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Public Services Area
Project Management Unit
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MDOT- Local Bridge Advisory Board
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P.O. Box 30050
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Attention: Mark C. Harrison, P.E.
Local Bridge Program Manager

Re: 2012 MDOT Local Bridge Program Funding Selections

Dear Mark,

On November 5, 2009 MDOT's Local Bridge Advisory Board (LBAB) announced its decision to distribute the State's 2012 Local Bridge Program Funds for large bridges among three bridge projects. The City of Ann Arbor's E. Stadium Bridges Replacement Project was not selected by the MDOT-LBAB for 2012 funding.

From the information you have provided to date:

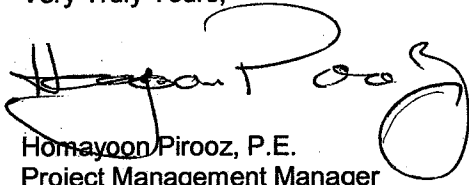
- The three local bridge projects that have been approved for MDOT's 2012 Local Bridge Program Funds have Federal Sufficiency Ratings (FSR) ranging from 33.1 to 74.6 out of 100. The FSR for the City's E. Stadium Bridge over S. State Street is 2 out of 100.
- The three local bridge projects have Average Daily Traffic (ADT) volumes ranging from 8,000 to 11,300 vehicles per day. The City's E. Stadium Bridges carries about 28,900 vehicles per day.
- The three local bridges have been scheduled to receive about \$836,000 to \$2,777,000 each from MDOT. In our letter of October 23, 2009 we asked for \$3,000,000 assistance from the Local Bridge Program. This amount is consistent with the level of funding that has been distributed.
- At the LBAB meeting you stated concern regarding the City's potential inability to fund its entire project and how that could potentially tie-down the 2012 Local Bridge funds. In our earlier written correspondence and again during our presentation to the LBAB, we repeated our full intention to begin the construction of the E. Stadium Bridges as early as 2010, or two years in advance of 2012 when first the Local Bridge Program funds would become available.

Our comparison below of the other three local bridges vs. the City of Ann Arbor bridge over S. State Street reveals some interesting facts. As you can see from the following table, the City's bridge over S. State Street carries 2.5 to 3.6 times more traffic than the bridges selected for funding. Also, the structural rating of the S. State Street bridge was significantly lower than any other bridge selected for funding.

Location	Daily Traffic volume (ADT)	Priority (based on the highest traffic volume)	Bridge Structure Rating (FSR)	Priority (based on the lowest structure rating)	Estimated Approved MDOT-Local Bridge Funds
City of Ann Arbor E. Stadium Bridge over S. State St	28,948	1	2/100	1	\$0
City of Hastings Bridge	11,300	2	33.1/100	2	\$2,200 M
Kalamazoo County Bridge	10,372	3	50.5/100	3	\$2,800 M
City of Manistee Bridge	8,000	4	74.6/100	4	\$0.836 M

In addition, we have observed the application rating points the S. State Street Bridge received in 2009 from MDOT was 60.88. In 2006 the same bridge was given the higher rating of 77.92. That makes us wonder whether there is disconnect between the deteriorating condition of our bridge and the new and improved rating given to it by the MDOT-LBAB. Finally, we do not agree with the MDOT-LBAB position that the University of Michigan or any other independent organization would be required to participate in the funding for the City of Ann Arbor project for the City of Ann Arbor to receive assistance from the State of Michigan for its deteriorated bridge structure. We hope for your reconsideration, and look forward to your response. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may provide any additional information. Thank you.

Very Truly Yours,



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