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Mr. Richard Lowe, Director
Office of Internal Audit Services
Office of the State Budget
George W. Romney Building
111 South Capitol Avenue, Sixth Floor
Lansing, Michigan 48913

Dear Mr. Lowe:

In accordance with the State of Michigan Financial Management Guide, Part VII, the Michigan Department of Transportation is providing its corrective action plan in response to the Office of Auditor General's performance audit report of the Traffic and Safety Section, Michigan Department of Transportation, covering the period of October 1, 2016, through May 31, 2019 (Project 591-0162-19). The Office of Internal Audit Services, Office of the State Budget, has approved distribution of the plan.

Questions regarding the summary table or corrective action plan should be directed to either Mark Bott, Engineer of Traffic and Safety, at 517-335-2625 or Jack Cotter, CPA, CGMA, Commission Auditor, at 517-335-5920.

Sincerely,

Paul C. Ajegba, P.E.
Director

Enclosures

cc: Executive Office
Office of the Auditor General
Senate Fiscal Agency
Senate Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee
Senate Transportation Standing Committee
House Fiscal Agency
House Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee
House Transportation Standing Committee
State Transportation Commission Chair
Office of Commission Audits

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A. Audit recommendations the agency has complied with:

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B. Audit recommendations the agency agrees with and will comply:

Finding 2.

C. Audit recommendations the agency partially agrees with:

Finding 3.

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A. Audit recommendations the agency has complied with:

AUDIT FINDING

1. MDOT did not ensure that it conducted all required Road Safety Audits (RSAs).

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend that MDOT conduct all required RSAs to help ensure that proposed safety improvement projects incorporate all appropriate and necessary fixes.

AGENCY RESPONSE

MDOT concurs with the recommendation and is working with the Regions to ensure that all required RSAs are conducted on an annual basis.

B. Audit recommendations the agency agrees with and will comply:

AUDIT FINDING

2. MDOT did not ensure that Michigan Traffic Sign Inventory System (MTSIS) contained complete and accurate traffic sign information to readily identify traffic signs in need of replacement or upgrade.

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend that MDOT ensure that MTSIS contains complete and accurate traffic sign information to readily identify traffic signs in need of replacement or upgrade.

AGENCY RESPONSE

MDOT agrees with the recommendation. MDOT will review and address accuracy of the database as part of the redesign of MTSIS. MDOT's target date for compliance is March 31, 2021.

C. Audit recommendations the agency partially agrees with:

AUDIT FINDING

3. MDOT did not always complete or document that it completed all required elements of traffic safety reports (TSRs) when making a speed limit change.

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend that MDOT complete and document that it completed all required elements of TSRs when considering a speed limit change.

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AGENCY RESPONSE

MDOT partially agrees with the recommendation. MDOT does not agree that it did not perform all the geometric/safety reviews. MDOT agrees that it did not have clear and concise policy to define the documentation requirement when conducting a TSR. MDOT will revise policy to ensure the documentation requirement is clear and concise. MDOT expects to update their policies by July 31, 2021.