

MINUTES

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON Transportation

DATE: February 17, 2016

Chairman Canfield called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon. Representatives Canfield, Victory, Kelly, Bizon, Miller, Banks, and Faris were present.

Representative Kelly moved to accept the minutes of the February 3, 2016 meeting. The motion was adopted by voice vote without objection.

The subcommittee heard a presentation by Michigan Department of Transportation Director Kirk Steudle. Director Steudle gave an overview of department programs and presented the Governor's recommendations for the FY 2016-17 department budget. As part of the presentation, the director provided the subcommittee with an update on the passenger rail car contracts and on the warrant audit. Specifically, the director indicated that state rail car lease payments had ended at September 30, 2015. A copy of the department's presentation is included in the official subcommittee minutes on file at the House Fiscal Agency.

In response to a question from Representative Miller, the director discussed truck weight enforcement and the use of weigh stations.

In response to a question from Representative Faris the director indicated that the department will have to set priorities and focus on interstate system; the department couldn't afford to attain the 90% "good" standard for the entire system.

In response to a question from Representative Victory, the director discussed the need for skilled trades and technical workers.

In response to a question from Representative Bizon, the director discussed options for tolling under the FAST Act.

Rep Canfield adjourned the meeting at **1:00 PM**.