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John Nixon  
State Budget Director  
Department of Management and Budget  
111 South Capitol, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Lansing, Michigan 48909

Dear Mr. Nixon:

In accordance with the State of Michigan, Financial Management Guide, Part VII, enclosed is a summary table identifying our response and corrective action plan to address the recommendation made in the Office of the Auditor General's Performance Audit of the Bureau of Transportation Planning covering the period of October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2010. The Office of Internal Audit Services, State Budget Office approved distribution of the plan.

Questions regarding the summary table or corrective action plan should be directed to Denise Jackson, at 517-335-2962, or Doug Witte, Chief Examiner, at 517-373-2384.

Sincerely,

Signature Redacted

Kirk T. Steudle  
Director

Enclosure

Performance Audit of the Bureau of Transportation Planning  
Michigan Department of Transportation  
Summary of Agency Responses to Recommendations  
Audit Period: October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2009

**SUMMARY TABLE**

**1. Audit Recommendations the agency has complied with:**

N/A

**2. Audit Recommendations the agency agrees with and will comply:**

**FINDING**

**1. Call for Projects Selection Process**

**RECOMMENDATION**

We recommend that BTP document the Project Screening Committee's justification for accepting road and bridge projects that did not comply with eligibility criteria for inclusion in MDOT's Five-Year Transportation Program.

**AGENCY RESPONSE**

We concur with the recommendation. As a part of the 2015 Call for Projects which started in December 2009, BTP began documenting why the Project Screening Committee accepted any road project outside the eligibility criteria specified in the Call for Projects instructions. Such acceptance is normally based on the Project Screening Committee members' expert opinions of information provided; or on additional information, follow-up and verification, as considered necessary by the Project Screening Committee.

In June 2010, the Call for Projects process underwent a process improvement. As a result, the Project Screening Committee was replaced with the Call for Projects Approval Committee. Beginning with the 2016 Call for Projects, anticipated to start prior to the end of December 2010, the Road and Bridge Subcommittees, of the Call for Projects Approval Committee, will begin documenting why any road or bridge projects outside the eligibility criteria specified in the Call for Projects instructions are accepted. In addition, as part of the 2016 Call for Projects instructions MDOT will reiterate the need to document why any road or bridge project should be/is accepted, if a project included is outside the eligibility criteria specified in the Call for Projects instructions.

**3. Audit Recommendations the agency disagrees with:**

N/A