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Mr. Michael A. Nystrom, Executive Director
Michigan Infrastructure & Transportation Association
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Okemos, Michigan 48805-1640

Dear Mr. Nystrom:

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has met with representatives from your office to discuss the possibility of allowing over length construction equipment to be moved at night without having to obtain special permission. After several lengthy discussions, it was determined that the focus of the nighttime moves was based on the movement of milling machines. After discussion with department management, Traffic & Safety, Construction, and the Michigan State Police, we have decided to approve a pilot program for nighttime movement of over length milling equipment. The duration of the pilot program will be from June 11, 2010, until June 11, 2011.

The pilot program only applies to equipment used for the construction of public highways and the contractor must meet the following criteria:

1. The contractor has a current extended transportation permit for oversize construction equipment.
2. The contractor has an active highway construction project.
3. Travel will be limited to freeways and a five-mile access to and from a freeway on a state trunkline highway.
4. The special conditions for nighttime travel will be limited to milling equipment that will be used on a highway construction contract.

If the contractor meets the above criteria, they may apply for this exception by submitting an e-mail request for night time movement of their milling machine(s). The request shall include the company name, extended permit number(s), and a list of the MDOT project(s) the milling work will be performed on. List of projects should indicate project limits, location and an MDOT job number. The nighttime travel will require that a pilot car and additional lights be utilized for these movements.

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MDOT would appreciate MITA informing their members of the availability of the pilot program. Members who qualify should submit their e-mail request to: whaley@michigan.gov.

If you have additional questions or concerns regarding this information, please contact Robert Whaley, Utility Coordination and Permits Engineer of the Real Estate Division. Mr. Whaley can be reached at 517-373-7682.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gregory C. Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and "J".

Gregory C. Johnson, P.E.
Chief Operations Officer