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Guidance Related to Tree Removals, Affected by the Northern Long Eared Bat and the Indiana Bat

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The MDOT Local Agency Program (LAP) unit has posted a guidance document on its website, for local agencies and their consultants to use when contemplating tree removals and how those removals would be affected by several bat species that are federally designated as either a protected species or an endangered species.

MDOT prepared this document in cooperation with representatives of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR).

The guidance covers three cases for tree removal, as follows:

- Project DOES NOT propose using federal transportation funds,
- Project proposes using federal transportation funds to remove trees between October 1 and March 31.
- Project proposes using federal transportation funds to remove trees between April 1 and September 30.

The MDOT guidance is posted on the LAP website at www.michigan.gov/mdotlap, at the link "Considerations for Tree Removals Affected by Several Bat Species" in the section headed "News and Policy Changes" on the opening page of the LAP website.

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