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The Honorable Bill Hardiman
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The Honorable Lee Gonzales
House Appropriations Subcommittee
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Michigan House of Representatives
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Dear Senator Hardiman and Representative Gonzales:

In accordance with PA 129 of 2007 Section 376, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is pleased to provide an update regarding the 17 reinstated Capacity Increase and New Road projects.

While it is important to note the status of the reinstated projects, it is also important to note that project activities continue for many of the projects that remain deferred. When the difficult decision was initially made to delay the development of these critical projects so that additional funding could be made available for necessary trunkline preservation work, many of these projects were in the midst of preconstruction project phases. At that time, MDOT staff were directed to complete ongoing project phases to allow the department to pause activities at a logical point in project development.

If you have any questions regarding the above information, please contact me or Susan Mortel, Director, Bureau of Transportation Planning, at 517-373-0343.

Sincerely,

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Director

Enclosure

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cc: Members of the House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Transportation



**FY 2008
MDOT Reinstated Projects
Legislative Update**

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INTRODUCTION:

This briefing provides an update on the status of the seventeen Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) projects which were reinstated in the fall of 2003. This brief has been prepared in accordance with PA 129 of 2007 Section 376. All cost and project status information is current as of October 2007. For each project, the following information has been provided.

Reinstated Projects Key:

- **Active Phase(s):** Provides an update of the current activities which are underway and expected completion date of that phase(s).
- **Reinstated amount:** Identifies the amount of funding reinstated towards the project in the fall of 2003.
- **Reinstated phases:** Identifies the phase toward which the aforementioned funds were reinstated.
- **Project committed through:** Identifies the phase which MDOT has committed to complete.
- **Deferred phase(s) status:** If a project has remaining deferred phases, a reference has also been included.

Phase Definitions:

Early Preliminary Engineering (EPE): Early Preliminary engineering is generally considered the environmental clearance phase. However, in certain instances the department may elect to complete a feasibility study as a precursor to environmental clearance. EPE will also include a portion of the necessary design to help in the evaluation of alternatives and identification of impacts.

Preliminary engineering (PE): Preliminary engineering is defined as the design phase. Early design is utilized to determine impacts and the necessary ROW to construct the project. Final design includes the completion of project plans necessary for the project letting.

Right-of-Way Acquisition (ROW): The acquisition of the necessary property to construct the project.

Construction: The physical construction of the project.

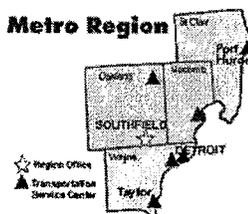
MDOT REINSTATED PROJECTS UPDATE

METRO REGION:

- Project:* **I-75/I-96, Ambassador Bridge Gateway Project, Detroit**
- J.N. 37785
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76501
- **Active Phase(s):** Construction has been completed on the first two phases of the project, involving road and bridge elements previously approved. The third phase that includes a new eastbound I-96 service drive from Michigan Avenue (US-12) southerly to Vernor Highway is currently under construction and will be completed in early 2007. Construction of the remaining phase, which includes construction of the mainline freeway and direct plaza access ramps, will begin in 2007. This project will also include construction of a signature pedestrian bridge connecting East and West Mexicantown across I-75/I-96, along with extensive landscaping and architectural treatments as part of the context sensitive design. Construction is scheduled to be completed in 2009.
 - **Reinstated amount:** \$45 million was reinstated in 2003. The funding provided was the additional amount necessary to complete the overall project at the time the project was reinstated. Subsequently, costs have increased due to various changes and delays. It is estimated that the cost to complete this project is approximately \$172 million.
 - **Reinstated phases:** Right of way acquisition and construction
 - **Project committed through:** Construction
- Project:* **M-53 Interchange, Van Dyke to M-53, City of Sterling Heights, Macomb County**
- J.N. 47197
- **Active Phase(s):** Construction of new interchange ramps to a local widening of 18-1/2 Mile Road has been completed.
 - **Reinstated amount:** Construction was reinstated for \$10.4 million.
 - **Reinstated phases:** Construction
 - **Project committed through:** Construction is complete
- Project:* **I-96 / Beck Road Interchange, Novi**
- J.N. 60074
60082
- **Active Phase(s):** Construction of this single point urban interchange is complete.
 - **Reinstated amount:** Construction was reinstated for \$46 million.
 - **Reinstated phases:** Right of way acquisition and construction
 - **Project committed through:** Construction is complete
- Project:* **I-696 / Franklin Road Interchange, Southfield**
- J.N. 54301
54303
- **Active Phase(s):** Construction was completed in 2007.
 - **Reinstated amount:** Construction was reinstated for \$20.45 million.
 - **Reinstated phases:** Construction
 - **Project committed through:** Construction is complete

- Project:* **M-59 / Adams Road Interchange, Rochester Hills**
- J.N. 77200
77201
- **Active Phase(s):** Construction of this project was completed and opened to traffic in June, 2005.
 - **Reinstated amount:** Construction was reinstated for \$18 million.
 - **Reinstated phases:** Right of way acquisition and construction
 - **Project committed through:** Construction is complete

