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Focus

In 2018, the Communications Team will continue to pursue the following objectives:

- Engage directly with stakeholders on their own turf
- Gather input for SEIS development
- In the spirit of implementing Executive Order 12898 on environmental justice, identify
 and address any disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental
 effects of the project on minority and low-income populations
- Share project-related information and workforce/SBE opportunities
- Educate LAC/GAC members to become better project ambassadors
- Work with the LAC/GAC to identify community outreach opportunities
- Create connections between project area residents and the project team
- Reinforce MDOT's reputation as community-oriented and supportive of community growth and economic development

Additionally, the team will also pursue the following new objectives:

- Raise stakeholder awareness of 2018 Advanced Bridges construction at Gratiot, Chene, French and Concord and demolition of the pedestrian bridges at Helen, Rohns and Springfield
- Launch and raise awareness of the new I-94 website and social media resources
- Build upon stakeholder relationships created in 2017 and expand that network

Geographic Focus/Target Audience:

 Neighborhoods throughout the project area for SEIS engagement Public at-large, project area residents, businesses and entertainment venues for Advanced Bridges construction information

Action Plan

I. Media Relations

A. Goals:

- To explain the I-94 Project and inform more stakeholders about the opportunity to provide input for the SEIS
- To share information about 2018 Advanced Bridges construction

B. Public Engagement/Public Information Tactics

Schedule on-air interviews for R. Morosi, N. Ford and J. Baldauf with the following outlets:

• The Mildred Gaddis Show (WPZR 102.7) – MG has offered opportunities for return visits to her show to provide project updates



- Detroit Today with Stephen Henderson (WDET 101.9) In-studio interview with call-in
- Mason and Coco in the Morning Show (KISS 105.9 FM) In-studio Interview
- Michigan Chronicle Op-ed pieces on workforce development and the SEIS/engagement
- Latino Press, El Centro, Arab News and Chaldean News -- Same as Chronicle

II. Project Website

A. See revised launch plan submitted by R. Prewitt on 12/8/17

III. Public Engagement

A. Goals:

- Educate and engage project area stakeholders to get their feedback for the SEIS
- Provide ongoing information about 2018 Advanced Bridges construction at Gratiot, Chene,
 French and Concord and demolition at Rohns, Springfield and Helen

B. SEIS Public Engagement Tools and Resources

- Create a minimum of one, maximum of two **project newsletters**. Content, timing and number of pages TBD
- Review and make any refinements needed to the current Resident Roundtable packaging, key messages and collateral materials. (Currently includes newsletters, comment cards, outreach worksheets, signage, pens/pencils, flip chart, markers, sign-in sheets and Title VI surveys, workforce development fact sheet and video, standardized talking points and customized presentations)
- For consideration: Beginning planning for the creation of a **project visualization video**. This video could be created once the proposed modifications are finalized for the SEIS

C. Advanced Bridges Public Information Tools and Resources

- Create materials needed to inform the public about project construction and demolition including public meeting fliers, postcards and brochures
- Create and disseminate messaging for the project website and for social media
- Work with MDOT on developing press release and media strategy
- Develop website and social media messaging

D. SEIS Public Engagement Tactics

- Participate in/host 2-5 Resident Roundtables or other community outreach events monthly.
 In early 2018 schedule meetings with environmental groups, the Fourth Street neighborhood and others recommended by the LAC/GAC.
- **Build upon relationships** established in 2017. Keep in touch with community leaders and organizations via occasional, informal check-in emails or phone calls. Go to their meetings occasionally to give project updates, answer questions, etc.
- Continue to distribute the current **project newsletter** to key neighborhood locations and the new edition once available
- Building on the success of the fall 2017 LAC/GAC event, host a corridor tour for community stakeholders. Logistics/details TBD



E. Advanced Bridges Public Information Tactics

- Schedule public information meetings in neighborhoods surrounding the 2018 Advance Bridges timed in accordance with the construction schedule for each bridge.
- Send postcard mailings to stakeholders within a half-mile of each construction site timed in accordance with the construction schedule for each bridge. (Some bridges may require more than one mailing to update information as the project progresses.)
- Post additional fliers at key community locations to update information as needed
- Partner with MDOT Communications on press releases and other media outreach

IV. LAC/GAC Engagement

A. Goals:

- Continue to engage LAC/GAC members to be more effective project ambassadors/engagement partners
- Continue to access and expand the group to ensure that it is inclusive of all project stakeholder groups

B. SEIS Tools, Resources and Tactics

- Continue LAC/GAC meeting on a quarterly **or** as-needed basis
- Create a monthly, one-page e-mail project update for committee with upcoming/completed engagement events, construction updates on the Advanced Bridges, project news briefs and thanks to members for their assistance
- Share information about the new I-94 website and social media initiative; request that all representatives link to the site and follow and share I-94 social media
- Host educational opportunities such as a second" Lunch and Learn" webinar as needed.
- Host one-on-one learning opportunities for members as needed or requested

C. Advanced Bridges Construction Tools, Resources and Tactics

- Share information on the Advanced Bridges construction through monthly one-page mailer (see above), via email updates and through meetings and presentations
- Continue communication with WSU, Henry Ford and other local stakeholders about the status and progress of the Third Street bridge

V. City Council and Mayor's Department of Neighborhoods Engagement

A. Goal:

• Continue to engage district representatives to encourage their participation as project partners and channels to the stakeholder community

B. SEIS Tools, Resources and Tactics

- Host a Residents Roundtable in District 5
- Continue meetings with representatives in Districts 3,4,5 and 6 to give share project updates, gather input and explore opportunities for continuing engagement



- In 2018, the above should include briefings on upcoming construction on **the Advanced Bridges** and any significant changes to the proposed modifications
- Make presentations at district-wide meetings to update stakeholders about upcoming 2018
 Advanced Bridges construction and demolition
- Share information about the new **I-94 website and social media initiative**; request that all representatives link to the site and follow and share I-94 social media posts
- Share **monthly one-page**, email project update with members (detailed above)

C. Advanced Bridges Construction Tools, Resources and Tactics

- Share information on the Advanced Bridges construction through monthly one-page mailer (see above), via email updates and through meetings and presentations
- Continue communication about the status and progress of the Third Street bridge

VI. Project Documentation

A. Goal:

- To capture the progress of the I-94 Project over time via photography and video
- To use resulting images on the project website, social media, the project newsletter, presentations and other project materials
- To archive the material for future use such as a video documenting the project overall

B. Documentation Tools and Tactics

- Continue video and photography of outreach events
- Document 2018 Advanced Bridges construction and demolition. This should include at least weekly photo and video of each project and the possible use of time-lapse photography at one or more construction sites.

