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REPORT SUMMARY

*Performance Audit  
Traffic and Safety Support Area  
Bureau of Highway Delivery  
Michigan Department of Transportation*

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*The Michigan Department of Transportation's (MDOT's) mission is to provide the highest quality transportation for economic benefit and improved quality of life. The Traffic and Safety Support Area (TSSA) is responsible for meeting the traffic engineering responsibilities and requirements of MDOT through several support area programs. The central office and the seven region offices share the day-to-day resource management to carry out program objectives.*

**Audit Objective:**

To assess the effectiveness of MDOT's procedures for selecting and administering traffic and safety capital outlay projects.

**Audit Conclusion:**

We concluded that MDOT's procedures for selecting and administering traffic and safety capital outlay projects were generally effective. However, we noted reportable conditions related to crash site surveillance, project file documentation, and guardrail inventory (Findings 1 through 3).

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**Audit Objective:**

To assess the effectiveness of TSSA's quality assurance review of highway construction design plans.

**Audit Conclusion:**

We concluded that TSSA was effective in performing its quality assurance review of highway construction design plans. Our report does not include any reportable conditions related to this audit objective.

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**Audit Objective:**

To evaluate the effectiveness of TSSA's procedures for selecting, monitoring, and evaluating consultants that perform traffic and safety project design functions.

**Audit Conclusion:**

We concluded that TSSA's procedures for selecting, monitoring, and evaluating consultants that perform traffic and safety project design functions were generally effective. However, we noted a reportable condition related to disclosure of interest (Finding 4).

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**Agency Response:**

Our report contains 4 findings and 4 corresponding recommendations. MDOT's preliminary response indicated that it agreed with all of the findings and that it has taken or will take steps to comply with all of the recommendations.

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