

## MINUTES

### **HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON Transportation**

**DATE: March 7, 2017**

Chairman Hernandez called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon. Representatives Hernandez, Yaroch, Victory, Canfield, VanSingle, Cochran, and Peterson were present.

Representative Victory moved to accept the minutes of the February 28, 2017 meeting. The motion was adopted by voice vote without objection.

The subcommittee heard from the House Fiscal Agency on various aspects of the Transportation budget. Specifically, members were presented with:

- A March 2015 paper on State Transportation Bonding and Debt Service as well as a one-page update memo.
- A memo on Toll Credits
- A May 2014 HFA paper on MDOT Staffing Levels and update materials
- A print from the Federal Highway Administration website showing Michigan's return on federal transportation tax revenue attributable to the state
- An HFA paper dated March 7, 2017, *Impact of November 2015 Road Funding Package*
- HFA Overview Document on the FY 2017-18 proposed Transportation Budget.

Copies of the above documents are included in the official subcommittee minutes on file at the House Fiscal Agency as well as on the HFA website under "Testimony."

Phil Browne, MDOT Director of Governmental Affairs, and Mark Van Port Fleet, MDOT Deputy Director and Chief Operations Officer, came to the testimony table to respond to some follow up questions from members.

Questions arose regarding toll credits, why there appeared to be less seasonal fluctuation in MDOT staffing (per updated HFA graphic), and differences between authorized FTEs and actual headcount by organizational unit.

Chair Hernandez adjourned the subcommittee, without objection, the time being 1:00 p.m.