MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FY 2005 Awarded Enhancement Project Summaries (1st Announcement)

Allegan

The Village of Douglas will streetscape Center Street between Blue Star Highway and Water Street, ending at the entrance to Wades Bayou Memorial Park. The streetscape enhancements will include decorative trees with tree grates, decorative concrete, and decorative street lighting in downtown Douglas. These improvements are part of a plan to link the Village's recreational waterfront facilities and residential areas with an enhanced commercial downtown district in order to maintain and improve the quality of life for the citizens of Douglas. The project budget is \$267,000, including \$200,250 in federal funds and \$66,750 from the Village of Douglas.

Alpena

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), in partnership with Alpena Township, will install streetscape components on M-32 from Lake Winyah Road to East Bagley Street in Alpena Township, the western gateway to the city of Alpena. The amenities will include deciduous and ornamental trees and decorative street lighting. The trees will provide a sense of separation between the roadway and the path/sidewalk, encouraging residents to use the facilities and creating a pleasant and welcoming access corridor to the city of Alpena. The streetscape will be constructed concurrently with the reconstruction of M-32 in 2006. As part of that project, MDOT will construct a ten foot wide asphalt non-motorized path along the north side of the roadway from Lake Winyah Road to east Bagley Street and a five foot wide concrete sidewalk on the south side of M-32 between Halley and Bagley streets. The Enhancement project budget is \$379,350, including \$243,467 in federal funds, \$135,870 in match from MDOT (\$75,870) and Alpena Township (\$60,000).

Bay

The city of Bay City will install ornamental street lighting along three tenths mile of Columbus Avenue, from Johnson Street to Tuscola Street (M-15). This is the final phase of the three phase plan to re-construct Columbus Avenue and to enhance the aesthetic appearance of the corridor. The project budget is \$158,400 including \$126,720 in federal funds and \$31,680 from the city of Bay City.

Berrien

The city of Berrien Springs will streetscape three tenths of a mile of US-31/33, Ferry Street and Main Street. The streetscape will extend along Ferry Street from Cass Street to Mechanic Street and along Main Street from Mars Street to Pitt Street. The project elements are decorative paver and concrete sidewalks, landscaping, street lighting, traffic bump-outs, stamped concrete cross walks and street furniture. The project budget is \$429,600 including \$343,600 in federal fund and \$85,920 from the Village of Berrien Springs.

Calhoun

The city of Battle Creek will restore the historic McCamly Street Bridge crossing the Battle Creek River in downtown Battle Creek. The McCamly Street Bridge, built in 1904, is one of only a handful of earth-filled, concrete arch bridges surviving in Michigan. The restoration project will repair the piers and the sidewalls of the bridge, remove modern railings and install period railing, and add historically appropriate lighting to the bridge. The project budget is \$330,000, including \$231,000 in federal funds and \$99,000 in from the city of Battle Creek.

Delta

MDOT, in partnership with the city of Gladstone, will construct a ten foot wide non-motorized bicycle/pedestrian path along M-35 in the city of Gladstone. This will be accomplished by adding an additional two feet to the existing shoulder. Additional fill will be required to meet slope angle requirements. Safety features include the installation of a rumble strip and an additional white stripe along the inner shoulder. In addition, signage indicating that the trail merges will be installed where the trail narrows to a future six foot sidewalk near the bottom of the hill. The project budget is \$176,350, including \$141,080 in federal funds and \$35,270 from MDOT.

Eaton

MDOT will construct two miles of sidewalk to increase pedestrian safety and access in the State of Michigan Secondary Governmental Complex. Six foot wide concrete sidewalk will be constructed along the north side of Billwood Highway between Crowner Drive and Canal Road, along the east side of Harris Road between Billwood Highway and Osborn Road, along the west side of southbound Canal Road between Billwood Highway and Osborn Road, along the north side of Ricks Road between Harris Road and Canal Road, along the south side of Osborn Road between Harris Road and Precision Drive and along the east side of northbound Canal Road from Osborn Road southerly to the State Police Forensic Lab Building. In addition, 5 foot sidewalks will be built that will connect existing sidewalk from the adjacent buildings to the new sidewalk network. Marked pedestrian crossings will be provided at all locations where the sidewalk intersects the existing streets: Harris Road at Billwood Highway, Ricks Road at Harris Road, Ricks Road at southbound Canal Road and Canal Road at Osborn Road. The project budget is \$298,904.50, including \$239,123.60 in federal funds and \$59,780.90 in match from MDOT.

