

CONTEXT SENSITIVE SOLUTIONS For Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Connector Routes



In 2005, The Michigan State Transportation Commission formally adopted a Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) process as an integrated part of the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) mission to provide the highest quality integrated transportation services for economic benefit and improved quality of life. Under CSS, MDOT solicits dialogue with local governments, road commissions, industry groups, land use advocates, and state agencies early in a project's planning phase. This dialogue helps to ensure that interchanges bridges, bike paths and other transportation projects “fit” into their communities. The CSS approach results in projects that respect a community's scenic, aesthetic, historic, economic, and environmental character.

Therefore, it is necessary that the Local Unit of Government (LUG) notify and engage the public and stakeholders of the proposed ORV Connector Route prior to the submittal of a permit application to MDOT.

CSS Engagement Requirements

A proposed ORV Connector Route may have multiple private land owners, local groups and governmental agencies that have a stake in the proposed project. Due to the potential implications of allowing ORV connectors within MDOT right-of-way, the following stakeholders shall be notified and solicited for comment.

- The following entities shall be specifically notified and solicited for comment:
 - Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR)
 - ORV Clubs
 - All local units of government where the highway is located
 - Adjoining land owners
 - County Road Commission(s)
 - Native American Tribal Sovereign Nations
 - U.S. Forest Service (USFS)
 - Appropriate Law Enforcement Representative(s)
 - Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ)

Note: Copy to MDOT (not for comment purposes)

- The LUG shall receive and compile all comments.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the undersigned local unit of government has solicited comments from all required stakeholders. A summary of the comments are attached.

By the _____
(Name of Board, etc.)

of the _____ of _____
(Name of GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY) (County)

Signed _____ Title _____

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(Print or Type Name)