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Public Act 51 Agencies, Regional and Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Michigan Department of Transportation

**RE: UPDATE 2020 Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) Data Collection**

Dear Transportation Agency Partners,

This letter is an update from the Transportation Asset Management Council (TAMC) to assist with PASER data collection for FY20 as well as preparations for the FY21.

- **Federal Aid Data Collection:** The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has made the decision on August 4, 2020 that it cannot participate in data collection teams through the end of this year. This is a change from all of the previous TAMC correspondence. A MDOT member is necessary, per [TAMC Policy](#), for Federal Aid rating teams.
- **FY20 TAMC Budget:** The TAMC has approved time extensions of the FY20 budget allocation to the Regional Planning Agencies and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (RPA/MPOs) for the asset management program. With this approval, FY20 funds can be used for reimbursement of expenses related to collecting Federal Aid PASER until June 30, 2021.
- **FY21 TAMC Budget:** The TAMC has also initiated asset management program contracts with the RPA/MPOs for the FY21 contracts at the same budget amounts as FY20. We are not anticipating any changes to the FY21 TAMC budget; however, it is important to note this may need to be adjusted as the State finalizes any FY21 budgets.
- **Federal Aid PASER Data Collection:** What these changes noted above mean to the Federal Aid PASER data collection is that the TAMC expects collecting 100% of the Federal Aid system in FY21 with budget allocations from FY20 and FY21. **As a reminder, the deadline to submit the data is the first Friday of December 2021 and Federal Aid data collection is a priority.**

As TAMC has previously noted in the correspondence from July 15, there is an opportunity to expand the Non-Federal Aid data collection in 2020.

- **Non-Federal Aid PASER data collection:** The decision to commence data collection will be made on a region-by-region basis in accordance with each participating agency's guidelines and [TAMC Policy for Collection of Roadway Surface Condition Data](#). Regional and Metropolitan Planning Organizations, please ensure you are contacting the local agencies proactively, coordinating the Non-Federal Aid data collection cycles with Public Act 51 agencies with an emphasis on the top 125 agencies, ensure all participants of data collection understand procedures for data sharing with TAMC as well as TAMC policy and procedures for collecting Non-Federal Aid data and make sure the data is supplied to the TAMC by Friday, December 4, 2020.

**We appreciate all of your patience and on-going commitments to asset management.** Questions can be directed to Roger Belknap, TAMC Coordinator by calling (517) 230-8192 or by email [BelknapR@michigan.gov](mailto:BelknapR@michigan.gov). To learn more about TAMC and to access road and bridge condition data and maps, visit [www.Michigan.gov/tamc](http://www.Michigan.gov/tamc).

Sincerely,

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