Genesee

The Genesee County Road Commission will construct a ten foot wide shared use path and fourteen foot wide bridge to connect the Flint River Trail to Mott Lake which is part of the Genesee County Recreation Area. With the path and bridge construction, 4,460 acres of the Genesee County Recreation Area will be accessible to the existing ten mile long Flint River Trail. The project budget is \$624,250, including \$436,975 in federal funds and \$187,275 from Genesee County.

Genesee

The Genesee County Road Commission will construct a one and three tenths mile shared use path that will eliminate an important gap in the system between the city of Linden and Fenton Township The path will be installed on the east side of Linden Road completely within the limits of Genesee County. The overall vision for this undertaking is unification and provision of unobstructed, multi-modal access throughout Genesee County. Ultimately, connections are planned to the north that will connect to planned pathways leading into the city of Fenton, the northern part of Fenton Township and to the west into Argentine Township. The project budget is \$183,920, including \$128,744 in federal funds and \$55,176 from Genesee County.

Grand Traverse

The Village of Fife Lake will install seven tenths of a mile of ornamental street lighting along State Street from Pierce Street to Center Street. This will compliment and complete the existing streetscape elements. The project budget is \$233,388 including \$163,372 in federal funds and \$70,016 form the Village of Fife Lake.

Grand Traverse

The Grand Traverse County Road Commission will partner with the city of Traverse City and Garfield Township to landscape one half mile of Woodmere Avenue between Premier and Carver streets. The project includes plantings, sidewalk, and decorative pavers. These aesthetic improvements will be constructed with the road construction scheduled for the 2005 and 2006 construction seasons. The total project cost is \$187,650 including \$140,400 federal funds and \$47,250 from Garfield Charter Township (\$23,100) and the city of Traverse City (\$24,150).

Houghton

MDOT, in partnership with Chassell Township, will streetscape one mile of US-41 through the business district of the community of Chassell. The streetscape improvements include brick and concrete sidewalks, ground planters with street trees, a wooden pedestrian foot bridge and ornamental street lighting. The project budget is \$553,682, including \$393,114 in federal funds and \$160,568 from Chassell Township.

Houghton

The Village of Lake Linden will install streetscape components on four blocks along M-26 (Calumet Street) between MacDonald and Fifth streets. The project will include bump-outs at the intersections to improve pedestrian safety and provide space for trees and landscaping. Crosswalks of colored concrete will be installed in the street at the corners and at a major pedestrian crossing to the village park. A downtown gateway at the south entrance to Lake Linden near the park will include narrowing the roadway to calm traffic and landscaping. Existing downtown lights will be replaced with lighting that will replicate the original historic lighting system. The project budget is \$491,600 including \$200,000 in federal funds and \$186,100 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from Michigan Economic Development Corporation, and \$105,500 from the Village of Lake Linden. Also budgeted are \$174,900 in non-participating CDBG funds to create a town square area in the adjacent Village park which will include a

facility for community celebrations and events. This will result in a total investment of \$666,500 to be invested in downtown Lake Linden.

Ionia

The Ionia County Road Commission will make major improvements to the Green View Point scenic overlook located on Kimball Road near Murphy Road in Lyons Township. This scenic overlook is named for former Governor Green who was a resident of the city of Ionia during his term in office. The Governor liked to stop at this spot overlooking the Grand River on his trips between Ionia and Lansing. The project elements include a scenic overlook, stairway, restrooms, a pedestrian bridge, concrete walkways, landscaping, interpretive signs and site furniture. The project budget is \$175,362 including \$129,768 in federal funds and \$45,594 from the Green View Point Restoration and Improvement Committee.

Isabella

The Isabella County Road Commission will streetscape the East Broomfield Road corridor on the campus of Central Michigan University in the city of Mt. Pleasant. The project is one half mile in length extending from the U.S.-27 Business Route, Mission Street, to West Campus Drive. The streetscape elements include masonry Gateway columns, ornamental fencing, accent lighting and bollard lighting; color/stamped ornamental sidewalks and crosswalks, street furniture and landscaping including shade trees, shrubs and perennials. The project budget is \$330,000 including \$231,000 in federal funds and \$99,000 from Central Michigan University.