VII. Workforce Development

A. Goal:

 To reinforce the need to fill skilled trade jobs, while highlighting the benefits these career options provide

B. Engagement Tools and Tactics

- Present a skilled trades segment in all presentations and distribute information about programs that are training people for careers in skilled trades
- Produce new continuous loop videos featuring employers (Barton Malow), union representatives (MUST Careers), Cadillac Asphalt (FP3), and others with testimonials from people who have found new careers in skilled trades
- Include information in upcoming newsletters. Highlight personal experiences, union representatives who can talk about entry requirements, training programs and examples of successful graduates who are currently working



- Develop a presentation that explains how people can help fill the skilled trades employment pipeline. Show on continuous loop.
 - Develop a presentation that will be made twice a month for middle and high school students, teachers and parents that reinforces the skilled trades as a career option, and outlines entry requirements
 - Create handouts on successful pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship training programs like Access for All and DESC that are gateways to real employment
 - Create flyers for the speakers' bureau to distribute at I-94 public meetings, advisory committee meetings, Resident Roundtables and other project-related events
- Support several skilled trades events to help reinforce skilled trades as a career option
 - Sponsor National Apprenticeship Week (early November 2018)
 - Randolph Career and Technical High School Skilled Trades programs (twice a year)
 - o Attend monthly Skilled Trades Task Force meetings
- Engage in workforce development-related community relations activities
 - Attend monthly Partnership for Diversity & Opportunity in Transportation meetings to gain information about what's happening in skilled trades
 - Meet with union representatives to better understand their entry requirements, training programs and hiring plans
 - Meet with potential employers to determine their skilled trades needs and requirements

VIII. SBE Program

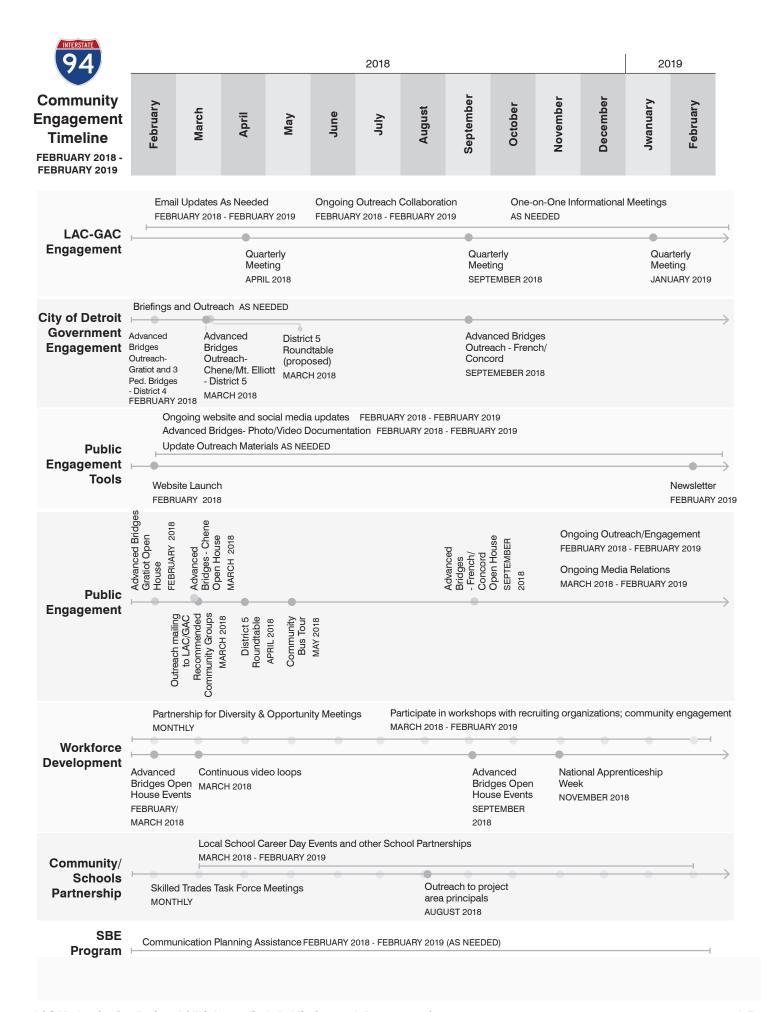
A. Goal:

 To generate increased awareness of the program leading to an increase in the number of program participants

B. SBE Tools and Tactics

• Work with the SBE team to develop a plan for implementing the goal above.

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STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

Meeting Date	Stakeholder Group	Meeting Purpose
9/19/2014	Midtown Detroit, Inc.	Project updates and answer any questions of Midtown Detroit, Inc stakeholders
10/2/2014	Great Lakes Environmental Law Center	Project update and answer any project related questions of stakeholders
10/29/2014	Midtown Detroit, Inc., Wayne State University	Midtown stakeholder subcommittee meeting
12/17/2014	Midtown Detroit, Inc.	Midtown Detroit, Inc. stakeholder engagement meeting
3/6/2015	Transit Riders United	Transit Riders United stakeholder engagement meeting
3/30/2015	PIRGIM, SEMCOG	PIRGIM coordination meeting/ MDOT and SEMCOG growth rate discussion
4/14/2015	Great Lakes Environmental Law Center	Provide a project update and answer any project related questions of stakeholders
4/21/2015	Midtown Detroit, Inc.	Midtown stakeholder subcommittee meeting
5/7/2015	General Motors	General Motors Hamtramck plant ROW acquisition and project coordination
5/20/2015	SMART	SMART stakeholder engagement meeting
6/23/2015	General Motors	Project update and Hamtramck Plant project coordination
8/13/2015	University Prep Academy Schools	University Prep Academy stakeholder engagement meeting
8/26/2015	Midtown Detroit, Inc.	Midtown stakeholder subcommittee meeting
11/4/2015	Carhartt	Carhartt coordination meeting
11/19/2015	Wayne State University	Discuss real estate impacts associated with the I-94 bridge construction project
12/16/2015	Wayne State University	To discuss Wayne State University concerns about ROW impacts, and the Wayne State University ROW approval process
1/12/2016	Henry Ford Health Systems	Coordinate Trumbull Bridge construction with Henry Ford Health Systems and update the status of the bridge construction
4/29/2016	Detroit Thermal, Nextel-Sprint	Detroit Thermal, Nextel-Sprint utility coordination meeting
6/1/2016	Senator Coleman Young	Senator Coleman Young engagement meeting
8/11/2016	Wayne State University	Update Wayne State University staff on I-94 Advanced Bridges Project

Meeting Date	Stakeholder Group	Meeting Purpose
10/3/2016	Midtown Detroit, Inc.	Ongoing coordination efforts with the City of Detroit and Midtown subcommittee
10/19/2016	Wayne County Community College District	Stakeholder engagement from the Wayne County Community College District on their campus master plan and proposed modifications under consideration
11/2/2016	General Motors	General Motors project coordination and update meeting
11/4/2016	Midtown Detroit, Inc.	Midtown stakeholder engagement on the proposed modifications
12/6/2016	General Motors	Review General Motor's traffic operations and plant access, discuss future projects and development around the General Motors Plant, resolve operational challenges and determine proposed local system and freeway access improvements
12/8/2016	University Prep Academy Schools	Stakeholder engagement with University Prep Academy
1/18/2017	Midtown Detroit, Inc.	Midtown stakeholder subcommittee meeting
3/8/2017	Midtown Detroit, Inc.	Midtown stakeholder subcommittee meeting
3/10/2017	Great Lakes Water Authority	Great Lakes Water Authority, OHM 42In water main Alternative 3 coordination
3/20/2017	Great Lakes Water Authority	Great Lakes Water Authority, OHM 42In water main coordination
4/18/2017	Henry Ford Health System	Henry Ford Health System stakeholder engagement
4/24/2017	Great Lakes Water Authority	I-94 42-inch water main relocation bi-weekly coordination meeting
5/1/2017	Wayne State University	Wayne State University Advanced Bridge Project update
5/9/2017	Great Lakes Water Authority	I-94 42-inch water main relocation bi-weekly coordination meeting
5/9/2017	Wayne State University	Wayne State University Advanced Bridge Project update
5/22/2017	Great Lakes Water Authority, Detroit Water and Sewage Department	Great Lakes Water Authority, OHM, Detroit Water and Sewage Department Mt Elliott St. 42In water main coordination
6/2/2017	Detroit Water and Sewage Department, Great Lakes Water Authority	Detroit Water and Sewage Department, Great Lakes Water Authority and MDOT drainage study meeting
6/5/2017	Detroit Water and Sewage Department, Great Lakes Water Authority	Detroit Water and Sewage Department, Great Lakes Water Authority, OHM 42In water main coordination for Mt Elliott St.

