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Dear Governor Snyder, Majority Leader Meekhof, Speaker Cotter, and
Chairman Jung:

I am pleased to transmit to you a draft of the fifth Annual Report of the Complete Streets
Advisory Council (CSAC), as required by Public Act 135 of 2010.

On behalf of the Council, we are grateful to see the legislative action occurring on the CSAC's
request for a sunset. It has been an honor to lay the groundwork on the development,
implementation and coordination of complete streets in Michigan. While the CSAC's legislative
charges are complete, we remain confident that government and local agencies are capable of
carrying the complete streets effort forward.

With the passage of the new transportation funding bill, the CSAC's vision for a transportation
network that is accessible, interconnected, and multimodal and that safely and efficiently
moves goods and people of all ages and abilities, will be a Michigan reality in the years to come.

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The CSAC scheduled four meetings for 2015: January, May, October, and December. The May,
October and December meetings were cancelled due to a lack of agenda items. Agendas,
minutes and presentations for all meetings are available [here](#). At every meeting, the council
receives updates on:

1. Michigan Department of Transportation's (MDOT's) Complete Streets Internal
Team on the implementation of the Complete Streets Policy;

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1. MDOT's Multi-Modal Development and Delivery Team project working to improve MDOT's institutional capacity to plan, design, construct, operate and maintain Michigan's transportation system for Complete Streets and multiple modes; and,
2. State and Federal transportation funding.

An opportunity for public comment is provided at every meeting. This year, no comments were received.

I am happy to report that, as of this writing, 99 communities have passed their own local complete streets policies, reflective of the need for a comprehensive approach. For the most recent list of Complete Streets Policies in Michigan, please see the Michigan Complete Streets website at: www.michigancompletestreets.com.

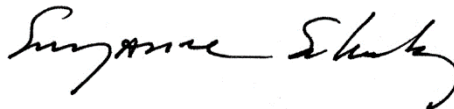
MDOT consults on all projects with relevant local governments. MDOT continued its process of Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) and combined this program with the complete streets requirements set forth in the State Transportation Commission's (STC) Complete Streets policy.

Out of the hundreds of projects completed in 2015, there have been only six projects with complete streets requests partially fulfilled or not fulfilled. A summary of each of these projects is included in the chart on the next page.

Despite these few instances of disagreements, it is important to note that there have been many success stories and positive activities statewide related to complete streets. As part of the CSS process, MDOT will be reporting examples of these activities to the STC as part of the annual CSS report at the end of the year.

On behalf of the CSAC, thank you for the opportunity to take on this important responsibility. I believe complete streets efforts being pursued around the state are having a real impact on our economy and our communities, by improving the way our transportation systems are planned, designed, and constructed.

Sincerely,



Suzanne Schulz, Chairperson
Complete Streets Advisory Council

Attachment

MDOT Complete Streets Instances of Disagreement

JN	County	Route	Location	Project Description	CS Treatment Requested	Not Fulfilled/Partially Fulfilled and Reason
Superior Region Projects in 2015						
No areas of disagreement.						
North Region Projects in 2015						
No areas of disagreement.						
Bay Region Projects in 2015						
112621	Genesee County	I-69/Lapeer Rd.	Davison Township	Deck replacement	Widen deck to accommodate non-motorized path	Not fulfilled. There is not an existing path along Lapeer Rd. now and there are no future connections identified in any long range plan.
Grand Region Projects in 2015						
No areas of disagreement.						
Southwest Projects in 2015						
	Kalamazoo	M-43	Nichols Road to Douglas Ave		Community requested a road diet. TSC Operation's Engineer denied request	Not fulfilled. The traffic volumes on M-43 require multiple lanes in each direction. Severe safety concerns would be realized if road diet request was approved.
	Van Buren	I-196	Blue Star Highway Interchange	Local Agency project to add a bike lane across I-196 on MDOT Bridge	Bike lane on bridge	Not fulfilled. Currently there are discussions between TSC/Region/Lansing. Competing interests between pedestrian, bike and vehicle safety are making it difficult to design a balanced solution. Region staff are optimistic a solution can be reached that all parties can agree to.

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University Projects in 2015						
109761	Washtenaw	M-14	US-23 to I-94	Bridge & Road CPM	Residents & City requested noise wall	Not fulfilled. Scope of work doesn't warrant noise study.
84004	Washtenaw	US-12	Bridge over Saline River to Maple	Reconstruct & Enhancement Grant	Islands & mid-block crossings	Partially fulfilled. One location didn't meet criteria for mid-block crossing.
Metro Projects in 2015						
	City of Detroit	M-85 (Fort Street) over Conrail	Corktown	Bridge Replacement	Provide for potential bike greenway under bridge	Partially fulfilled. Project still being discussed. Requires commitments from RR and Detroit Riverfront Conservancy.