Jackson

The city of Jackson will construct a gateway entrance to Partnership Park Neighborhood, at the intersection of Mechanic and Wesley streets and install decorative lighting on Mechanic Street between Wesley and Morrell streets, on Morrell Street between Francis and South Jackson streets and on South Jackson Street between Morrell and Washington streets in the Jackson Central Business District. Gateway components will include masonry columns, decorative fence, decorative lighting, accent sidewalk paving and landscape bed development. This project will compliment a Michigan State Housing Development Authority Neighborhood Preservation grant and continue investment in Jackson begun with the Armory Arts project funded last year by the Governor's Cool Cities Initiative Catalyst Grant. The project budget is \$246,947, including \$197,557 in federal funds and \$49,389 from the city of Jackson.

Jackson

The Jackson County Road Commission will acquire the Lime Lake Scenic Causeway, the final property needed to complete the County/State ownership of the Falling Waters Trail. This rail trail will stretch ten and one half miles, providing a nonmotorized route from downtown Jackson to the Village of Concord. The Lime Lakes Scenic Causeway is approximately two miles long. This pristine, largely undeveloped setting would likely become the focal point of the 10.5 mile trail. The project budget is \$100,000, including \$70,000 in federal funds and \$30,000 from Jackson County (\$25,000) and the Jackson County Community Foundation (\$5,000).

Kalamazoo

The city of Kalamazoo, in partnership with the Kalamazoo River Valley Trailway Partnership, will construct a non-motorized trail beginning at Douglas Avenue on the west, continuing easterly along the abandoned railroad right-of-way, to the intersection of Westnedge and Kalamazoo Avenue on the east to a connection with the Kalamazoo River Valley Trailway in downtown Kalamazoo. The city will also construct a 14' wide bridge over Portage Creek at Rose Park and a short trail link to Harrison Street to allow direct access to the east side of Downtown Kalamazoo. These connections are part of the Kalamazoo River Valley Trailway which will eventually link the city of Battle Creek twenty miles to the east, the city of Portage seven miles to the south, and Lake Michigan in South Haven thirty five miles to the west via the Kal-Haven Trail State Park. The budget is \$950,000, including \$475,000 in federal funds and \$475,000 in match from the city of Kalamazoo.

Kent

MDOT, in partnership with Plainfield Charter Township, will construct an eight foot wide nonmotorized facility on the M-44 bridge over the Grand River. The project will coincide with a bridge deck overlay project that is scheduled for 2005. The M-44 bridge is a link to developing residential areas north of the Grand River and large commercial centers south of the bridge. The project budget is \$581,000, including \$348,600 in federal funds and \$232,400 from Plainfield Charter Township.

Lapeer

The Village of Metamora will streetscape one tenth of a mile at the intersection of High Street and Oak Street in the Village of Metamora. The streetscape elements are stamped ornamental concrete and brick sidewalks, street furniture including planters, benches and ornamental trash containers, street trees with ornamental tree grates and ornamental street lighting. The project budget is \$326,670, including \$196,002 in federal funds and \$130,668 from the Village of Metamora.

Marquette

MDOT will streetscape BR M-28 (Teal Lake Avenue) between Arch Street and Rock Street in the city of Negaunee, Marquette County. The work consists of the construction of a pedestrian refuge area for a high traffic intersection, concrete curb and gutter and retaining wall to provide pedestrian separation from vehicular traffic. This section provides pedestrian access to the Neguanee High School and athletic field for roughly half of the city population. The project budget is \$120,200, including \$96,000 in federal funds with \$24,200 from the city of Negaunee.

Mason

The city of Ludington will extend the shoulder width by five feet for one half mile of the north side of Bryant Road, from Lakeshore Drive (M-116) to Rath Ave. The path will be lined with pedestrian style lighting to increase the safety of the area for nonmotorized traffic from the State Park into town and Cartier Park. The project budget is \$118,953, including \$95,162 in federal funds and \$23,791 from the city of Ludington.

