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Dear Kalamazoo Area Bike Route Committee:

The intent of this letter is to express support for the signing of the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study (KATS) Commuter Bike Route (MAP 7). More specifically, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Southwest Region supports the use of the signs to be used along portions of MDOT's roads that are on the proposed Commuter Bike Route Network as illustrated on page 148 of KATS' 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. While the specific details of the signs that will be installed along MDOT roads have not been determined, we are comfortable with the general sign design (green/white 18" wide x 24" tall with a bicycle symbol and text – a modified version of the M1-9 sign in the Michigan Manual on Traffic Control Devices).

In addition to the support of the general sign design, we have discussed MDOT's role with regard to installation, maintenance, and funding. It is MDOT's understanding that the Bike Route Committee would like the routes signed within five years. Accordingly, MDOT will do what it can to sign the routes once the sign details are agreed upon and the "go ahead" is given. We will continue working alongside those organizations, agencies, and jurisdictions who are involved with this initiative. In doing so, the details associated with the support that we have expressed in this letter will be made clearer.

So far, the conversation has been collegial and collaborative and we look forward to continuing the discourse as this initiative moves forward. If you have further questions, please contact me at 269-491-9681 or SmithD113@michigan.gov.

Sincerely,

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