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HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON Transportation

DATE: February 21, 2019

Chairman Maddock called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM. Representatives Maddock, Yaroch, Miller, Brann, Bollin, Peterson, and Love were present.

Representative Brann moved to adopt a normal subcommittee meeting time of Thursday at 10:30 AM in Room 307 of the House Office Building. Representatives Maddock, Yaroch, Miller, Brann, Bollin, and Peterson voted yes; the motion carried. [Representative Love was not present at the time of the vote.]

The House Fiscal Agency (HFA) presented a Background Briefing on Transportation Funding. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is included in the official minutes on file with the House Fiscal Agency.

Representative Miller asked about trends in department staffing. HFA indicated that they would present a paper on staffing levels at the next subcommittee meeting.

Representative Yaroch asked about controls over construction quality and expressed frustration with work stoppages last year due to contract disputes.

Representative Love asked about the various taxes levied on motor fuel taxes. HFA indicated that they were working on a publication on this subject.

Representative Brann asked why the additional revenue provided by the November 2015 Road Funding Package wasn't sufficient to reverse the decline in state trunkline pavement condition. HFA indicated that the Michigan Department of Transportation received roughly 35% of the additional funding – the balance was distributed to local road agencies.

Representative Bollin asked about the authority of the State Transportation Commission.

Chair Maddock adjourned the subcommittee, without objection, the time being 11:30 a.m.