Midland

The city of Midland will construct seven-tenths of a mile of ten foot wide nonmotorized pathway. The pathway will connect to an existing path at Jefferson Avenue and will head west along Cinema Drive to the Midland Mall service drive. Improvements will include the construction of the pathway, new fencing and lighting. The project budget is \$166,600, including \$91,630 in federal funds and \$74,970 from the city of Midland.

Montcalm

Howard City will construct a trail head and improvements to the White Pine Trail. This trailhead will provide a level of access to the trail that is not currently available within twenty five miles of Howard City, and also will supply a resting area for the families going up and down the trail or using this staging area to gain access to the opportunities of the trail. The project budget is \$136,417, including \$109,134 in federal funds and \$27,284 from Howard City.

Muskegon

The city of Muskegon will streetscape Western Avenue from 3rd Street to 8th Street. Streetscape elements include stamped pavement on crosswalks, bumpouts, ornamental stamped concrete, landscaping, trees, decorative street lighting, benches, trash receptacles, bike racks, and planters. The project budget is \$450,460 including \$325,460 in federal funds and \$125,000 from the city of Muskegon.

Muskegon

The city of Muskegon will link two trail spurs within the city to the Musketawa Trail State Park. The two urban spurs will converge at Lake Michigan, one entering the southern end of city along the city-owned beaches and the other at the northern end. This project is part of the Muskegon Lakeshore Trail Master Plan. The city beaches are free and harbor a lighthouse, a breakwall, and the Muskegon Channel; all are great destination points for walkers, joggers, bikers and roller bladers. Funds will be used for grading, fill, removal of existing asphalt and concrete. The improvements include bridge work, boardwalk, shore protection, fencing, topsoil and seeding. The project budget is \$1,599,370, including \$799,370 in federal funds and \$800,000 in matching funds from the city of Muskegon (\$375,000) and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (\$425,000).

Muskegon

The city of Montague will construct 4,500 linear feet of twelve foot wide nonmotorized trail along the abandoned railroad commercial spur from Old Channel Trail west to Whitbeck Road. With the completion of this segment of trail, the city of Montague will have created a nonmotorized facility along all of the abandoned railroad right-of-ways within the city's boundaries. The long term goal is to work with the neighboring townships to extend the nonmotorized facility west to the city park at the White Lake Channel on Lake Michigan. This project is associated with the existing and continually expanding transportation project known as the Hart-Montague Bicycle Trail State Park. The project budget is \$88,815, including \$62,170 in federal funds and \$26,644 from the city of Montague.

Ontonagon

MDOT will construct six foot wide bituminous shoulders along M-107 from Silver City westerly to Ski Hill Road at the Porcupine Mountain Winter Sports Area in Carp Lake Township. The route has numerous curves with limited sight distance. This project is a critical link in providing nonmotorized facilities to Porcupine Mountain State Park with views of Lake Superior along this stretch of M-107. The project budget is \$400,390, including \$320,312 in federal funds and \$80,078 from MDOT.

Otsego

The Otsego County Road Commission will construct a sidewalk and streetscape along Old 27. A series of decorative lights will be installed along both sides of the road in an offset layout. Project components include ornamental trees and shrubs, benches, and decorative trash containers. The project budget is \$75,073, including \$52,551 in federal funds and \$22,522 from Otsego Township.

St. Joseph

The St. Joseph County Road Commission will rehabilitate the Langley Covered Bridge, which is the longest covered bridge in Michigan. Rehabilitation will include a new roof, repairs to the structure itself, and replacement of the roadway with a more historically appropriate material. The project budget is \$170,000, including \$119,000 in federal funds and \$51,000 from St. Joseph County.

Washtenaw

The Washtenaw County Road Commission will construct two and seven tenths miles of shared use path from the southern termination of the Hidden Creek subdivision's concrete sidewalk on Platt Road to the Bemis Bridge over US-23. This project is Phase I of a proposed path presented in concept in the Pittsfield Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2000-2005, and planned in detail by the township's Citizen Green Way Committee. The project budget is \$350,000, including \$175,000 in federal funds and \$175,000 from Pittsfield Charter Township.

Wayne

The city of Southgate will landscape two and four tenths of a mile along Eureka Road. Shade trees, shrubs and perennial flowers will be planted to blend with the existing plant material located in the corridor. This project is part of the Eureka Corridor Revitalization Master Plan. The project budget is \$319,630 including \$191,778 in federal funds and \$127,852 from the city of Southgate.

