

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR PROPOSED US-23 IMPROVEMENTS
US-23/M-14 WEST INTERCHANGE TO SILVER LAKE ROAD
WASHTENAW AND LIVINGSTON COUNTIES, MICHIGAN

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has completed an Environmental Assessment (EA) on proposed improvements to ten miles of US-23 from the US-23/M-14 west interchange to Silver Lake Road in Northfield and Ann Arbor townships, Washtenaw County, and Green Oaks Township, Livingston County.

MDOT will conduct a public hearing at the Northfield Township Hall, 8350 Main St., Suite A, Whitmore Lake, on Thurs., Feb. 26, 2015 to receive comments on the EA document. To allow easier participation for those in the study area, the public hearing will take place continuously from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., with formal presentations at 4:30 and 6 p.m.

The EA describes and analyzes the proposed work and the measures taken to minimize harm to the project area. The proposed project involves replacing and upgrading pavement, median shoulders, bridges, and entrance and exit ramps. It also analyzes the effects of using upgraded shoulders, permanent message boards, cameras and other active traffic management system technology to reduce congestion, improve safety, manage incidents and better accommodate through traffic during peak hours.

MDOT has encouraged public involvement during the study process by conducting public meetings on Dec. 12, 2013 and Aug. 14, 2014, and by providing study information and opportunities to comment at www.michigan.gov/mdotstudies. The EA is available for review and comment through February 9, 2015, on-line and at the following locations: Northfield Township Hall, 8350 Main St., Ste. A, Whitmore Lake; Northfield Township Library, 125 Barker Rd., Whitmore Lake; Green Oaks Township Hall, 10001 Silver Lake Rd., Brighton; Ann Arbor Township Hall, 3792 Pontiac Tr., Ann Arbor; Livingston County Clerk Office, 200 E. Grand River Ave., Howell; Washtenaw County Clerk Office, 200 N. Main, Ann Arbor; Ann Arbor District Library, 343 S. Fifth Ave.; Brighton Public Library, 100 Library Dr.; MDOT Brighton Transportation Service Center, 10321 E. Grand River, Ste. 500, Brighton; MDOT University Region Office, 4701 W. Michigan Ave., Jackson; and the MDOT Bureau of Development, 425 W. Ottawa St., Lansing.

A court reporter will record the hearing's formal presentation and public comment session, and will be available to take comments in private for inclusion in the public hearing transcript. Citizens also may complete a written comment form at the hearing or mail, fax or e-mail their comments to: Robert H. Parsons, Public Involvement and Hearings Officer, Bureau of Development, Michigan Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 30050, Lansing, MI 48909; Fax: 517-335-5696; or e-mail: parsonsb@michigan.gov. Comments must be e-mailed, faxed or postmarked on or before Mar. 17, 2015. A copy of the complete transcript, including all of the written and recorded oral comments received, will be available for public review in March 2015 at the above listed locations.

With seven days advance notice, the document may be available in alternate formats, including large print, audio file and other languages. For more information on this public hearing, or to request accommodations, please write to the above address or call (517) 373-9534.