

Good morning –

Based on Brad Sharlow’s recent promotion to the Congestion Management Specialist position within the Statewide and Urban Travel Analysis Section (SUTA), the Urban Model Unit now must make staff reassignments that Brad previously held within the Unit. The urban areas impacted are **SEMCOG, Benton Harbor/St. Joseph, Niles** and the oversight of the **Transportation Technical Committee**.

The following is a list of those staff members who will be absorbing Brad’s duties in addition to their current responsibilities:

Josh Grab will take over the leadership of the **Transportation Technical Committee (TTC)**. His responsibilities will include overall coordination of the TTC Committee members, working with the Michigan modelers and FHWA staff on training topics, Re-authorization technical requirements, and current/future modeling needs. If you have any questions regarding TTC related model/technical issues please contact Josh Grab at 517/335-1043 or GrabJ@Michigan.gov

Donna Wittl will now take over the responsibility of travel demand models for the **Niles and Benton Harbor/St. Joseph Urban Areas**. Her responsibilities will include all model related activities including development, maintenance, and producing model outputs. Donna will be the contact person for these urban areas and will primarily work with the Niles and Benton Harbor/St. Joseph staff and committee members, the MDOT Southwest Regional Staff, the Asset Management Division Staff, and Statewide Transportation Planning Division Staff within the Bureau of Transportation. If you have any questions regarding model related issues for these two urban areas, please contact Donna Wittl at 517/373-9049 or WittlD@Michigan.gov

Robert Maffeo and Jennifer Osborne will jointly become MDOT’s modeling liaisons for the **Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG)**. Their responsibilities will include coordination with SEMCOG staff on all model related activities, and act as a point of contact for MDOT related model requests. They will primarily work with the SEMCOG staff and committee members, the MDOT Metro and University Regional Staff, the Asset Management Division Staff, and Statewide Transportation Planning

Division within the Bureau of Transportation. If you have any questions regarding model related issues for SEMCOG, please contact Robert Maffeo at 517/335-2470 or MaffeoR@Michigan.gov , or Jennifer Osborne at 517/373-1989 or OsborneJ@Michigan.gov .

These changes will go into effect as of June 23, 2014. We hope to make this transition as seamless as possible.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you

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