
Appendix A – Early Agency and Tribal Coordination

List of Agencies that Received Early Coordination Letters Requesting Information and Comments

Federal and State Coordination						
Mr. Rodman	Mark Rodman	State Historic Preservation Officer	State Historic Preservation Office	300 North Washington Square	Lansing, Michigan 48913	rodmanm@michigan.gov
Mr. Comrov	Aaron Comrov	Environmental Protection Specialist	FAA, Infrastructure Engineering Center-Chicago, AJW-2C15H	2300 East Devon Avenue, Room 450	Des Plaines, Illinois 60018	847.294.7665
Mr. Duffiney	Tony Duffiney	State Director	USDA - APHIS Wildlife Services	2803 Jolly Rd., Suite 100,	Okemos, MI 48864	517-336-1928
Mr. Watling	Jim Watling	Supervisor	EGLE, Water Resources Division, Transportation Review Unit	P.O. Box 30458	Lansing, MI 48909-7958	517-599-9002
Mr. Simon	Charlie Simon	Chief	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District, Regulatory & Permits	477 Michigan Avenue, Room 603	Detroit, MI 48226-2550	313-226-2218
Mr. Dugan	Moises Dugan	Regional Administrator (Acting)	Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region 5	536 South Clark Street, 6th Floor	Chicago, Illinois 60605	312-408-5500
Ms. Gagliardo	Jean Gagliardo	District Conservationist	USDA, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Portage Service Center	5950 PORTAGE RD	PORTAGE, MI 49002	269-382-5121 ext 3
Mr. Hicks	Scott Hicks	Field Office Supervisor	US Fish and Wildlife - Michigan Field Office	2651 Coolidge Road, Suite 101	East Lansing, Michigan 48823	517-351-6274
Mr. Westlake	Kenneth Westlake	Chief	EPA Region 5 , NEPA Implementation Section	77 West Jackson Boulevard	Chicago, Illinois 60604	312-886-2910
Ms. Lott	Shannon Lott	Natural Resources Deputy	Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Executive Division	P.O. Box 30028	Lansing, MI 48909	517-243-3166/517-284-5810
Local & Political Coordination						
Mr. Dolan	John Dolan	Supervisor	Lyon Township	58000 Grand River Avenue	New Hudson, MI 48165	248-437-2240
Ms. Des Rochers	Katherine Des Rochers	Planning Department Coordinator	Lyon Township	58000 Grand River Avenue	New Hudson, MI 48165	248-956-1679
Ms. Zawada	Leslie Zawada	Lyon Township Engineer	Civil Engineering Solutions, Inc.	1150 Corporate Office Drive, Suite 210	Milford, MI 48381	248-264-6906
Mr. Nash	Jim Nash	Commissioner	Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner's Office	One Public Works Drive, Building 95W	Waterford, MI 48328	248-858-0958
Mr. Rasegan	Bret Rasegan, RA	Planning Manager	Oakland County Planning Division	2100 Pontiac Lake Road, Building 41 West	Waterford, MI 48328	248-858-5445
Ms. Tighe	Ingrid Tighe	Director	Oakland County Economic Development	2100 Pontiac Lake Road, Building 41 West	Waterford, MI 48328	248-858-0720
Mr. Carlson	Sean Carlson	Deputy County Executive	Oakland County	2100 Pontiac Lake Road, Building 41 West	Waterford, MI 48328	248-858-1650
Native American Coordination						
Chairperson			Bay Mills Indian Community of Michigan	12140 West Lakeshore Drive	Brimley, MI 49175	
Chairperson			Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians of Michigan	2605 NW Bayshore Drive	Suttons Bay, MI 49682	
Chairperson			Hannahville Indian Community of Michigan	N14911 Hannahville B1 Road	Wilson, MI 49896-9728	
Chairperson			Huron Potawatomi, Inc.	2221 1-1/2 Mile Road	Fulton, MI 49052	
Chairperson			Keweenaw Bay Indian Community of Michigan	Keweenaw Bay Tribal Center, 107 Beartown Road	Baraga, MI 49908	
Chairperson			Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa of Michigan	PO Box 249, N4698 US HWY 45	Watersmeet, MI 49969	
Chairperson			Little River Band of Ottawa Indians	2608 Government Center Drive	Manistee, MI 49660	
Chairperson			Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians	7500 Odawa Circle	Harbor Springs, MI 49740-9692	
Chairperson			Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians	PO Box 218, 1743 142nd Avenue	Dorr, MI 48323	
Chairperson			Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians of Michigan	PO Box 180, 901 Spruce Street	Dowagiac, MI 49047	
Chairperson			Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan	7070 East Broadway	Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858	
Chairperson			Sault-Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Michigan	523 Ashmun Street	Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783	
Chairperson			Burt Lake Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians	6461 Brutus Road, Box 206	Brutus, MI 49716	
Chairperson	Fred Jacko, Jr.	Culture Department Manager	Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi	1485 Mno-Bmadzewen Way	Fulton, MI 49052	269.704.8307
Chairperson			Grand River Band of Ottawa Indians	1316 Front Ave NW	Grand Rapids, MI 49504	

