

STC Policy Review Workgroup Recommendations


Policy Name	Current Recommendation to the Commission	Related Policy Documents
CP 10007 – Rejection of All Bids	Rescind	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cover Sheet 2. Original Policy
CP 10011 – Legislative Outreach	Minor Revisions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cover Sheet 2. Recommended Updated Policy 3. Original Policy with Revisions
CP 10014 –Utility Accommodation	Minor Revisions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cover Sheet 2. Recommended Updated Policy 3. Original Policy with Revisions

CP 10007 – Rejection of All Bids

Commissioners,

The following page reflects a clean version of the current policy for which the STC Workgroup would like your approval to rescind at the August 1 STC meeting.

The nature of the policy seems intent on describing a process for MDOT's handling of bid rejections. The Commission no longer approves contracts, and consequently, the Commission approval mentioned in the policy is no longer relevant and would be a basis for rescinding the policy.

 COMMISSION POLICY	IDENTIFIER	EFFECTIVE DATE
	10007	06-08-94
	SUPERCEDES	DATED
	CP 1000.07	06-08-94
RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION: Executive Bureau		
SUBJECT: Rejection of All Bids		

If, prior to the awarding of a contract, the Department determines that the public interest is best served by the rejection of all bids, all bids shall be rejected. The final administrative decision to reject all bids shall be made by the Director or such other person(s) as may be duly designated by the Director to do so, in accordance with Commission Policy. If a contract award has been approved by the Commission prior to the rejection of all bids, the Department shall report to the Commission any determination to reject all bids. This report shall be for informational purposes only.

Adopted by the State Transportation Commission June 8, 1994.

CP 10011 – Legislative Outreach

Commissioners,

The following two pages intend to respectively reflect a clean version of the policy for which the STC Workgroup has agreed upon. This version will be presented for your consideration at the August 1 STC meeting.

Note that we have changed the format of the policy to conform with the Americans with Disabilities Act and revised the header to make it clear as to whether the policy is an MDOT policy (see relatively complex header on the current/older version) or Commission policy (see simpler header on the clean version).

Minor revisions were made to the wording of the policy. Additionally, we removed references to a “plan” because the review of the plan is outside the Commission's scope of responsibility and removed paragraph two as the executive for Governmental Affairs and the advisor to the Commission has been the same individual in recent years.



STATE OF MICHIGAN

STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**Commission Policy 10011
Legislative Outreach**

Identifier:	10011	Effective Date:	6-8-94
Supersedes:	10011, dated 6-8-94	Last Reviewed:	8-1-24


Consistent with directives from the Governor's Office, the Department shall communicate with incoming legislators and committees whose activities affect transportation issues or operations.

The Office of Governmental Affairs shall be responsible for such communications that should include, but not be limited to, programs and procedures to:

- introduce new legislators to the Department,
- keep legislators informed of transportation issues, both statewide and local, and
- assist the legislators in promoting transportation goals.

Adopted by the State Transportation Commission.

Responsible Area: Office of Governmental Affairs

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	COMMISSION POLICY	IDENTIFIER	EFFECTIVE DATE
		10011	6-8-94
			LAST REVISED
			x-x-24
		SUPERCEDES	DATED
		CP 1000.11	6-8-94
RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION:	Office of Governmental Affairs		
SUBJECT:	Legislative Outreach		

~~Consistent with directives from the Governor's Office, the Department shall communicate, prepare an annual Legislative Outreach Plan. This plan shall target with incoming freshmen legislators and members of those committees whose activities affect transportation issues or operations. committees in the House and Senate that review transportation issues, and have a direct impact on the operation of the Department.~~

~~The plan shall be consistent with directives from the Governor's Office and include a strategy to involve the Transportation Commission in the Outreach program. The Executive for Governmental Affairs, in consultation with the Advisor to the Commission, shall prepare the annual plan for presentation to the Commission for comment and review. The Office of Governmental Affairs plan shall be responsible for such communications that should include, but not be limited to, programs and procedures to:~~

- ~~introduce new legislators to transportation and the Department,~~
- ~~to keep legislators informed of transportation issues, both statewide and local, and~~
- ~~to assist the legislators in promoting transportation goals.~~

~~The Office of Governmental Affairs shall be responsible for implementing the Legislative Outreach Plan.~~

Adopted by the State Transportation Commission, June 8, 1994.

CP 10014 – Utility Accommodation

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Minor revisions were made to the responsible area to reflect the current MDOT structure, as the previously listed responsible organization was outdated. Additionally, a minor revision was made to maintain consistent utility references throughout the policy.



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STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**Commission Policy 10014
Utility Accommodation**


Identifier:	10014	Effective Date:	4-20-23
Supersedes:	10014, dated 3-31-11	Last Reviewed:	8-1-24

To regulate the accommodation of municipal utilities, private utilities, lines, and facilities within state highway right-of-way, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) shall develop and follow publicly available guidance that outlines the basis for the evaluation and approval by MDOT for requests to construct, maintain, or operate such municipal utilities, private utilities, lines, and facilities upon, over, across, or under state highways. The guidance must be in compliance with all relevant federal and state laws and regulations.

Federal and state laws acknowledge it is in the public interest for utility facilities to be accommodated on state highway right-of-way. See 23 CFR, Part 645, and MCL 247.183. MDOT has statutory authority to regulate utility accommodations within highway right-of-way through a permit process governed by state laws. Such use and occupancy shall not adversely affect highway traffic and safety or impair highway aesthetic quality, as determined by MDOT, and shall not conflict with federal, state, and local laws, or regulations.

Adopted by the State Transportation Commission.

Responsible Area: Development Services Division

 COMMISSION POLICY	IDENTIFIER EFFECTIVE DATE	
	10014	04-20-23
	SUPERSEDES	DATED
	10014	03-31-11
RESPONSIBLE WORK AREA: Bureau of Highways Development Services Division		
SUBJECT: Utility Accommodation		

To regulate the accommodation of municipal utilities, private utilities, lines, and facilities within state highway right-of-way, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) shall develop and follow publicly available guidance that outlines the basis for the evaluation and approval by MDOT for requests to construct, maintain, or operate such [municipal utilities, private utilities, lines, and facilities](#) upon, over, across, or under state highways. The guidance must be in compliance with all relevant federal and state laws and regulations.

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