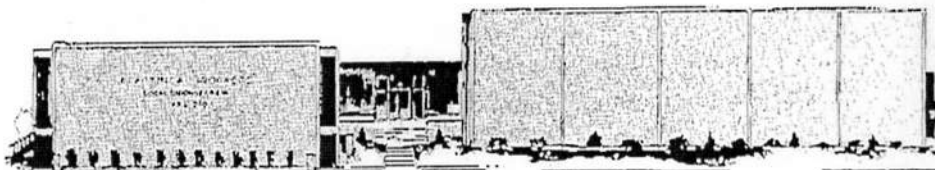


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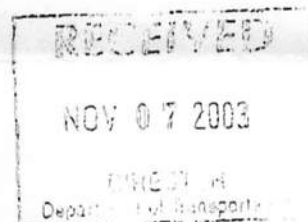
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Ms. Gloria Jeff, Director
Michigan Department of Transportation
Transportation Building
425 W. Ottawa
P.O. Box 30050
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Dear Director Jeff:

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers has been extremely supportive of funding at the federal level for the Intelligent Transportation Infrastructure program. It is our understanding that \$2 million in federal funding is now available to bring this important technology to the Detroit area, but requires a local match of \$500,000. The IBEW is hopeful that the Michigan Department of Transportation will help make this project a reality.

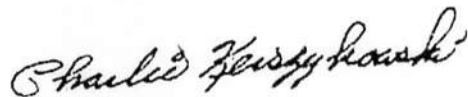
This infusion of federal monies will create a state of the art highway congestion alert and safety system. Moreover, it will also provide a greatly needed boost to southeast Michigan's economy. The project will offer immediate job opportunities for electrical workers, many of whom are facing work shortages due to the economic downturn.

We are confident that we do not need to convince you of the positive impacts of this technology or of Michigan's need for additional jobs, but finding the required local match is no doubt difficult considering the current budget picture. If the IBEW or our thousands of members in Michigan can be of any assistance to you in this task, we would urge you to contact us. We will be happy to meet with you or with other elected or appointed officials if you believe it would be helpful in bringing this needed infusion of federal transportation funding into southeast Michigan.

Thank you for your assistance in moving this project forward.

Sincerely,


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Lt. Governor John Cherry