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6/21/2017	Detroit Water and Sewage Department, Great Lakes Water Authority	Detroit Water and Sewage Department, Great Lakes Water Authority and MDOT drainage study meeting
6/27/2017	Detroit Water and Sewage Department, Great Lakes Water Authority	Detroit Water and Sewage Department, Great Lakes Water Authority, OHM-42 In water main coordination for Mt Elliott St.
7/13/2017	Detroit Water and Sewage Department, Great Lakes Water Authority	Detroit Water and Sewage Department, Great Lakes Water Authority -OHM-42In water main coordination at Mt Elliott St.
7/13/2017	LAC/GAC	LAC-GAC kick-off meeting
8/1/2017	Detroit City Council	Stakeholder engagement meeting with Councilman Scott Benson
8/3/2017	Detroit City Council	Stakeholder engagement meeting with Councilman Andre Spivey
8/8/2017	New Mt. Carmel Tabernacle	Obtain feedback from the New Mt. Carmel Tabernacle on the proposed I-94 project modifications and impacts
8/9/2017	Wayne State University	Provide a project update to Wayne State University staff, discuss real estate acquisition requirements, and provide an update on private utility relocations required to construct the Package 2 bridges
8/19/2017	New Mt. Carmel Tabernacle Community Fair	New Mt. Carmel Tabernacle community engagement
8/28/2017	Detroit City Council	Stakeholder engagement meeting with Councilwoman Mary Sheffield Meeting
8/29/2017	Detroit City Council	Stakeholder engagement meeting with Councilwoman Lopez meeting
9/16/2017	Office of Neighborhoods District 6	Resident roundtable with District 6
9/20/2017	LAC/GAC	LAC/GAC webinar update
9/28/2017	Office of Neighborhoods District 4	Resident Roundtable with District 4
10/7/2017	LAC/GAC	Bus Tour with LAC/GAC members
10/11/2017	District 3	District 3 Community Resource Fair
10/12/2017	Community Development Advocates of Detroit	Briefing Community Development Advocates of Detroit and solicit assistance with community outreach
10/18/2017	Office of Neighborhoods District 3	Resident Roundtable with District 3
10/19/2017	Office of Neighborhoods District 5	District 5 coordination with Mayor's Office of Neighborhoods staff
10/24/2017	Councilwoman Brenda Jones	Workforce Development Taskforce

Meeting Date	Stakeholder Group	Meeting Purpose
10/26/2017	West Side Stakeholders	I-94 project and the proposed design modifications with special emphasis on modifications that may impact this neighborhood
10/31/2017	Mildred Gaddis Radio Show	Popular local radio show, getting the word out and asking for citizen involvement. Fielded call-in questions live.
11/3/2017	Detroit Water and Sewage Department, Great Lakes Water Authority	Detroit Water and Sewage Department, Great Lakes Water Authority, OHM-42 In water main coordination on Mt. Elliott Street
11/8/2017	Chadsey Condon Community Organization	Discuss proposed design modifications with special emphasis on modifications in District 6 and gather input from Chadsey Condon residents
11/9/2017	Wayne State University	Discuss the proposed design modifications with special emphasis on modifications on Wayne State University and gather input from surrounding neighborhoods
11/9/2017	Woodbridge Community Meeting	Discuss the proposed design modifications with special emphasis on modifications in District 6 and gather input from Woodbridge residents
11/13/2017	Wayne State University	Wayne State Student Center outreach event
11/14/2017	Midtown Detroit, Inc.	Ongoing coordination efforts with the City of Detroit while seeking input from the Midtown subcommittee
11/16/2017	Office of Neighborhoods District 6	Resident Roundtable with District 6
11/29/2017	Office of Neighborhoods District 5	Resident Roundtable with District 5
12/5/2017	LAC/GAC	Public engagement and Advanced Bridges Construction update
12/6/2017	Detroit Water and Sewage Department, Great Lakes Water Authority	Detroit Water and Sewage Department, Great Lakes Water Authority, OHM-42 In water main shutdown kickoff
12/13/2017	Detroit Water and Sewage Department, Great Lakes Water Authority	Detroit Water and Sewage Department, Great Lakes Water Authority Package 2-3 OEC design review
2/12/2018	Wayne State University	Project update to Wayne State University staff, discuss Palmer Lot site restoration requirements, resolve outstanding real estate issues, and provide an update on private utility relocations required to construct the Package 2 bridges
2/12/2018	Wayne State University, AT&T	I-94 at 2nd Ave. Wayne State University and AT&T meeting
2/13/2018	General Motors	Weekly Project Update with General Motors

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2/14/2018	TDM Stakeholders	I-94 Active Transportation and Demand Management Stakeholder Workshop	
2/16/2018	General Motors	To inform General Motors staff about upcoming reconstruction of the Chene (and Gratiot) Bridges	
2/20/2018	Wayne State University and AT&T	I-94 Wayne State -AT&T relocation alternatives meeting	
2/27/2018	Mt. Carmel Tabernacle Church	To inform the community about the reconstruction plans and schedule for the Gratiot Bridge over I-94	
2/27/2018	General Motors	Weekly project update with General Motors	
3/1/2018	Holy Ghost Cathedral	To inform the community about the reconstruction plans and schedule for the Chene Bridge over I-94	
3/7/2018	University Prep Academy	Stakeholder engagement with University Prep Academy	
3/9/2018	General Motors	General Motors project update	
3/13/2018	General Motors	Weekly project update with General Motors	
3/20/2018	General Motors	Weekly project update with General Motors	
4/4/2018	District 5	Precinct 5 community meeting at the Samaritan Center	
4/13/2018	General Motors	Update General Motors staff about freeway closure and the reconstruction of the Chene (and Gratiot) bridges	
4/25/2018	Eastside Community Network	Resident Roundtable	
5/18/2018	General Motors	Update General Motors staff about freeway closure and the reconstruction of the Chene (and Gratiot) bridges	
5/22/2018	District 5 Resident Roundtable	Discuss I-94 project updates with residents of District 5	
6/12/2018	Wayne State University	Provide a project update to Wayne State University staff, discuss Palmer Lot restoration requirements, resolve outstanding real estate issues, and provide an update on private utility relocations required to construct the Package 2	
6/13/2018	General Motors	General Motors project update for Chene Bridge Construction	
7/10/2018	General Motors	Weekly project update with General Motors	
7/17/2018	General Motors	Weekly project update with General Motors	
7/18/2018	United Sound System Recording Studio	Update MDOT Environmental Specialists and real-estate on the USSRS analysis, meeting with the SHPO, and discuss next steps	

