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HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON
State and Local Transportation

DATE: September 10, 2025

Chair Steele called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM. Representatives Steele, Slagh, Borton, Robinson, DeSana, Morgan, and Edwards were present.

Representative Slagh moved to adopt the minutes of the August 13, 2025 meeting. The motion was adopted without objection.

The subcommittee heard testimony from Inspector Patrick Morris, Michigan State Police, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement (CEV) Division. Inspector Morris testified regarding CEV Division activities, including work done under a Memorandum of Understand with the Department of Transportation (MDOT), and related IDG funding through the MDOT budget.

Inspector Morris described field operations, including weigh station operations as well as field enforcement using portable scales. Inspector Morris noted that Weigh-in-Motion scales are used for initial screening for subsequent weighing. Inspector Morris also described the disposition of ticket/citation revenue.

The subcommittee heard testimony from Glen Merkel, president of Davis Cartage Co., and Board Chair of the Michigan Trucking Association. He was joined by Jill Sokacz, President and CEO of the Michigan Trucking Association. Mr. Merkel spoke generally about the trucking industry, truck/trailer configurations, and Michigan's unique truck weight (axle weight) regulations.

Chair Steele adjourned the meeting, without objection, the time being 1:10 PM.

Minutes taken by William E. Hamilton, House Fiscal Agency
Approved: September 17, 2025