Example of Letter Sent to Federal, State, and Local Agencies

March 11, 2022

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«Title»

«Organization»

«Address»

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Re: Early Coordination Review of Proposed Improvements
Oakland Southwest Airport, New Hudson, Michigan

Dear «Salutation_line»:

The Oakland Southwest Airport (Airport) is exploring the potential impacts of aviation easements and obstruction clearing at both ends of Runway 8/26. As part of the on-going development of the Airport, obstructions were identified during the update of the Airport Layout Plan (ALP) and the Runway Protection Zone (RPZ) Analysis.

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Based upon the data contained in the ALP and the recently acquired LiDAR Obstruction Analysis for the Federal Aviation Regulation (FAR) Part 77 surface, it has been determined that there are approximately 30 properties that are expected to be included in the acquisition and tree removal process. These parcels include properties with existing obstructions to the FAR Part 77 surface as well as those with obstructions within 10 feet of the approach. Inclusion of these parcels allows for proper planning for future removals.

Federal funding will be utilized for the proposed project; therefore, environmental documentation and analysis sufficient to satisfy the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is required by law. To meet this requirement, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Environmental Evaluation Form C "*Short Form Environmental Assessment*" developed by the FAA's Eastern Region will be used to define and analyze potential impacts of the proposed action and evaluate any reasonable alternatives.

This Short Form EA will also be developed to further determine whether any potential impacts are significant

enough to necessitate an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). During the Short Form EA project, investigations will be conducted to identify potential Social, Economic, and Environmental (SEE) impacts related to the improvements being proposed. These SEE impacts will be documented and considered as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The Michigan Department of Transportation Office of Aeronautic (MDOT AERO) acting on behalf of the FAA is the lead agency and as such, the Short Form EA will be prepared in accordance with NEPA, FAA Order 1050.1F, *Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures*, and FAA Order 5050.4B. *National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Implementing Instructions for Airport Actions*.

It should be noted that MDOT AERO does not necessarily endorse the proposed project, nor have they agreed to a Preferred Alternative. MDOT AERO is requiring the Airport to fully evaluate the Purpose and Need, any reasonable alternatives including the No-Build Alternative, and identify associated impacts leading to the selection of the Preferred Alternative.

Major development actions covered in this Short Form EA include:

- Obtain avigation easements to remove trees that are obstructions to the approach surfaces of Runways 8 and 26
- Clear obstructions (trees) which penetrate the FAR Part 77 Surface of Runways 8 and 26

As part of our early agency coordination, we are attempting to identify key issues that will need to be addressed during the NEPA process. To accomplish this, your organization's comments are being requested for the above referenced project as it relates to the following:

- Your specific areas of concern / regulatory jurisdiction
- Specific benefits of the project for your organization or to the public
- Any available technical information / data for the project site
- Potential mitigation / permitting requirements for project implementation

For your convenience, several maps and figures are enclosed that illustrate the site location and approximate project area limits. In order to sufficiently address key project issues and maintain the project schedule, your comments are requested by **April 29, 2022**.

Please send your written or email comments to:

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Sincerely,

Steve Houtteman
Aeronautics Environmental Specialist
Michigan Department of Transportation

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Example of Letter Sent to Tribal Nations

March 11, 2022

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For your convenience, several maps and figures are enclosed that illustrate the site location and approximate project area limits. In order to sufficiently address key project issues and maintain the project schedule, your comments are requested by **April 29, 2022**.

