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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
TRAVERSE CITY TRANSPORTATION SERVICE CENTER  
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GLORIA J. JEFF  
DIRECTOR

Dear Resident:

**RE: M-22 Construction Project from South Shore Drive to Crystal Drive**

Roadway improvements are being planned by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for the 2005 construction season on M-22 from South Shore Drive to Crystal Drive, in Benzie County. The proposed construction will involve crushing the existing pavement in the traveled lanes, resurfacing, and the construction of paved shoulders. Drainage improvements are also proposed as part of the project. These upgrades will create a safer roadway system for the area.

MDOT has a varying width right-of-way throughout this section of roadway, with the majority of right-of-way being 66 feet. During the design of the proposed improvements, it was discovered that many obstructions exist in MDOT's right-of-way such as fencing and landscaping. Trees within the drainage improvement area will also need to be removed from MDOT's right-of-way as part of the project. These obstructions in MDOT's right-of-way make the proposed roadway and drainage improvements difficult to achieve unless they are removed prior to the start of construction in 2005.

Due to the many concerns anticipated by the residents along this construction route, a public meeting has been scheduled at the **Frankfort Elementary School**, located at **613 Leelanau Avenue (M-22)** from **3:00 PM to 6:00 PM on Tuesday, May 25, 2004**. Representatives from MDOT will be present to discuss the project and answer any questions you may have.

The Department of Transportation and this office wish to work with you to provide a safe roadway system. MDOT appreciates your interest and cooperation in coordinating the final design for the roadway improvement located in your area. We look forward to meeting you at the public meeting.

If you have any questions or need additional information prior to the public meeting, please contact me at the Traverse City Transportation Service Center (TSC) at (231) 941-1986.

Sincerely,

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TSC Development Engineer

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