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December 29, 2020

Mr. Ryan Buck, Director
Washtenaw Area Transportation Study (WATS)
200 North Main Street
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103

Mayor Brian Marl
City of Saline
100 North Harris Street
Saline, Michigan 48176

Dear Mayor Marl and Mr. Buck:

Thank you for your letter dated November 19, 2020 regarding non-motorized improvements along the US-12 project between Platt Road and Carpenter Road in Pittsfield Township. Please be assured the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has worked with our local partners on this US-12 project throughout its development, as the current scope is due to that continued coordination.

In regards to non-motorized access, MDOT would be willing to discuss any specific requests that WATS and Pittsfield Township might have related to the US-12 corridor and the townships plan for a future path. In the absence of a specific request, MDOT intends to construct a five-lane section with 8-foot shoulders and drainage ditches on both sides of US-12. The shoulders and ditches are needed for snow storage and drainage; by State of Michigan law, non-motorized users are allowed access to the shoulders. Also, at US-23, MDOT intends to include a non-motorized crossing as part of the new US-12 bridge. MDOT is including a crossing of the new US-12 bridge in the current design to ensure the new bridge accommodates the Township's plans to construct a connected path in the future.


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If you have any additional questions, or wish to discuss this further, please contact either me or Mark Sweeney, Brighton Transportation Service Center Manager, at sweeneym@michigan.gov or (810) 225-2622.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Demetrius A. Parker".

Demetrius A. Parker, P.E.
University Region Engineer

cc: Mandy Grewal, Pittsfield Township Supervisor
Mark Sweeney, Brighton TSC, Manager
Kari Martin, Region Planner
Mike Davis, Transportation Planner