Meeting Date	Stakeholder Group	Meeting Purpose	
7/24/2018	General Motors	Weekly project update with General Motors	
7/27/2018	Detroit Future City	Project briefing with Detroit Future City	
7/27/2018	Detroit Greenways Coalition	Project update and plans for non-motorized facilities and gathering project feedback	
8/14/2018	General Motors	Weekly project update with General Motors	
8/21/2018	General Motors	Weekly project update with General Motors	
8/23/2018	Riverbend Community Association	Resident Roundtable meeting	
8/28/2018	General Motors	Weekly project update with General Motors	
9/4/2018	General Motors	Weekly project update with General Motors	
9/18/2018	General Motors	Weekly project update with General Motors	
9/18/2018	Council of Baptist Pastors	Stakeholder engagement meeting	
9/25/2018	General Motors	Weekly project update with General Motors	
10/24/2018	LAC/GAC	3rd meeting of I-94 Project LAC/GAC and Gratiot Ave. Bridge Tour	
11/6/2018	General Motors	Weekly project update with General Motors	
11/13/2018	General Motors	Weekly project update with General Motors	
11/13/2018	Indian Village, West Village and Charlevoix Neighborhoods	Resident Roundtable meeting	
11/20/2018	General Motors	Weekly project update with General Motors	
11/27/2018	General Motors	Weekly project update with General Motors	
12/4/2018	General Motors	Weekly project update with General Motors	
12/11/2018	General Motors	Weekly project update with General Motors	
11/29/2018	Wayne County Community College District	Provide an I-94 Project update and seeking input from the Wayne County Community College District on their campus master plan	
5/23/2019	Trumbull Crossing Apartments	Meeting for residents to participate in decisions regarding design of adjacent service drive. Options to create a through-connection or to leave as a cul-de-sac were presented and residents weighed in on their preferences, needs and concerns. Residents identified leaving the cul-de-sac as the preferred option.	



I-94 MODERNIZATION PROJECT

NOVEMBER 2018

PUBLIC MEETINGS SUMMARY

- Tuesday, November 27, 2018
 - o 9:00 AM 11:00 AM
 - o 5:30 PM 7:30 PM
- Thursday, November 29, 2018
 - o 2:00 PM 4:00 PM
 - o 6:00 PM 8:00 PM

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Executive Summary

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) hosted a series of four public meetings, on November 27 and 29, 2018. Key subject presented were: (1) the proposed I-94 Modernization Project design modifications; (2) Section 106 and Section 4(f) properties impacted by the project; (3) an advanced bridges project and Cass Avenue bridge public art project update (4) the Small Business Enterprise (SBE) program; (5) Skilled Trades. The project includes the reconstruction of 6.7 miles of freeway, from east of the I-94/I-96 Interchange to east of Conner Avenue, as well as structure rehabilitation, replacements, and local system improvements. The purpose of the public meetings was to inform the public about the advanced bridges, SBE program and workforce development resources; and to inform and acquire feedback on the proposed modifications to the 2005 Approved Selected Alternative. The meeting provided the opportunity to review and comment on the use and impacts of Section 4(f) recreational properties and to historic properties protected by Section 106 and Section 4(f). The meeting also informed the public of FHWA's intent to make *de minimis* impact findings on affected parks and recreation areas. (The proposed design modifications presented at the meetings specifically focused on increasing connectivity within the local system; no changes to the freeway system were shown.)

Meeting attendees were invited to view numerous display boards, and roll plots; project team members were also available to discuss the details of the proposed modifications and impacts to the Section 106 (historical) and Section 4(f) (historical and recreational) properties and answer questions from the public. Attendees were encouraged to submit written comment forms at the meetings, provide comments directly on the displays, and send comments via email or regular mail to the project office.

A total of 97 people attended the public meetings; with 24 written comment cards completed plus various sticky note comments left on the exhibits. A summary of the comments includes:

- Proposed design modifications support:
 - Maintaining existing local bridges at Ferry, John R, Beaubien and Brush
 - Appreciation for considering public input in the design process
 - Preference for two-lane service drives vs. three
- Section 106:
 - Support for preserving the United Sound System Recording Studio
 - Specific request to a meeting regarding the recording studio
 - Request for Detroit Fuse historical documentation
- Non-motorized traffic:
 - Against installing protected bike lanes

- Speeds along the bike trail at Conner and Gunston
- Include #bikelife on public art projects to recognize the city's bike culture
- Specific intersections and/or service drives:
 - Van Dyke service drives should go all the way to Gratiot Avenue
 - Close Olga Avenue at Conner
 - Accidents/visibility at the I-94 Brush Street service drive
- Construction-related:
 - Will the service drive remain open during Brush Street bridge construction?
 - Close east or westbound roadway to facilitate faster freeway reconstruction
- · Landscaping:
 - Request for using native species and recommendation to contact MSU Extension for help with native plant choices
- Positive public engagement:
 - Super job over the last two years adjusting to the public's thinking
 - I am very pleased with the updated version
 - You have done a super job in making adjustments from the original project

MDOT will consider the public input and will work with FHWA to determine the most reasonable course of action forward, weighing public input with the needs of all stakeholders.

This report summarizes the activities and results of the November 2018 public meetings.

Meeting Logistics & Attendance

Four public meetings were held on November 27 and 29, 2018 at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul and Wayne County Community College - Eastern Campus respectively. (see **Appendix C** for the meeting room diagrams). The facilities were located at the west and east end of the I-94 Project corridor. A total of 93 stakeholders signed in and attended the public meetings. Identical information was presented at each meeting. See **Table 1** for the logistics and attendance of each meeting.

Table 1: Public Meeting Details

Date/Location	Time	Attendance	Day Total
Tuesday, November 27, 2018 Cathedral Church of St. Paul	9:00-11:00 a.m.	34	54
Barth Hall 4800 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48201	5:30-7:30 p.m.	20	
Thursday, November 29, 2018 Wayne County Community College	2:00-4:00 p.m.	29	
Eastern Campus 5901 Conner Ave., Detroit, MI 48213	6:00-8:00 p.m.	14	43

See **Appendix A** for the public meeting attendance sign-in sheets.

Notification Process

Table 2 provides a summary of communication and tools used to notify stakeholders of the public meetings. The notification process included a variety of communication forums to invite stakeholder to the public meetings as well as solicit feedback from stakeholders on the Project.

Please see **Appendix B** for copies of the meeting notification material.

Table 2: Notification Process

Medium	Summary of Communication				
Postcard	A postcard invitation was created that included information regarding the				
	details and subject of the meeting. The postcard invitation was sent to				
	all addresses within one-quarter mile of the project limits. The				
	postcards reached 8,751 stakeholders and were mailed on November				
	12, 2018.				
Medium	Summary of Communication				
Press Release	The press release announcing the public meetings was distributed on				
	November 13, 2018 by MDOT's Office of Communications.				
Project Flyer	250 flyers were printed and distributed to churches, libraries, social service agencies, organizations, and local agencies along the corridor.				
Online Presence	Project Website: <u>www.i94detroit.org</u>				
Social Media	Twitter: @i94detroit				
Presence	Facebook: fb.com /i94Detroit/				

Public Meeting Materials

To assist stakeholders interested in attending the I-94 public meetings with finding the meeting locations, wayfinding signage was placed at key locations near the public meeting locations and meeting signage was placed inside of the facilities to assist attendees with finding the meeting room.

Attendees at the public meeting were asked to sign-in and were provided handouts, including the project newsletter, and comment form(s). Light refreshments were also available for attendees.



Figure 1: Stakeholders review exhibits and engage with project team members at the 2018 public meetings.

