will construct two more in fiscal year 2001.

The Superior Region and the Michigan Timberman's Association have built a strong working relationship while planning and constructing the truck safety turnout system and hope the earmarked funding of the program will continue.

### **Existing Truck Safety Turnout Locations**

South bound US-141 just north of US-2, (Iron County)  
North bound US-141 just north of US-2, (Iron County)  
East bound M-69 Just west of M-95, (Dickinson County)  
West bound US-2 just west of the east US-2/M64 north intersection, (Gogebic County)  
North bound M-117 just north of M-28, (Luce County)  
South bound M-117 just north of M-28, (Luce County)  
South bound M-77 just north of M-28, (Schoolcraft County)  
West bound M-28 just east of the Dafter railroad crossing and just west of the I-75 interchange,  
(Chippewa County)

### **Truck Safety Turnouts to be constructed this year**

East bound M-69 just north of US-2  
South bound M-95 just north of US-2

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- 1) M-69 CS21011 East Bound Direction as Approaching US-2 Intersection  
(Stand Alone Construction in 2001). \*
- 2) M-95 CS 22012 South Bound Direction as Approaching US-2 Intersection  
(Stand Alone Construction in 2001). \*
- 3) US-41 CS02011 North Bound Direction @ M-67 Near Trenary  
(Stand Alone Construction in 2002). \*
- 4) M-123 CS17011 Easterly M-123 Junction @ M-28, South of Eckerman on South  
Side of Road. (Stand Alone Construction in 2002).\*
- 5) US-2 CS 36021 East Bound Direction on top of hill to the East of the South Branch  
of the Paint River (Can be included in project scheduled for 2002).
- 6) US-2 CS 27024 Just East of US-45 in the East Bound and West Bound Directions  
(Can be included in project scheduled for 2002).
- 7) M-28 CS 07022 West Bound Direction @ US-41; Delenes Junction.
- 8) US-141 CS07011 South Bound Direction @ M-28; Covington Junction.
- 9) US-2 CS 36051 South Bound Direction on top of Stager Lake Hill.
- 10) US-2 CS 27022 East Bound Direction East of Wakefield.

**\* Denotes Michigan Association of Timbermen Request.**