

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO HAZARDOUS
MATERIALS ROUTING DESIGNATIONS FOR ROUTE IN DETROIT, MICHIGAN

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is holding a virtual public hearing on proposed changes to the non-radioactive hazardous materials (NRHM) routing designations for the Ambassador Bridge located in Detroit, Michigan. MDOT is the authorized agency responsible for all NRHM routing designations and restrictions or requirements in the state of Michigan.

The virtual hearing will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. March 20, 2024. The virtual hearing will begin with a presentation followed by an opportunity for public comment. Register to attend the virtual hearing at Michigan.gov/NRHM.

In addition to the virtual public hearing, written comments can be submitted by mail or e-mail to Monica Monsma, Public Involvement and Hearings Specialist, Michigan Department of Transportation, Bureau of Development, P.O. Box 30050, Lansing, MI 48909; MonsmaM@Michigan.gov. For consideration in the final determination, comments must be received on or before March 23, 2024.

Participants who require mobility, visual, hearing, written, or other assistance for effective participation should contact Orlando Curry at 517-241-7462 or CurryO@Michigan.gov, preferably at least five business days in advance. Forms are located at <http://Michigan.gov/MDOT/Programs/Title-VI>. Requests made after this timeframe will be evaluated and honored to the extent possible.

The Detroit International Bridge Co., owner of the Ambassador Bridge, has proposed the following changes: retain existing restrictions for Class 1 (explosives), Division 6.2 (infectious substances), and Class 7 (radioactive materials) from transport over the Ambassador Bridge and allow Class 3 (flammable liquids) and Class 8 (corrosive substances) to be transported over the Ambassador Bridge.

A study was conducted to better understand and evaluate the risks associated with transportation of NRHM on the Ambassador Bridge from Porter Street to Canada should any of the existing restrictions be changed. Current NRHM route restrictions for the Ambassador Bridge include Class 1 (explosives), Class 3 (flammable liquids), Division 6.2 (infectious substances), Class 7 (radioactive materials), and Class 8 (corrosive substances). These current designations have been in place since April 2, 2014. The study, *A Hazardous Material Route Registry Study and Report for the Ambassador Bridge in Detroit, MI*, is available for public review online at Michigan.gov/NRHM.