Meeting attendees were encouraged to visit each station, review display boards, and engage with staff on questions and answers. Public meeting stations included:

- Project Orientation Displays
- Video Presentations (3) (on a continuous loop) highlighting community engagement and advanced bridges construction, the SBE program and workforce development resources
- Advanced Bridges and Cass Avenue Public Art Project
- Proposed Design Modifications
- Section 106/Section 4(f) proposed property impacts
- Corridor Maps/Roll Plots
- Section 106/Section 4 (f) Roll Plots
- SBE Programs
- Skilled Trades
- Comments

<u>Project Orientation Station</u>: This station included display boards that provided a project overview including the purpose and need for the improvement, project timeline and history, looping video presentation highlighting 2018 community outreach and advanced bridges construction and an orientation map.

<u>Proposed Design Modifications Station</u>: This station included a roll plot displaying the Approved Selected Alternative with Modifications. Color coding and call-out boxes on map exhibits were used to portray proposed modification options which included existing connections to be retained, removed/proposed local connections, proposed conversions of existing pedestrian-only bridges to complete streets bridges, removed/proposed on/off ramps, and one-way/two-way local street connectors. Project engineers were on hand to respond to questions and provide additional information. Stakeholders were encouraged to comment on the exhibits verbally, by leaving sticky notes on the exhibit maps and/or by using comment cards provided.

<u>Proposed Property Impacts</u>: This station had 11 exhibit boards that presented the Section 4(f) and Section 106 property impacts, indicating the acreage of the site, the acreage of temporary or permanent right of way impacts and whether the impacts were *de minimis* on recreational properties or adverse effects on historic properties. It included photos and a brief description of each historic or recreational property. MDOT Cultural Resources staff members along with members of the project team responded to questions and provided additional information. Stakeholders were encouraged to comment on the exhibits verbally, by leaving sticky notes on the exhibit maps and boards and/or by using comment cards provided.

Advanced Bridges Station: This station featured exhibit boards highlighting the French Road, Concord Avenue and Brush Street bridges that will be reconstructed in 2019 as part of the advanced bridges program. The exhibits showed cross-sections of each bridge and the most recent advanced bridges schedule. The station also included display boards highlighting the potential Cass Avenue bridge public art project. Project engineers were on hand to respond to questions and provide additional information. Stakeholders were encouraged to comment on the exhibits verbally, by leaving sticky notes on the exhibit boards and/or by using comment cards provided.

<u>SBE Station</u>: This station included a looping video presentation highlighting the SBE program and a handout highlighting the program's goal, key elements and ongoing successes. A member of the SBE team was on-hand to respond to questions and provide additional information.

<u>Skilled Trades Station</u>: This station included a looping video presentation highlighting skilled trades opportunities and a handout entitled, "Career Options in Killed Trades: *Get Your Foot in the Door.*" A member of the communications team was on-hand to respond to questions and provide additional information on skilled trades resources.

Please see **Appendix C** for copies of the public meeting materials.

Public Comments

Public comments and discussions were solicited at the public meetings and after the public meeting through the MDOT website at i94detroit.org. Attendees were encouraged to complete comment forms and provide comments directly on public meeting displays.

A total of 24 comment forms were submitted at the public meetings.

Public comments received can be summarized as follows:

- Proposed design modifications support:
 - Maintaining existing local bridges at Ferry, John R, Beaubien and Brush
 - Appreciation for considering public input in the design process
 - Preference for two-lane service drives vs. three
- Section 106:
 - Support for preserving the United Sound Studio
 - Specific request to a meeting regarding the studio
 - Request for Detroit Fuse historical documentation
- Non-motorized traffic:
 - Against installing protected bike lanes
 - Speeds along the bike trail at Conner and Gunston
 - Include #bikelife on public art projects to recognize the city's bike culture
- Specific intersections and/or service drives:
 - Van Dyke service drives should go all the way to Gratiot Avenue
 - Close Olga Avenue at Conner
 - Accidents/visibility at the I-94 Brush Street service drive
- Construction-related:
 - Will the service drive remain open during Brush Street bridge construction?
 Close east or westbound roadway to facilitate faster freeway reconstruction
- Landscaping:
 - Request for using native species and recommendation to contact MSU Extension for help with native plant choices

Please see **Appendix D** of public comments.

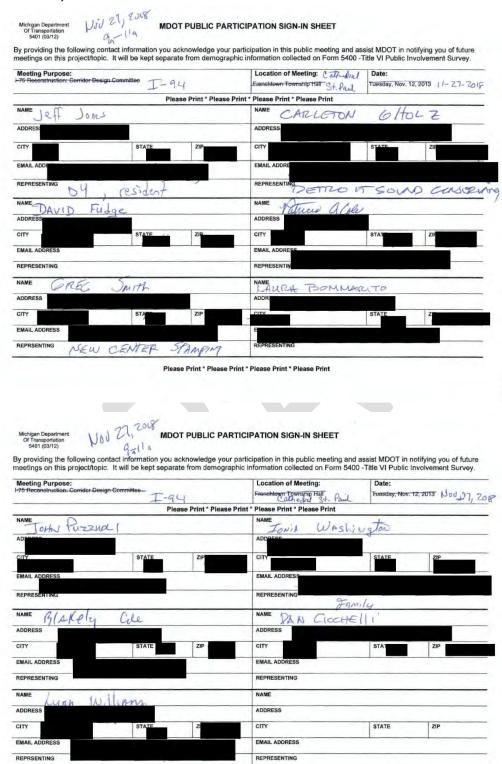
Next Steps

MDOT will consider public input from the November 2018 meetings with other stakeholder input to finalize the recommended Approved Selected Alternative with Modifications in the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS The Draft SEIS, which will include the updated design and associated impacts and benefits, will be made available for public review and comment, and presented at a public hearing targeted for mid-2019.

Appendix A: Sign-in Sheets

Sign-in Sheets

November 27, 2018 - Cathedral Church of St. Paul

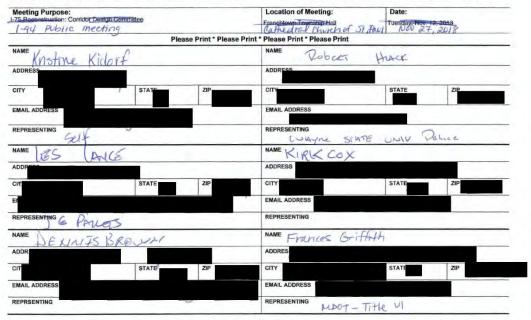


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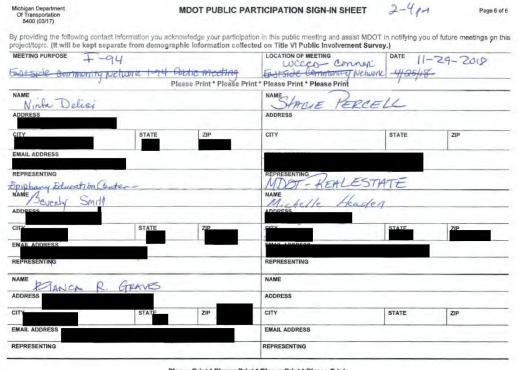


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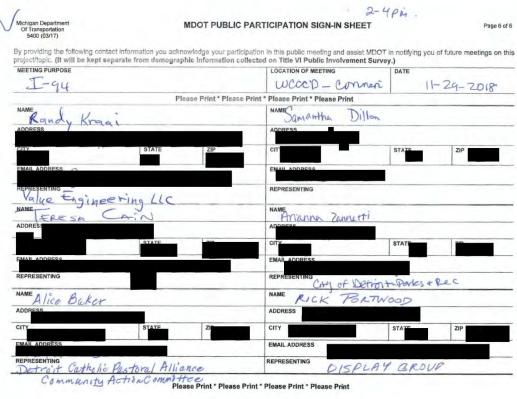
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Appendix B: Meeting Notifications



Please Attend...

