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Gentlemen:

Announcement of Bridge Program Manager in Local Agency Programs

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is pleased to announce that it has hired Mr. Keith Cooper, P.E., as the Bridge Program Manager for the Local Agency Programs Unit. Keith has extensive bridge experience with MDOT and has been an employee of the department for 21 years. He received his Bachelor of Science in Construction Engineering from Lawrence Technological University in 1989. He has been a registered engineer in the State of Michigan since 2001.

Keith's focus with MDOT has been as a staff engineer in the Local Bridge Programs Unit. He oversees the design of local bridge projects performed by the local agencies or their consultants, and has reviewed hundreds of projects over the years, averaging 30 projects per year. He had previously worked for twelve years as a designer in MDOT's Bridge Design Unit.

We are confident Keith will excel as manager of this unit. He replaces Mark Harrison, P.E., former manager of the unit. We encourage you to contact Keith at (517) 373-2346 or cooperk@michigan.gov with questions and/or concerns regarding your bridge projects.

In addition, we are pleased to have acquired Keith's replacement, Mr. Pablo Rojas, as the staff engineer in the bridge area. Pablo can be contacted at (517) 373-2232 or rojasp@michigan.gov.

Sincerely,

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