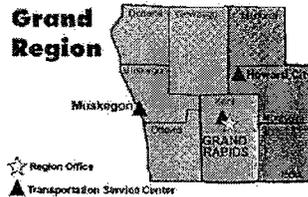
- Project:* **I-75, at Crooks Road and Long Lake Road, Troy**
- J.N. 49585
- **Active Phase(s):** The City of Troy has passed resolutions withdrawing support for the original interchange modification design. Consequently, MDOT is currently working with the City of Troy to evaluate operational-type improvements and will prepare a Categorical Exclusion (CE) for a recommended improvement.
 - **Reinstated amount:** The design phase was reinstated for \$4 million; however this will not be programmed until the operational study is completed.
 - **Reinstated phases:** Design (right of way acquisition is to be provided locally)
 - **Project committed through:** Environmental clearance, design and construction. Construction funding for interchange operational-type improvements will be identified in a future Five Year Program.



GRAND REGION:

- Project:* **I-196 /Chicago Drive (Baldwin Road) Interchange, Grand Rapids**
J.N. 46274
- **Active Phase(s):** Environmental clearance was completed in March 2006. Design and right of way acquisition activities are on-going. Portions of this project were let in 2007.
 - **Reinstated amount:** \$49.8 million was provided for design, right of way and construction activities from Jobs Today and SAFETEA LU.
 - **Reinstated phases:** Design, right of way, construction
 - **Project committed through:** Construction

- Project:* **I-96 / 36th Street Interchange, Grand Rapids**
J.N. 45271
- **Active Phase(s):** Construction was completed in October 2006. Now open to traffic.
 - **Reinstated amount:** \$20.4 million.
 - **Reinstated phases:** Design, right of way and construction
 - **Project committed through:** Construction is complete.



NORTH REGION:

- Project:* M-42, from old US-131 to new US-131, Manton
J.N. 58344
- **Active Phase(s):** Construction of this project was completed in late 2004
Reinstated amount: \$1.3 million.
 - **Reinstated phases:** Right of way and construction
 - **Project committed through:** Construction is complete

- Project:* M-72/US-31 Intersection, Traverse City
J.N. 52688
- **Active Phase(s):** SAFETEA-LU earmarked funds are being used to make improvements to the intersection of M-72 and US-31 in Acme. Construction was completed in 2007.
 - **Reinstated amount:** \$100,000 was originally reinstated, and \$2 million has been provided by SAFETEA-LU for improvements to the M-72/US-31 intersection.
 - **Reinstated phases:** Design, right of way and construction (for up to the amount included in SAFETEA-LU).
 - **Project committed through:** Construction is complete



SOUTHWEST REGION:

- Project:* **US-131, State Line to Lockport Twp., St. Joseph County**
J.N. 46269
- **Active Phase(s):** The 2006 State Supplemental Transportation Bill directed \$31 million to be used to build a Constantine bypass. Active phases include early preliminary engineering, design, right of way and construction.
 - **Reinstated amount:** \$31 million.
 - **Reinstated phases:** Early preliminary engineering, design, right of way and construction
 - **Project committed through:** Construction
 - **Deferred Phase(s):** None

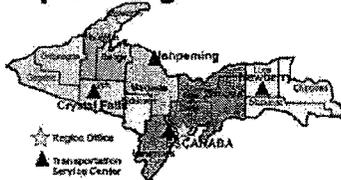
- Project:* **US-31, Napier to I-94, Berrien County**
J.N. 49719
- **Active Phase(s):** Environmental clearance was obtained from FHWA in 2004. The design and partial right of way activities will continue in 2008.
 - **Reinstated amount:** \$11.5 million.
 - **Reinstated phases:** Design, and partial right of way acquisition
 - **Project committed through:** Construction
 - **Deferred Phase(s):** The construction phase of this project has been deferred to a future Five-Year Program. Additional funding for the completion of right of way acquisition is needed as well.



SUPERIOR REGION:

- Project:* **US-2, Washington to Michigan Ave. in Iron Mountain**
- J.N. 55775*
- **Active Phase(s):** Construction was completed in 2005. This project widened this segment of US-2 to a five-lane facility.
 - **Reinstated amount:** \$7.5 million.
 - **Reinstated phases:** Right of way acquisition and construction
 - **Project committed through:** Construction is complete.

Superior Region



UNIVERSITY REGION:

- Project:* **M-59, East of I-96 to Michigan, Livingston County**
- J.N. 55918
48762*
- **Active Phase(s):** Environmental clearance was obtained in 2005. Design and right of way acquisition for the segment of M-59 from east of I-96 to Michigan Avenue was completed in 2006. Construction for this segment began in 2007 and will continue through 2008.
 - **Reinstated amount:** The Jobs Today initiative provided \$35.3 million
 - **Reinstated phases:** Design, right of way acquisition, and construction.
 - **Project committed through:** Construction
 - **Deferred Phase(s):** Construction of the segment of M-59 from east of Michigan Avenue to old US-23 is deferred to a future Five Year Program.

University Region