WHAT: Detroit I-94 Modernization Project Open House Meetings

WHY:

Learn more and give your input on:

- · Proposed modifications to improve the freeway design
- Historic sites, public parks and recreation areas that may be affected *
- Upcoming bridge construction at Brush Street, French Road, and Concord Avenue

*Through a Section 106 and Section4(f) environmental analysis, MDOT determined the proposed project includes minor, or *de minimis*, impacts along the corridor for minor property impacts to historic and recreational properties and for relocating the Iron Belle Trail at the I-94/Connor interchange. Overall, impacts to the recreational and historic properties were determined to be either temporary or permanent but minor and will not adversely affect the activities, features or attributes of the resources.



How to Submit Comments on the Project

Comments from the public about the project can be:

- · Submitted at the meeting
- By mail to: I-94 Modernization Project, 3031 West Grand Blvd., Detroit, MI 48202
- · By e-mail to: nkford@hntb.com
- · By phone at: 313-210-1014

WHEN AND WHERE:

Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2018 At 9 – 11 a.m. or 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Cathedral Church of St. Paul – Barth Hall 4800 Woodward Ave., Detroit, 48201

Thursday, Nov. 29, 2018 At 2 – 4 p.m. or 6 – 8 p.m.

Wayne County Community College – Eastern Campus 5901 Conner Ave., Detroit, 48213

Special Accommodations

Accommodations can be made for persons with disabilities and limited English-speaking ability. Large print materials, auxiliary aids or the services of interpreters, signers, or readers are available upon request. To make a request, contact Anita Richardson by phone at 517-335-4381 or by e-mail at richardsona13@michigan.gov at least seven days before the meeting.



I-94 MODERNIZATION PROJECT E-UPDATE

SPECIAL EDITION: I-94 Open House Meetings

NOVEMBER 2018

You're Invited to Attend...

I-94 Modernization Project Detroit Open House Meetings on Nov. 27 and 29

As our regular readers know, the Detroit I-94 Modernization Project addresses the reconstruction of the I-94 freeway in Detroit from east of the I-96/I-94 interchange to east of Conner Avenue. The project includes 67 bridges and two major interchanges at M-10 (Lodge Freeway) and I-75 (Chrysler Freeway).

The I-94 project team looks forward to sharing the latest progress and next steps with you at one of four meetings on Nov. 27 and 29. Please save the dates, plan to attend, and share this information. Read below for more details.

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What to Expect at the Meetings

What's New on the Design Modifications and SEIS.

Over the past year, the I-94 team has been working on a series of modifications to the 2005 approved project design to improve mobility and make better neighborhood connections. They have also been drafting a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) to review the potential impacts of constructing the project improvements.

Many of the design changes are based on stakeholders' feedback from public and community meetings and from the I-94 Local and Government Advisory Committees. (Thanks for your help!) Over two years, we heard your voices at nearly 40 meetings. Come see the latest design and SEIS updates and give the team more feedback.



You will have the opportunity to give your input to the I-94 project team at one of four meetings on Nov. 27 and 29.

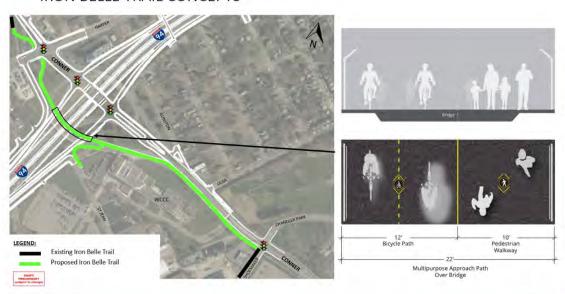
What's Next for the Advanced Bridges.

The advanced bridges project was created to reconstruct the corridor bridges in poorest condition. The new bridges are being designed and built to fit both the current and future alignment of the freeway. With the Chene Street and Gratiot Avenue bridges nearly finished, the project team is ready to take on the next series of bridges. Plus, plans are underway to create a public art installation at the future Cass Avenue bridge. Come learn more about the art project and which bridges are scheduled to be reconstructed next.



We will discuss the design modifications and potential effects on historic sites, public parks and recreational areas.

IRON BELLE TRAIL CONCEPTS



The team wants your input on the proposed Iron Belle Trail crossing near I-94 at the Conner Avenue interchange.

Section 106 and Section 4(f).

We try not to use too many "mysterious" terms like these, but these two are important. They refer to the federal laws regarding how MDOT must treat public and private historic resources, as well as public parks and recreation areas, that may be affected by a project. Through a Section 106 and Section4(f) environmental analysis, MDOT determined the proposed project includes minor, or de minimis, impacts along the corridor for minor property impacts to historic and recreational properties and for relocating the Iron Belle Trail at the I-94/Connor interchange. Overall, impacts to the recreational and historic properties were determined to be either temporary or permanent but minor and will not adversely affect the activities, features or attributes of the resources. Come learn about the specific impacts and tell the project team how they might affect the community.

More Important Information

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Learn Even More

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2018

CONTACT: Rob Morosi, MDOT Office of Communications, 248-483-5107 morosir@michigan.gov

MDOT to host open houses on future I-94 project in Detroit

WHAT:

Two house-style meetings to inform the public on project progress and gather community input on the future I-94 modernization project in Detroit. The public will be able to provide feedback on the progress of the Supplemental Environmental Impact Study (SEIS) that was launched in July 2017.

WHO:

Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) staff Consultant staff Residents and interested stakeholders

WHEN/WHERE:

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BACKGROUND:

MDOT staff and consultants will share the latest project information regarding the ongoing SEIS. The study was launched based on feedback received during public open houses and meetings with stakeholders in 2015 and 2016. This required refinement to the project since the original Environmental Impact Statement was approved by the Federal Highway Administration in 2005.

The SEIS is based on input in regard to reducing the project's footprint on the local street system in midtown, improving neighborhood connectivity along the corridor, and providing more multimodal options on designated overpasses. These proposed modifications under consideration would maintain the advantages of modernizing the freeway and would improve community connectivity.

Through a Section 106 and Section4(f) environmental analysis, MDOT determined the proposed project includes minor impacts along the corridor, including minor property impacts on historic and recreational properties and for relocating the Iron Belle Trail at the I-94/Connor Avenue interchange. Overall, impacts on the recreational and historic properties were determined to be either temporary or permanent and minor, and will not adversely affect the activities, features or attributes of the resources.

This project will improve safety and mobility by modernizing roughly 7 miles of I-94 between Conner Avenue and I-96. Included in the modernization is utility and bridge replacement, improvements to freeway interchanges, and construction of an additional freeway lane.

Additional project information is available at www.i94detroit.org.

