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The Honorable Bill Hardiman, Chair
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The Honorable Lee Gonzales, Chair
House Appropriations Subcommittee
on Transportation
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The Honorable John Pappageorge, Chair
Joint Committee on Administrative Rules
P.O. Box 30036
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Dear Senators Hardiman and Pappageorge and Representative Gonzales:

Pursuant to section 263(1) of 2007 PA 129, attached is the Michigan Department of Transportation's (MDOT's) report on policy changes made to implement enacted legislation.

If you have any questions, please contact either me or Ron DeCook, MDOT's Director of Governmental Affairs, at (517) 373-3946

Sincerely,

Kirk T. Steudle
Director

Enclosure

cc: Senate & House Appropriations Subcommittees on Transportation
Joint Committee on Administrative Rules
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**POLICY CHANGES MADE TO IMPLEMENT ENACTED LEGISLATION
PURSUANT TO SECTION 263(1) OF 2007 PA 129**

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HB 4556 Amends section 11f of 1951 PA 51 by extending the let date for bid or construction deadline date for local federal match program fund to April 4, 2008.

Rep. Mayes
PA 27 of 2007 The program policy was adjusted to reflect the new deadline date.

HB 4979 Amends sections 1g and 9a of 1951 PA 51 by clarifying and broadening provisions related to the transportation asset management program. Requires the Asset Management Council to provide asset/pavement management education and training to state and local road agencies.

Rep. Hopgood
PA 199 of 2007 The Asset Management Council's policies are being adjusted to reflect the requirements of the statute.

SB 59 Amends section 9 of 1951 PA 51 by adding section 9c which creates a Transportation Funding Task Force to study all modes of transportation needs and finances in Michigan. The task force, with the assistance of a 19 member Citizens Advisory Committee, will review the current needs and finances and make recommendations for any changes to current policies, fees, and formulas for distributing transportation revenues.

Sen. Gilbert
PA 221 of 2007 The Task Force and Citizen Advisory Committee has been appointed and begun the review process as required by the statute.

SB 98 Amends section 10 of 1951 PA 51 by adding sections 10(13) and 10(14) which allows local road agencies to bond for eligible bridge projects that are listed on the Local Bridge Program.

Sen. Gilbert
PA 210 of 2007 The department is working with the Local Bridge Advisory Board to develop the criteria and implement the process by which Regional Bridge Councils may evaluate and determine what bridge projects are eligible.

SB 360 Amends section 11e of 1951 PA 51 by extending the let date for bid or construction deadline date for local federal match program fund to April 4, 2008.

Sen. Gilbert
PA 26 of 2007 The program policy was adjusted to reflect the new deadline date.