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May 5, 2011

Matthew Kulhanek City of Ann Arbor Airport 801 Airport Dr Ann Arbor, MI 48108

RE: Early Coordination Notification

State Road Environmental Assessment

Washtenaw County, Michigan

## Dear Matthew Kulhanek:

The Washtenaw County Road Commission (WCRC) is conducting an Early Preliminary Engineering (EPE) study and preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) for improvements to State Road between Ellsworth Road and Michigan Avenue (US-12) in Pittsfield Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan. The project area has existing traffic congestion and safety problems, which are expected to worsen in the future. Currently, State Road is primarily a two-lane road (one travel lane in each direction) in the project area. Improvements being considered include widening to a four-lane boulevard (two travel lanes in each direction) or a five-lane cross-section (two travel lanes in each direction with a center left turn lane). Non-motorized facilities, transit upgrades, and intersection improvements are also being considered. The enclosed map shows the location of the project.

During the course of the EPE study, detailed investigations will be undertaken to identify potential Social, Economic, and Environmental (SEE) impacts related to the improvements being considered. These SEE impacts will be documented in an Environmental Assessment (EA) as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). In addition to meeting the requirements of NEPA, compliance with other relevant environmental regulations (e.g., Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, etc.) will be accomplished during the EA process.

As part of the early coordination and NEPA scoping process, the Washtenaw County Road Commission is identifying key issues that will need to be addressed as part of this study. Please provide your comments relative to the following three topics:

• Specific issues or geographic areas of concern, based on your expertise or regulatory jurisdiction.

- Available technical information regarding these issues.
- Mitigation or permitting requirements that may be necessary for project implementation.

In order to sufficiently address key project issues while maintaining the project schedule, WCRC and their consulting team will be actively coordinating with relevant regulatory agencies, local and state governmental agencies, and stakeholders throughout the project, with particular emphasis at key decision points. Consistent with this schedule, please provide a written response to this letter before June 30, 2011. Please send your responses to one of the two individuals listed below. Please feel free to contact either of us should you have any questions or concerns or would like additional information:

Ms. Sheryl Soderholm Siddall, P.E. Assistant Director of Engineering Washtenaw County Road Commission 555 N. Zeeb Road Ann Arbor, MI 48103 (734) 327-6687 Mr. Wes Butch Consultant Team Project Manager DLZ Michigan, Inc. 1425 Keystone Avenue Lansing, MI 48911 (517) 393-6800

We look forward to working cooperatively with you to make this important project successful for all parties involved. Your interest in this project is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Sheryl Soderholm Siddall, P.E.

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Project Manager/

Assistant Director of Engineering

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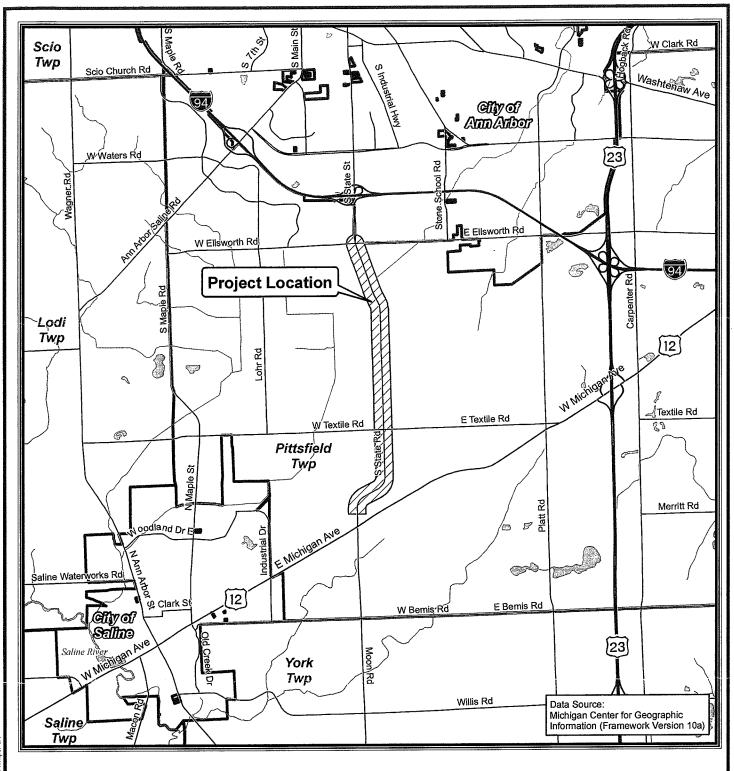


Figure 1 - Project Location Map

State Road Environmental Assessment Pittsfield Township Washtenaw Co, Michigan



Washtenaw County Road Commission

