

Clayton Wehner - Is AASHTOWare now required for all federal aid projects?

ANSWER: Yes, for all projects in Michigan that are funded all or in part using federal transportation utilize Federal transportation funds

Eric Seguin - Has there been discussion about allowing consultants access to JobNet?

ANSWER: Yes there have been such discussions but that won't happen in the foreseeable future

Anonymous - Please explain MDOT's opinion about working through the process of ROW acquisition prior to NEPA approval?

ANSWER: MDOT is implementing federal law

Anonymous - Will the buyout be offered in FY 2028? This is important to get this information due to the delays with the NEPA process.

ANSWER: We do not know the possibilities of a possible buyout in FY 2028, because that program depends on availability of state funding which will not be known until the FY 2028 State Budget is in place.

Anonymous - Will Safety funds be awarded sooner to allow for the long lead time on NEPA approval? Currently an agency doesn't hear about an award until approx 18 months ahead of potential project obligation.

ANSWER: We may be able to consider that option in the future

Joshua Jobin - Is there a NEPA Pre-Scoping document or format that should be used for these early project inquiries?

ANSWER: No specific form or format, all NEPA needs is for the project to be programmed with a MDOT job number, the project location and limits, and scope of work

Stephanie Boileau - Would you please post a link to some information regarding the Uniform Act/"Nexus" Rule? Having a difficult time finding information regarding this and the steps necessary to actually prove past ROW acquisition or plan better so I don't create issues on future projects.

ANSWER: We will post additional guidance as it becomes available

Anonymous - Was it mentioned that there was a page or link to get information on TSC-level AASHTOWare training? If so, could it be provided?

ANSWER: Not mentioned specifically

Anonymous - Are there any training opportunities for AASHTOWare provided by consultants or anyone other than MDOT?

ANSWER: Not at this time

Anonymous - How can we look at having the Section 106 provision re-evaluated regarding buildings 50 years old being within the project limits? Now that we are in 2026, almost every project we undertake will now involve almost every building along the corridor.

ANSWER: The 50-year provision is a federal requirement

Kevin Harju - If all the maps are available from multiple departments why can't Local Agency NEPA review compile all those maps and send it everyone?

ANSWER: That is a possibility but not likely at this time due to limitations related to available resources