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December 9, 2020

Mr. Russell L. Jorgenson, P.E. Division Administrator Federal Highway Administration, Michigan Division 315 West Allegan Street, Room 201 Lansing, MI 48933

Dear Mr. Jorgenson:

The Michigan Department of Transportation's (MDOT) Special Experimental Project Number 14 (SEP-14) Workplan for an On-the-Job Training (OJT) Voluntary Incentive Program (VIP) Pilot was programmatically approved for evaluation by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) from Calendar Year (CY) 2018 through CY 2021.

MDOT recognizes that 2020 has been an unprecedented year with many challenges as a direct result of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. COVID-19 impacted OJT Program performance, causing interrupted work schedules and limited OJTs from obtaining the necessary training hours because of supply chain interruptions and staffing, along with project safety protocols.

As MDOT continues to take action to protect our citizens and communities, MDOT is seeking your approval to extend the MDOT SEP-14 Workplan for one additional year, through CY 2022. This will allow additional data to be collected for the evaluation of the workplan.

If you have any questions, please contact either me or Lisa Thompson, Office of Business Development administrator, at 517-373-2377 or ThompsonL@michigan.gov.

Sincerely,

Joseph A. Kratofil, Jr. Dec 9 2020 11:35 AM

Joseph A. Kratofil, Jr. P.E. Chief Operations Officer

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