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Dear Mr. Niemela and Mr. Hackbarth:

FINAL DELIVERY FOR THE LOCAL AGENCY PROJECTS
American Recovery and Reconstruction Act of 2009 (Recovery.gov)

As of January 15, 2010, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has received a list of prioritized projects from every Municipal Planning Organization (MPO) and Rural Task Force (RTF) for the use of remaining American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) funds. Based on submissions, all the funding is anticipated to stay within the original template categories (Urban, Small Urban, Rural and Enhancement).

To meet the requirement of having 100% of ARRA funds obligated on March 2, 2010, an intermediate date of **February 16, 2010**, has been established to have all the projects submitted for obligation to the Bureau of Finance. This will provide the necessary review time for both Finance and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

The next apportionment of regular federal aide is not expected before this deadline. This is due to the lack of new federal transportation legislation and working under the current continuing resolution. In order to ensure all ARRA funds are obligated, a sufficient amount of Surface Transportation Program funding must be reserved for those projects with multiple federal funding sources. This has the potential to delay the letting of some non-ARRA federal aid projects.

Additional savings from projects obligated before the March 2, 2010, deadline could allow additional projects to be funded by ARRA. The final date for any ARRA obligations is September 15, 2010. MDOT Local Agency Programs will work with our planning partners to determine which additional projects should be selected, with the goal of keeping projects within the same template category and within the same MPO or RTF where funds are made available.

It is important to note that previously let pro rata projects will be eligible for reimbursement of extras or overruns through ARRA only if funding is available. Therefore, it is imperative to promptly process change orders to have the greatest opportunity of using these funds. After

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March 2, 2010, pro rata jobs will only receive additional ARRA funding if savings are realized on other projects.

Please provide this information to your constituency. We look forward to the completion of this program and we will continue to partner with your organizations to deliver it on a timely basis. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Mr. Rudolph S. Cadena, Local Agency Programs Engineer, at (517) 335-2233.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bradley C. Wieferich', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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