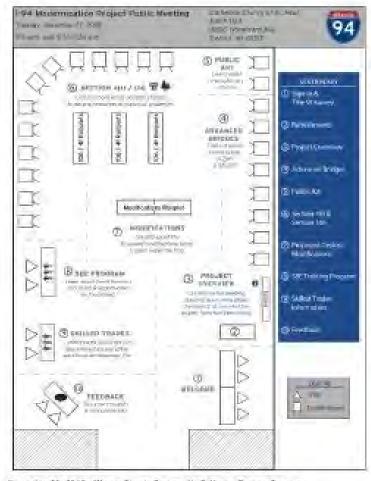
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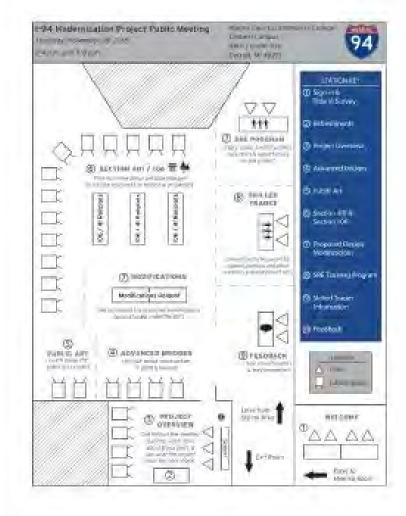
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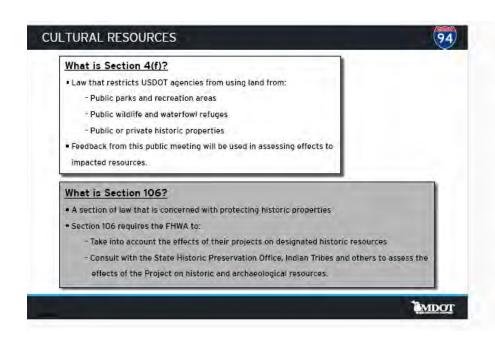


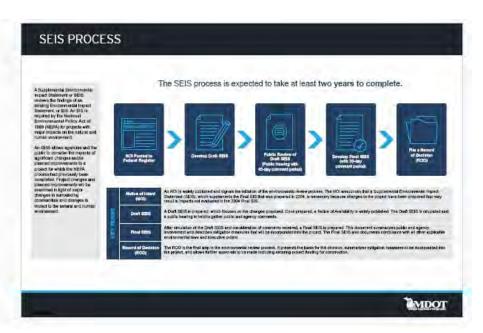


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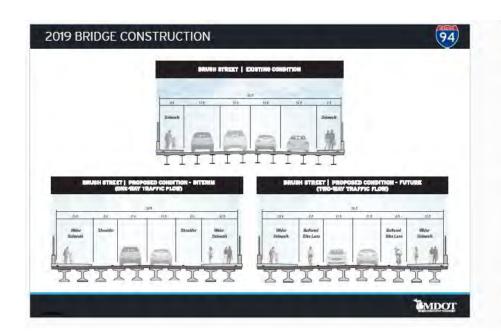
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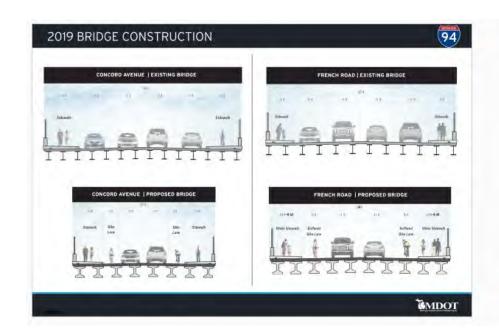








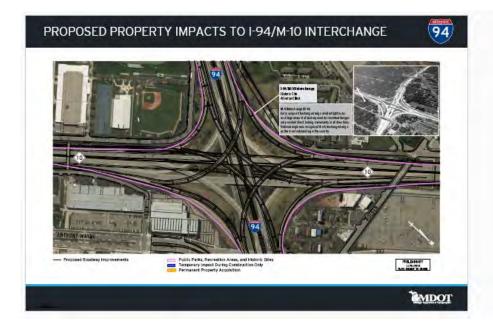




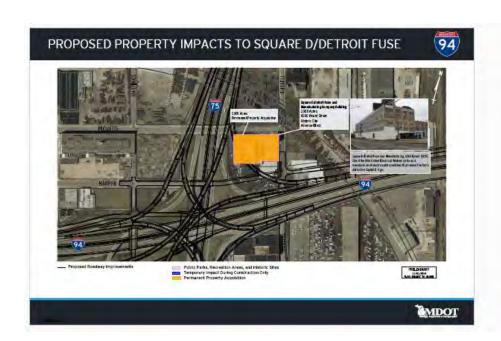










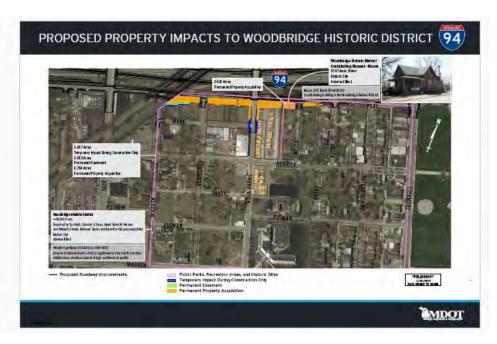




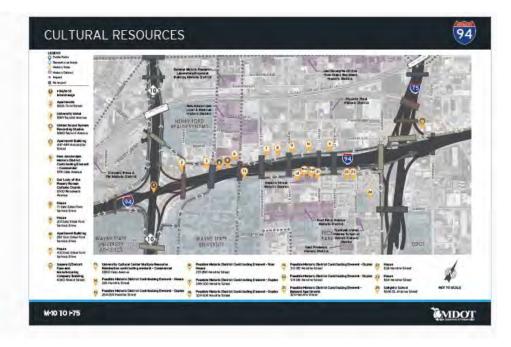








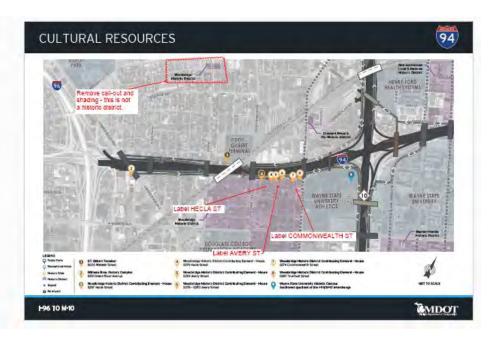










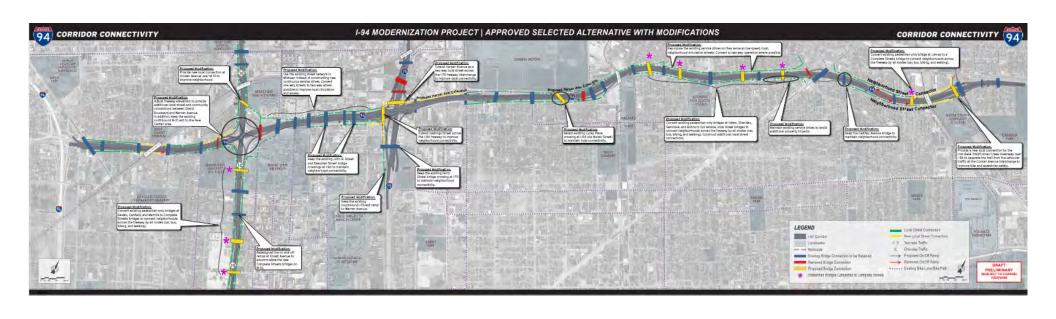












Appendix D: Public Comments

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bridges - Please do not place bollards to mark bike lanes. 1. From my real-world perspective, the bike lanes rarely or never (in the near or immediate future) will be swept, so give the street cleaners access all the way to the curb. 2. Bollards restrict space for vehicles to pull over to clear the way for first responders. (Think about the huge ladder fire trucks.) Crashes can occur in the most inconvenient spots.

