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Dear Mr. Radjewski and Mr. Kerszykowski:

Director Jeff asked me to respond to your November 3, 2003 letter regarding the Intelligent Transportation Infrastructure Program (ITIP) in Michigan. The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) appreciates your support of the program and of the use of Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) technology to improve the economy and quality of life for Michigan's residents.

MDOT agrees that ITS is an important part of the total transportation infrastructure. As such, investments in the system should not be taken lightly. As with any transportation feature, MDOT believes it is necessary to plan strategically for future investments. This is even more important with ITS, since the variety of technology and speed with which that technology changes is often greater than with most other assets in the transportation system.

For this reason, MDOT has started the process of developing a strategic plan for ITS. While we recognize the benefits of the ITIP program, in and of itself, these benefits must be evaluated in the context of our total transportation system and future direction with ITS. Therefore, before we invest in the expansion of the ITS system with ITIP, we feel it is prudent to complete this strategic planning effort.

Thank you again for sharing your thoughts on this matter. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me at 248-483-5100.

Sincerely,

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