

GUIDELINES FOR ESTABLISHING A GOLF CART CONNECTOR ROUTE (GCCR) ON STATE TRUNKLINE HIGHWAYS

GENERAL FACTORS

The following factors *should* be evaluated whenever a Local Unit of Government (LUG) is interested in enacting a new ordinance, or amending an existing ordinance; to authorize the operation of golf carts on a state trunkline highway and, to determine whether a GCCR *should* be established:

- Michigan Compiled Laws (MCL) 257.657A, provides that MDOT, at its discretion, *may* authorize the operation of golf carts on a non-interstate highway; subject to the requirements and restrictions of the law.
- Only the legislative body of a LUG *may* request MDOT to authorize the operation of golf carts on a segment of State Trunkline Highway.
- Each LUG *should* investigate potential alternate routes that do not involve the state trunkline highway and demonstrate to MDOT that there are no reasonable or viable non-highway alternative routes available prior to requesting a GCCR be established within the State highway Right-of-Way.
- The local population is less than 30,000 individuals -based upon the 2010 decennial census and all subsequent censuses.
- Adequate physical space is available within the highway Right-of-Way; for a person to operate a golf cart -as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable; while exercising due care -when passing a standing vehicle or a vehicle proceeding in the same direction.
- The highway is not an interstate highway.
- The proposed GCCR is located within a local unit of government's jurisdiction.
- The proposed GCCR meets one or more of the following requirements:
 - (a) Provides access to tourist attractions, food service establishments, fuel, motels, or other services.
 - (b) Serves as a connector between 2 segments of the same county road that run along discontinuous town lines.
 - (c) Includes a bridge or culvert that allows a golf cart to cross a river, stream, wetland, or gully that is not crossed by a street or county road on which golf carts are currently authorized to operate.
- The posted speed limits of the state trunkline highway is 30 miles per hour, or less.

GCCR SIGN GUIDELINES

GCCRs *may* be signed in accordance with the Michigan Department of Transportation's Sign Handbook for Golf Cart Connector Routes on State Trunkline Highways. The Sign Handbook contains illustrations of example route configurations that *may* be used for reference when selecting the proposed layout of a connector.

GOLF CART USAGE

MCL 257.657a also identifies several possible golf cart operational regulations, when driving within a GCCR, including:

- Adjacent paths, sidewalk use
- Passing maneuvers
- Speeds
- Time of day
- Personal safety equipment exemption
- Lane occupancy positioning
- Police use exemption
- Registration exemption