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Coming up at Van Dyke, the service drive should go all the way down to Gratiot Avenue instead of having to turn at Burns and go all the way around. Even with construction, people turn down the streets thinking that they can enter Gratiot from the service drive, but they cannot. They have to turn around and then they are back where they began.

Very great to see the John R, Brush, Beaubien, and Ferry bridges kept.

Please keep bike access in mind! Thank you

Will the service drive remain open during construction of Brush and will I have access to my property at 433 E. Edsel Ford?

*I do not like the French Road exits being discontinued! *Waiting on the miracle for Conner exit.

The current bike trail on Connor and Gunston is dangerous. The normal rate of speed for drivers is 30-35 mph. Turning the corner on Gunston provides me with very little space in which to make my turn much less making the turn at a lower rate of speed to alleviate hitting a pedestrian walking or riding. Adjustments need to be made.

During construction [do] a complete shutdown of either East or Westbound for faster rebuilding and safety of workers, similar to I-696 project.

Near Burns — continue service drive. I like the Harper extension — GREAT JOB!!

- -Need to ensure adequate time and effort is applied to the public comments on the SEIS.
- Need to see traffic study method & data which jumpstarted
 [sic] this project

-Need to see total impact on houses/community, not just hipsters, but ALL community.

Re Landscaping — please use local native species. DNR has people who can help with this [and] so does MSU – Michigan Natural Features Inventory Project.

Drivers constantly make left-hand turn from service [drive] onto Brush; which is a one-way street. Need more signage.

- 1. Significant # of accidents @ E. Edsel Ford Service Dr & Brush St. (many caused by drivers on service [drive.])
- 2. Many drivers run the light. Might be [problem with] visibility.

You have done a super job in making the adjustments from the original project. Know you have a lot of support

Thank's and on a deeply appreciated...

Strongly Support Keeping Ferry Street Bridge and keep it 2-way. Support Hastings Street connector and moving traffic to local grid. Thank you for keeping Beaubien, Brush & John R Bridges. The plan to move or avoid impact to United Sound Systems to save that building is good. United Sound is an important historic resource. Support buffered bike lanes.

I think making Hendrie a two way and connecting to Hastings will be a great improvement to Art Center & Midtown neighborhoods. The Ferry bridge is a central way the Art Center neighborhood maintains access to Eastern Market and the eastside of the city. Please keep the bridge.

Via Detroit Sound Conservancy

- We are concerned regarding 5840 and 5832 Second [Ave]
- We want to be partners in anything trying to preservation and attention effort.
- Please contact for meeting.

Please scan my email copy to <u>Director@detroitsound.org</u>

United Sound Studio is an important part of Detroit history that should be preserved. If it cannot be moved, the path of the freeway should be altered. More lanes of traffic over the loss of our history??

Please have the Detroit Fuse Factory documented by a professional architectural historian before it is torn down.

Lighting on 94 from 75 to Conner is important all seasons.

Close Olga Avenue at Conner to vehicle traffic. Due to prostitution and debris dumping.
Include the hashtag #bikelife on public art to recognize Detroit's bike culture.
The Ferry bridge is a critical way the Art Center neighborhood maintains access to Eastern Market and the east side of the city. Please keep the bridge even with the new prison.
Prefer 2-lane, one-way service drives rather than 3 [lanes]. Cars seem to speed more on the latter.
I am very pleased with this updated version. You guys listened to the people and made excellent adjustments on the briddges slated to close. Thanks.
You have done a super job in these past two years in adjusting to the public's thinking/suggestions. Please continue to keep us in the loop, especially for those of us who live/work here in this area. We love Detroit and want it to be here for a very long time, and adapted to modern times!!!!



I-94 MODERNIZATION



MEETING MINUTES

MDOT JNs.: 122117

Ctrl Section: 82024

Meeting: I-94 Modernization – Trumbull Crossing Apartments Meeting

Date/Time: May 23, 2019; 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Trumbull Crossing Apartments, 5500 Trumbull Avenue, Detroit, 48208

Attendees: Residents and Management of the Trumbull Crossing Apartments

(see attached attendance sheet)

Terry Stepanski, Rob Morosi, Richard Bayus (MDOT)

Nate Ford, John Baldauf (HNTB)

Elnora Austell, Delora Hall-Tyler, Lonnie. Peek (E. Austell Associates)

The purpose of the meeting was to ensure full and fair participation by Trumbull Crossing residents (an EJ population) in this phase of the transportation decision-making process in the interest of considering alternatives that avoid or reduce disproportionately high and adverse effects.

Option #1 presented a proposed modification that would provide additional access for local traffic, but also result in impacts to the Trumbull Crossing circle drive and parking lot. Option #2 would have no service drive proposed and traffic would continue to utilize Elijah McCoy. Option #2 would have no impact on the Trumbull Crossing property.

Following introductions, Terry Stepanski and John Baldauf utilized a PowerPoint presentation (attached) to provide an overview of the I-94 Modernization project and present the two options.

Among those stating a preference (either in writing using the comment cards provided or verbally), the majority preferred Option #2 (no build). Their comments included:

- Not to remove roundabout in front of the building at Trumbull Crossing*
- Option 1. Will not flow right for people that live here. Option 2. May be right for this.
- Do not interrupt the flow of traffic in our area in front of our building we need to be able to drop off and pick up as well as the school bus pick up and drop off for the school year. I am against the option that interrupts the safety of our children





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getting on and off their school bus as well as my elderly mother getting dropped off at church time or my having to maneuver through the traffic in order to get groceries into my house.

- What about the Lodge service drive that ends at Elijah McCoy property, that should be the subject of further examination (instead of disrupting the Trumbull Crossing property)?
- "The service drive on our side would cut off our property and leave Wayne State as it is."
- "This (Option #1) is good for motorists, but not for pedestrians."

One resident stated a preference for Option #1, but described Option #2 in his/her written statement:

• Option 1. No additional lane that imposes on Trumbull Crossing Apartments.

One resident's preference is unclear:

• Option 2. Sounds good do it. Do the service drive too. Should have a fence around the area. Good one.

Residents also had general questions, comments and concerns about other aspects of the I-94 project including:

- "Will there be a red light to help drivers get onto the freeway (ramp metering)? Sometimes when the ramp is busy, people back up onto Trumbull."
- "Is I-94 a federal project so that the City doesn't have to pay for this? Is this coming from taxes?"
- "What about the bridge that connects to Wayne State University, will that remain?"
- "Is MDOT looking at these options to accommodate the new Henry Ford Cancer Center?"
- "Will we be able to cross at Trumbull and I-94 during construction to get to the grocery store?"
- "Will there be exits from both sides of Trumbull to and from I-94?"





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- "Do not take out the pedestrian bridge, people who don't drive use it to get to the (local) grocery store."
- Expansion of 1 lane in each direction E/W on I-94 with the retainer wall sounds most feasible for the project.
- I like the changes you guys are trying to implement.
- I am looking forward to seeing the new freeway.
- Thank you for caring about our community input.
- This was very informative. I'm 65, by the grace of God, it will be done before I leave this earth.
- I agree with the improvement of all what I hope for more lighting and safety.

*Statements without quotation marks = written statements. Statement with quotation marks = verbal statements.

Attachments: PowerPoint Presentation, Attendance Roster, Comment Cards

Submitted by: Elnora Austell, E. Austell Associates
Minutes Reviewed By: John Baldauf, P.E., HNTB

cc: Distribution List, File

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