

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMENT PERIOD EXTENSION AND PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ROUTING DESIGNATIONS
FOR ROUTES IN WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is extending the public comment period through May 27, 2013, for proposed changes to the non-radioactive hazardous materials (NHRM) routing designations for four routes located in Wayne County, Michigan. MDOT will conduct a public hearing on this matter on April 25, 2013 at the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Hall at 1358 Abbott St., Detroit, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., with formal presentations at 4:30 and 6:00. The public may attend the hearing anytime to meet with MDOT staff, view the synopsis report and displays, and provide oral and/or written comments. The extended comment period and hearing will provide the public further opportunity to review and comment on the proposed changes set forth in 49 CFR 397.71.

MDOT is the authorized agency responsible for all NHRM routing designations and restrictions or requirements in the State of Michigan. MDOT reviewed the four existing hazardous materials routes in Wayne County:

1. Ambassador Bridge [Detroit] from Porter Street to Canada [Windsor]
2. Windsor Tunnel [Detroit] from Jefferson Avenue to Canada [Windsor]
3. State Road M-10 [Detroit] from Howard Street to Woodward Avenue under Cobo Hall (approximately 1 mile)]
4. State Route M-10 [Detroit] from 8 Mile Road south to Wyoming Road

MDOT commissioned a study on these routes, reviewed the findings, conferred with industry experts and other stakeholders, and developed a synopsis report. The synopsis report, *Hazardous Materials Routing Synopsis Report-Wayne County*, provides an overview of the process and information relating to the proposed changes, and sets forth recommendations for proposed changes to NHRM routing designation. The report acknowledges risks of hazardous materials transport to the motoring public, property owners, the environment, critical infrastructure, local communities, and the citizens of the State of Michigan and Canada. The transportation of non-radioactive hazardous materials, however, is essential to daily life and the economic vitality of Wayne County and the State of Michigan. The proposed recommendations address public safety while seeking to ensure continuity of movement as not to impede or unnecessarily delay the transportation of hazardous materials.

MDOT encourages public involvement and participation on the proposed recommendations. The synopsis report is available for public review online at www.michigan.gov/mdotstudies and at designated locations in Wayne County, including the Detroit Public Library, 5201 Woodward Ave., and its 22 branch locations found at www.detroit.lib.mi.us/branch-locator or call 313-481-1300; and at MDOT's Transportation Service Centers, 6510 Telegraph Rd., Taylor, and 1060 W. Fort St., Detroit. It may be viewed at the MDOT Metropolitan Region Office, 18101 W. Nine Mile Rd., Southfield; and the MDOT Public Involvement and Hearings Office, Bureau of Highway Development, 425 W. Ottawa St., Lansing. English and Spanish copies of the synopsis report will be available at the hearing or by calling 517-373-9534. With seven days advance notice, the synopsis report may be available in alternate formats, including large print, audio tape and other languages. Call 517-373-9534 to request accommodation.

The public is encouraged to furnish comments to MDOT summarizing the specific substantive and factual basis for such support or opposition. For consideration in the final determination, comments must be received on or before May 27, 2013 to: parsonsb@michigan.gov or Robert H. Parsons, Public Involvement and Hearings Officer, Bureau of Highway Development, Michigan Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 30050, Lansing, MI 48909. MDOT has 18 months from December 20, 2012, the date of the initial public notification of the proposed recommendations, to issue a final decision.