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Dear Mr. Schoonover:

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is pleased to inform you that the Local Bridge Advisory Board has approved the recommendation by your Region Bridge Council (RBC) to select the following bridge(s) for inclusion in the Local Bridge Program. Each Regional Bridge Council has created a 3-year bridge plan and the bridges selected from the 2018 call for applications are scheduled for funding during the 2021 fiscal year (except as noted below). Unless arrangements have been made with your RBC, a project will not be allowed to be let to contract before its scheduled funding year.

**Structure #13633, Fountain Road over North Branch Lincoln River
Application Estimate: \$869,000 Selected for Replacement**

The following conditions will apply to these projects:

- The federal and state share will be 95 percent of the eligible project costs;
- These funds are to be used for eligible bridge and approach construction costs only;
- State and federal participation in approach construction is limited to work within limits defined by “touchdown” points to the existing approach grade. Exact limits will be determined on a project by project basis; and
- Costs for preliminary engineering, construction engineering, and right of way acquisition are not eligible for federal or state aid under the Local Bridge Program.

The plans and specifications for these projects must be developed using the English system and the most current edition of the Michigan Department of Transportation Standard Specifications for Construction.

To help minimize major changes at the preliminary plan stage, a Type, Size and Location (TS&L) study must be submitted to the Local Agency Programs Unit in the Design Services Division for review prior to the preliminary plan submittal. Please see the requirements for the TS&L submittal on MDOT’s website at <http://www.michigan.gov/mdot>, Doing Business, Local Agency Program, Bridge Program, Design, Type, Size & Location Procedures. **Type, Size and Location (TS&L) study plans should be submitted 9 to 12 months prior to anticipated letting date.**

As of October 1, 2009, the Local Bridge Program implemented the “20% Rule.” If at the time of the grade inspection, the construction estimate exceeds the application estimate by more than twenty percent (20%), the Region Bridge Council (RBC) will need to decide if the project will be capped at the application

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estimate plus twenty percent, if it will be allowed to proceed as is, or if the project will be postponed. Please make every effort to limit construction work to stay reasonably close to the application estimate.

The project selected for funding, listed on page 1 of this document, was based on the scope of work listed in the submitted application. The Local Bridge Advisory Board set policy that a change in scope of a project will require the local agency to make a choice. First, they may proceed with the changed scope and have the funding amount capped at twenty percent (20%) over the application estimate or second, they may reapply for the project with the updated scope during a subsequent call of applications. Please be aware of this policy as the plans progress.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires impacts to threatened and endangered species be avoided and/or mitigated. One classification of species that may affect bridge projects is federal and/or state protected mussels. As part of your NEPA review, you will need to work with the United States Fish & Wildlife Service (US FWS) and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) to determine if your bridge project could impact protected mussels. If protected mussels may be affected by your bridge project, a mussel survey may be required. There are time restrictions for when a survey can be performed and the time to avoid / mitigate impacts to mussels can be lengthy. It is highly recommended that you begin the NEPA review process early to avoid potential delays to your project.

Please complete the Program Application for Bridge Projects, Form Number 0258, and submit with the preliminary plans to:

Keith Cooper
Michigan Department of Transportation
Local Agency Program, Mail Stop B250
425 W. Ottawa Street
Lansing, Michigan 48933

The form can be found on MDOT's website at: <http://www.michigan.gov/mdot>, Doing Business, Local Agency Program, Bridge Program, Forms, 0258 – Program Application for Bridge Projects.

Refer to Local Agency Programs Project Planning Guide for plan completion and bid letting timetable. The Planning Guide can be found on MDOT's website at <http://www.michigan.gov/mdot>, Doing Business, Local Agency Program, FY 2018 Project Planning Guide.

If you have any questions or, for any reason, you decide not to participate in this program, please contact me at 517-373-2346 or CooperK@michigan.gov, as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Keith Cooper, P.E.
Bridge Program Manager