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TO: ALL COUNTIES, VILLAGES AND CITIES

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has issued Bureau of Highway Instructional Memorandum 2005-02 "Regional Oversight of Local Agency Construction Projects", effective February 7, 2005.

This directive has implications for Local Federal Aid projects administered by MDOT and local agencies.

More involvement at the post letting stages:

- The region/Transportation Service Center (TSC) will now be required to attend all preconstruction meeting on projects within MDOT ROW.
- The region/TSC will be required to hold interim meetings at the request of the local agency to discuss issues/concerns that may be associated with the project administration and/or field related problems if they are not able to attend preconstruction meeting on projects that are not located within the MDOT ROW.

This increase in involvement is due to problems encountered during the final project review and these have caused federal aid to be withheld in certain circumstances.

With increase in involvement comes an increase in costs to the project. The TSC and/or region will be charging construction engineering costs to all local agency projects regardless of the letting agency (i.e. MDOT or local agency). For MDOT let projects, this is not a change to the current operations. However, this is a modification to the local agency let projects (i.e. enhancement projects).

MDOT construction oversight charges are Federal/State non-participating and will be the responsibility of the local agency. However, if Federal/State participation in construction engineering is allowed at the task force/MPO level to be participating then the MDOT construction charges will also be participating.

If you have any questions, please contact me, at (517) 335-2233.

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