

## Resource Agency Consultation

The 2012 federal surface transportation legislation, the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) requires states to develop their long-range statewide transportation plans in consultation with state, tribal, and local agencies responsible for land use management, natural resources, environmental protection, conservation, and historic preservation. The consultation process includes a comparison of the draft plan to state and tribal conservation plans or maps, if available, and to inventories of natural and historic resources, if available. In addition, federal law requires states to include a discussion of potential environmental mitigation activities and potential areas in which to carry out these activities in their long-range statewide transportation plans. This discussion may be found in the *2040 MI Transportation Plan* [Environmental White Paper](#). These provisions are retained in 2015 federal surface transportation legislation, the 2015 Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act (Pub. L. No. 114-94).

This report provides a summary of the consultation activities the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) undertook with environmental resource agencies in developing the revision to the state long-range transportation plan, the *MI Transportation Plan*. A separate report discusses the consultation with Michigan's 12 federally recognized tribal governments.

As part of the outreach effort in revising the *MI Transportation Plan*, MDOT extended an invitation to the following state and federal resource agencies to participate in a webinar on Nov. 10, 2015:

### 1. Federal Agencies

- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- United States Forest Service (U.S. Forest Service)
- United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
- United States Fish and Wildlife Services
- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
- Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

### 2. State Agencies

- Michigan Natural Features Inventory (MNFI)
- Department of Environmental Quality - Air Quality, Permits, Wetlands, Water Quality (DEQ)
- Department of Natural Resources - Wildlife, Fisheries (DNR)
- State Historic Preservation Office
- Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD)

The objectives of the webinar were to provide a brief overview of the plan and reaffirmation, offer information about the comment solicitation process, and engage in an extended question/answer session with participants. At the conclusion of the webinar, participants were asked to complete an online survey. Regulatory and resource agencies had no comments on the update of the *MI Transportation Plan*.