Your response should be addressed to:

Mr. Steve Houtteman
Michigan Department of Transportation
Office of Aeronautics
2700 Port Lansing Road
Lansing, MI 48906
616-299-2654 | HouttemanS@michigan.gov

Sincerely,

Steve Houtteman
Aeronautics Environmental Specialist
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May 2, 2022

VIA EMAIL

William Ballard, AICP
Mead and Hunt, Inc.
2605 Port Lansing Road
Lansing, Michigan 48909

Dear William Ballard:

SUBJECT: Early Coordination Review of Proposed Improvements;
Oakland Southwest Airport, New Hudson, Michigan
Oakland County, T01N R07E Sections 3, 4, 8, 9, and 10; Lyon Township
Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE)
Water Resources Division (WRD)

Thank you for your March 11, 2022, early coordination letter regarding the development of a Short Form Environmental Assessment (EA) for improvements in the Airport Layout Plan, and the Runway Protection Zone of Runway 8/26 at the Oakland Southwest Airport. The EA will evaluate potential impact of aviation easements, and obstruction clearing at both ends of Runway 8/26.

The WRD has the following comments:

- a) Davis Creek is present along the entire length of Runway 8/26, and it extends both southwest, and northeast of the runway through the entire proposed aviation easements, and obstruction clearing areas. Any work below the ordinary high water mark of this stream, such as removing stumps and roots from cut trees, will require a permit under Part 301, Inland Lakes and Streams, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (NREPA).
- b) Any filling, occupation, or grading within the 100-year floodplain of Davis Creek, if it has a drainage area of two square miles or more, will require a permit under the State's Floodplain Regulatory Authority, found in Part 31, Water Resources Protection, of the NREPA.

- c) Available wetland inventories indicate the presence of hydric soils, and potential wetlands along the entire length of Runway 8/26, and through proposed avigation easements, and obstruction clearing areas. Cutting trees to remove obstructions within regulated wetland such that wetland areas are converted from forested wetland to emergent or scrub-shrub wetland will require a permit under Part 303, Wetlands Protection, of the NREPA. All wetland areas within the avigation easements, and obstruction clearing areas should be delineated by a professional wetland consultant, and then submitted to Transportation Review Unit for verification. Our recommendation is to submit a Voluntary Preliminary Review request form in MiWaters for verification of wetland delineations, and discussion of permitting requirements and limitations. Mitigation may be required for any unavoidable wetland conversion, or other impacts, as a result of this project.
- d) A review of our database indicates potential State and/or Federal Threatened and Endangered species Indiana Bat (*Myotis sodalis*), Northern Longeared Bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*), and Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake (*Sistrurus catenatus*) in T1N, R7E, Sections 3, 4, 8, 9, and 10. It is recommended that you hire a qualified biologist to determine whether your project will impact one of these species. If there are impacts then a permit will be needed from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this EA. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at 517-256-1469; SkubinnaJ@Michigan.gov; or EGLE, WRD, Transportation Review Unit, P.O. Box 30458, Lansing, Michigan 48909.

Sincerely,



John Skubinna
Environmental Quality Analyst
Water Resources Division

cc: Steve Houtteman, Michigan Department of Transportation

Dave Clawson

From: William Ballard
Sent: Thursday, April 28, 2022 1:39 PM
To: Dave Clawson
Subject: FW: Early Coordination Review of Proposed Improvements Oakland Southwest Airport, New Hudson, Michigan
Attachments: Oakland Southwest Airport Proposed Improvements USDA WS Response 042622.pdf

FYI.

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To: William Ballard <william.ballard@meadhunt.com>
Cc: Duffiney, Anthony G - APHIS <anthony.g.duffiney@usda.gov>; Krom, Earl G - APHIS <earl.g.krom@usda.gov>
Subject: Early Coordination Review of Proposed Improvements Oakland Southwest Airport, New Hudson, Michigan

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Mr. Ballard,
Please find the attached document that illustrates our review of the proposed land use modification at Oakland Southwest Airport, New Hudson, Michigan. We thank you for reaching out and allowing us to give recommendations on the proposed project. USDA will remain available for any questions or concerns you may have through this process.

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April 26, 2022

Mead & Hunt, Inc.
William Ballard, AICP
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Re: Early Coordination Review of Proposed Improvements
Oakland Southwest Airport, New Hudson, Michigan

Dear Mr. Ballard,

Thank you for the opportunity to review your proposed improvements at Oakland Southwest Airport New Hudson, Michigan. This letter is in response to your request dated 03/11/22 for comments on the proposed improvements. Our concern in reviewing such proposals is for the safety of aviation travel and how wildlife may potentially affect aviation safety. Our mission is to not only protect aviation safety, but also to protect the wildlife in the immediate vicinity of the airport.

