

MINUTES

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON Transportation

DATE: September 19, 2017

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

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

The subcommittee heard testimony from Jason Gutting P. E., Administrator, Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), Construction Field Services. Mr. Gutting testified on the department's process for evaluating new and innovative materials and processes. Mr. Gutting was joined by MDOT Governmental Affairs Director, Phil Browne.

A copy of the department's PowerPoint presentation, *MDOT Innovations*, is included with the official subcommittee minutes maintained by the House Fiscal Agency.

In response to a question from Representative Canfield, Mr. Gutting discussed incentive programs for development of new products or processes. He noted that there was no financial award for MDOT employees; contractors could participate in project cost savings realized through a value-engineering process.

In response to a question from Representative Victory, Mr. Gutting discussed the repaving of M-6 in southern Kent and Ottawa counties.

In response to a question from Representative Hernandez, Mr. Gutting indicated that the time needed for MDOT approval of new materials and processes depended on whether there was any history from other states or from industry groups. Mr. Gutting also described recent changes in MDOT material specifications.

Representative Hernandez asked Mr. Browne if he could identify department priorities – functions where improvements could make the largest difference in efficiency and effectiveness of pavement and bridge preservation programs.

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