Wavne

Wayne County, in partnership with the Arab Chaldean Council and the city of Detroit, will construct streetscape improvements on three tenths of a mile of Seven Mile Road between John R. Road and Carman Avenue in the city of Detroit. Improvements include concrete and brick paver sidewalks, street trees, stamped concrete crosswalks, ornamental street lighting, planting beds and street furniture. The project budget is \$788,641 including \$630,913 in federal funds and \$157,728 from Wayne County.

Wayne

MDOT will implement streetscape improvements on one and seven tenths miles of Grand River Avenue, M-5, through the Grandmont Rosedale shopping district in the city of Detroit. The improvements, extending from Evergreen Road to Asbury Park, will be coordinated with MDOT road resurfacing work and city of Detroit street light improvements in the same area on M-5. The streetscaping project will include street trees with ornamental tree grates and new pedestrian facilities with decorative paved crosswalks. The project budget is \$569,516 including \$455,613 in federal funds and \$113,903 from MDOT.

Wavne

Wayne County, in collaboration with the Charter Township of Northville and Northville City, will construct approximately 9,000 linear feet of 10 foot wide bituminous trail. The trail will begin at the intersection of 6 Mile Road and Northville Road and extend north to end at Griswold Street, adjacent to Ford Field Park in the city of Northville. The trail will include modification of two existing road bridges along Northville Road, construction of two new 14' wide boardwalks, and installation of a prefabricated steel bridge across the river. As Northville Road is a major connector between Northville Township and the city of Northville, and Northville Road becomes Main Street in the city, the trail will provide a safe non-motorized route for residents and visitors to travel to and from both communities. The trail, adjacent to Edward Hines Park, will connect to the 6 Mile Road trail and provide an important link in the over-all nonmotorized system established in both the township and the city's trails' master plans. The project budget is \$560,228 including \$350,000 in federal funds, \$52,728 in GreenWay Initiative funds from the Southeast Michigan Community Foundation, \$52,500 from the Charter Township of Northville, \$52,500 from the city of Northville, and \$52,500 from Wayne County.

Wavne

The city of Detroit, in partnership with the Detroit Eastside Community Collaborative, will develop streetscape and nonmotorized amenities along approximately 4,500 lineal feet of the Conner Creek Greenway, from the north end of the Conner Playfield southerly to the Detroit City Airport. Ultimately, the Conner Creek Greenway will be a nine mile long non-motorized transportation route that will stretch from Detroit's northern most boundary, at 8 Mile Road, to its southern terminus at the Detroit River. The greenway will roughly follow the path of the city's old Conner Creek which used to be an important water resource, carrying a rich array of aquatic life and attracting early inhabitants from what is now the city of Warren to the Detroit River. Today all that remains of the creek is in an underground culvert that carries the region's sewage. This project will include a ten foot wide asphalt pathway, benches, trash receptacles, ornamental fencing, perennials, shrubs, shade trees, and interpretive signage. The budget for this project is \$1,991,000, including \$1,487,000 in federal funds and \$504,000 in GreenWays Initiative funds from the Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan.

Wayne

MDOT, in partnership with the city of Taylor, will install landscaping to provide visual enhancements and coordination within the newly constructed Single Point Urban

Interchange (SPUI) to compliment the signature Tied-Arch Bridges at I-94 at US-24, a gateway to the I-94 corridor. I-94, a major arterial in the Detroit Metro area, serves as the major focal point for travelers between Detroit Metro Airport and downtown Detroit. The project also includes landscaping in the median of Telegraph from I-94/US-24 interchange south to Eureka Road, to support the "Telegraph Tomorrow" beautification plan for the Telegraph median. The project budget is \$1,150,000, including \$650,000 in federal funds and \$500,000 from the city of Taylor.

Wexford

MDOT will construct a stairway and viewing deck at the Hoden-Pyle scenic turn-out located on M-37 south of the Village of Mesick. The deck and stairway system will overlook the scenic Hoden-Pyle backwater providing a safe viewing point for the users and eliminating the ongoing erosion problems occurring due to the continuous pedestrian foot traffic. The project budget is \$120,000, including \$96,000 in federal funds and \$24,000 from MDOT.