In reviewing this proposal, our focus is on how the removal of the vegetation (primarily trees) may affect wildlife usage of this area. Upon closer inspection of online aerial imagery, it appears the proposed vegetation for removal is adjacent to residential dwellings, along roads, and within fencerows. In very simplistic terms, when one type of habitat is altered, it will be replaced by another type of habitat. In this situation, with the removal of the trees, it can be assumed that the habitat replacing the trees will consist of grasslands or additional agriculture. Our concern is the establishment of additional grasslands or agriculture may attract wildlife such as raptors (i.e, hawks, owls), sandhill cranes, white-tailed deer, geese, and coyotes. Additionally, if debris is left behind it may create potential habitat preferred by many small mammals that may in turn attract aerial predators.

Our recommendations with this proposal are as follows:

1. Avoid planting any vegetation after the trees are removed that may be attractive to wildlife such as clover, wheat, rye, corn, soybeans, etc. These plantings are known to attract deer and geese at various times of the year which can be hazardous to aviation safety.
2. If any standing water is documented upon tree removal, plot it on a map and check for any modification efforts that may be implemented in the area. This will be dependent on what class or soil type you are dealing with.
3. Once the trees are removed, if the area reverts to native vegetation, the recommended grass height is 7-14". Consider letting it grow longer if geese and starlings appear to be attracted to it, or cutting it shorter if the grass is attracting rodents, coyotes, and raptors.
4. Conduct routine wildlife monitoring of the proposed area to evaluate wildlife usage before and after the project is completed. If an increase in wildlife usage is noted, recommended mitigation

techniques would include non-lethal harassment and/or lethal removal.

5. Wildlife Services can perform a site visit to further discuss habitat management techniques to discourage wildlife usage of the proposed area as well as non-lethal and lethal control strategies to respond to wildlife using the area.
6. Wildlife Services would also be able to conduct a mini-wildlife hazard assessment over the course of several days to better evaluate wildlife hazards and their affect on aviation safety. Ideally, visits could be scheduled before and after the tree removal to fully assess wildlife usage in the area. Recommendations could then be developed on wildlife hazard mitigation strategies.

Wildlife Services would like to remain a partner in the development of this project and continue to offer technical expertise in evaluating and mitigating wildlife hazards to aviation.

Thank you again for the opportunity to assist with this project. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

David Madrigal
Wildlife Biologist
david.f.madrigal@usda.gov

Dave Clawson

From: William Ballard
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 9:08 AM
To: Dave Clawson
Subject: Agency letter reply. Oakland Southwest Airport Proposed Improvements
Attachments: image2022-04-26-071907.pdf

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From: Comrov, Aaron (FAA) <aaron.comrov@faa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2022 4:10 PM
To: William Ballard <william.ballard@meadhunt.com>
Subject: Oakland Southwest Airport Proposed Improvements

Hi Bill,

I hope all is well. Back in the office for the first time since COVID and found the attached on my desk. I assume this is a SBGP airport. Are there any FAA connected actions as part of this project, especially in regards to our equipment? If there are no impacts to our equipment, then FAA ATO Engineering Services has no comment on this project.

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Dave Clawson

From: William Ballard
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 9:10 AM
To: Dave Clawson
Subject: FW: Proposed Improvements at Oakland Southwest Airport - Comments from DNR
Attachments: Avigation Easements and Obstruction Letter.pdf

Importance: High

FYI. Another agency letter to include.

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From: Sadler, Taunia (DNR) <SadlerT@michigan.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2022 4:22 PM
To: William Ballard <william.ballard@meadhunt.com>
Cc: Lott, Shannon (DNR) <LottS1@michigan.gov>; Sadler, Taunia (DNR) <SadlerT@michigan.gov>
Subject: Proposed Improvements at Oakland Southwest Airport - Comments from DNR
Importance: High

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Sending on behalf of Natural Resources Deputy Shannon Lott.

Dear Mr. Ballard:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed improvements at Oakland Southwest Airport in New Hudson. I asked the DNR's Parks and Recreation and Wildlife Division staff for their review; their feedback is outlined below:

Wildlife Division:

To ensure compliance with Part 365, we recommend a threatened and endangered species review be completed to avoid take of listed species. A desktop review can be done by Michigan Natural Features Inventory or a consultant with access to Biotics, Michigan's most comprehensive database of rare species occurrences in Michigan.

Wildlife Division does not have any concerns from a land management viewpoint and will defer to PRD as the closest land administering division.

Park and Recreation Division:

Staff are familiar with the process at Pontiac Lake Rec Area and trail area. No comments/concerns.

