

MINUTES

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON Transportation

DATE: March 14, 2019

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

Representative Yaroch moved to adopt the minutes of the February 28, 2019 subcommittee meeting. The motion was adopted by voice vote without objection.

The subcommittee then heard testimony from Paul C. Ajedba P.E., Director of the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). Director Ajedba gave a presentation on the Governor's recommendations for the FY 2019-20 Transportation budget. [Copies of the director's PowerPoint presentation handout are included in the official House Fiscal Agency minutes.]

In response to questions from members, Director Ajedba discussed the following topics:

Department priorities and potential budget cuts; per-capita spending compared to other states; MDOT's Asset Management program; whether 11 projects listed in the presentation would advance without additional funding. (Rep. Maddock).

Innovation in materials, pavement design, and processes; the department's experience on M-6 outside of Grand Rapids. US-23 Flex Lane, and the US-23/I-96 interchange. (Rep. Miller)

Amtrak contract costs; priority of bridge rehabilitation; the impact of the 2018 labor dispute on construction quality. Bundling local bridge rehabilitation contracts by MDOT. (Rep. Brann).

Distribution of the Fix Michigan Roads Fund (FMRF); MDOT pavement condition as compared to statewide/local road condition; MDOT adoption of Asset Management as compared to local road agencies; tolling as a financing option; use of multi-modal revenue in the proposed budget; the Recreation Improvement Fund. (Rep. Love).

Innovative materials; short-term vs long-term road fixes; pavement preservation plan assumptions; relationship between maps and FMRF distribution; Comprehensive Transportation Fund for economic development; Rail Operations and Infrastructure. (Rep. Bollin)

Impact of the 2018 labor dispute work stoppages on road construction quality; MDOT's role in the dispute; working in inclement weather. (Rep. Yaroch).

Impact of General Fund appropriations for transportation on delivery of the 2018 road construction program. (Rep. Peterson).

Chair Maddock adjourned the subcommittee, without objection, the time being 11:45 a.m.

Minutes taken by William E. Hamilton, House Fiscal Agency
Approved: March 21, 2019