If you require anything else, please let me know.

Shannon Lott, Natural Resources Deputy
Lotts1@michigan.gov

Dave Clawson

From: Castaldi, Duane <Duane.Castaldi@fema.dhs.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2022 3:29 PM
To: William Ballard
Subject: Oakland Southwest Airport

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Good Afternoon.

There appears to be mapped floodplain around the runways but based on the proposed scope of work, FEMA has no comment on the proposed tree removal.

Should the scope of work change or other modifications be made to the floodplain, please notify FEMA.

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Dave Clawson

From: William Ballard
Sent: Thursday, April 21, 2022 3:48 PM
To: Dave Clawson
Subject: FW: Oakland Southwest Airport Improvements Early Coordination
Attachments: 22-599 Preliminary coordination.pdf

Another agency letter for the EA.

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From: Grennell, Brian (LEO) <GrennellB@michigan.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 21, 2022 3:45 PM
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Subject: Oakland Southwest Airport Improvements Early Coordination

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Attached is a copy of our response. Since we are primarily working remotely and are not in the office, a hard copy will not be sent unless specifically requested. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss this project.

Thank you,



Brian G. Grennell
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April 21, 2022

STEVE HOUTTEMAN
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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RE: ER22-599 Oakland Southwest Airport Improvements, New Hudson, Oakland County (FAA)

Dear Mr. Houtteman:

The State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) received your early coordination notification for the above-cited undertaking at the location noted above.

Section 106 requires federal agencies to take into account the effect of their undertakings on historic properties. The Section 106 regulations specify what is required for a Section 106 review [36 CFR § 800.11]. **It is the responsibility of the federal agency, not the SHPO, to fulfill the requirements of Section 106.** In some instances, the federal agency may delegate legal responsibility to a state, local, or tribal government. Consultants or designees contracted to prepare information, analyses, or recommendations, are not recognized as federally delegated authorities.

The Section 106 regulations specify what is required for a Section 106 review [36 CFR § 800.11]. As this is early coordination and not enough information on the proposed undertaking is available at this time, it is premature for the SHPO to provide meaningful comment. However, as plans are developed, a section 106 application must be submitted to the SHPO for review, comment and meaningful consultation.

Applicants who are merely seeking information on historic resources may visit our website to make a request for information in the SHPO's site records: <https://www.mipace.org/historic-preservation/research-resources/consultant-resources/schedule-a-research-appointment/>. **The SHPO cannot conduct such research on your behalf.** Please note also that sensitive archaeological data is protected and will only be shared with Federally Qualified Archaeologists.

The State Historic Preservation Office is not the office of record for this undertaking. You are therefore asked to maintain a copy of this letter with your environmental review record for this undertaking. If the scope of work changes in any way, or if artifacts or bones are discovered, please notify this office immediately.

If you have any questions, please contact Brian Grennell, Cultural Resource Management Specialist, at 517-335-2721 or by email at grennellb@michigan.gov. **Please reference our project number in all communication with this office regarding this undertaking.** Thank you for this opportunity to review and comment, and for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Brian G. Grennell
Cultural Resource Management Coordinator

for Mark A. Rodman
State Historic Preservation Officer

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Dave Clawson

From: William Ballard
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 9:46 AM
To: Dave Clawson
Subject: FW: State of Michigan Department of Transportation – Oakland Southwest Airport, New Hudson, MI

FYI. Tribal letter.

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Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 9:26 AM
To: William Ballard <william.ballard@meadhunt.com>
Subject: FW: State of Michigan Department of Transportation – Oakland Southwest Airport, New Hudson, MI

For your records (couldn't remember if I sent)...

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Subject: RE: State of Michigan Department of Transportation – Oakland Southwest Airport, New Hudson, MI

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Greetings,

Ref: State of Michigan Department of Transportation

Thank you for including the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi in your consultation process. From the description of your proposed project, it does not appear as if any cultural or religious concerns of the Tribe's will be affected. We therefore have no objection to the project. Of course, if the project scope is significantly changed or inadvertent findings are discovered during the course of the project, please contact us for further consultation.

Very Respectfully
Douglas R. Taylor

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Good afternoon Doug,

I have attached the State of Michigan Department of Transportation (Early Coordination Review of Proposed Improvements-Oakland Southwest Airport, New Hudson, Michigan.

Please contact Fred if you may have any questions.

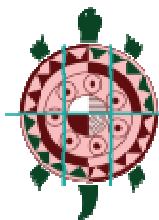
Respectfully,
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