

**Michigan Department of Transportation
Notice of Availability
Final Environmental Impact Statement for
US-31 Holland to Grand Haven, Ottawa County**

The Michigan Department of Transportation has received Federal Highway Administration approval of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for US-31 Holland to Grand Haven. The FEIS describes the social, economic and natural environmental impacts associated with proposed improvements to US-31 in Holland and Grand Haven, and a new route (M-231) west of 120th Avenue in Robinson and Crockery Townships, Ottawa County, Michigan.

The improvements to US-31 are proposed from East Lakewood Boulevard north to Quincy Street in Holland, and from south of Franklin Street to north of Jackson Street in Grand Haven. The new M-231 would be constructed west of 120th Avenue from M-45 to the I-96/M-104 interchange, including a new crossing of the Grand River, improvements to M-104 near I-96, new ramps at the I-96/M-231 interchange, and improvements to the I-96/112th Avenue interchange.

The FEIS includes a summary of the planning basis, the process used to determine the recommended alternative and the associated impacts. Mitigation of the impacts also is included. The document addresses the comments received on the social, economic and environmental issues presented in the Draft EIS.

The FEIS is available for public review during a 30-day waiting period per 23 CFR 771.127. To ensure your comments are considered, submit them on or before March 22, 2010. FHWA cannot issue the Record of Decision (ROD) any sooner than 30 days after publication of the final EIS notice in the Federal Register. The ROD will present the basis for the decision as specified in 40 CFR 1505.2, and summarize any mitigation measures that will be incorporated in the project. Substantive comments received by March 22 that address new concerns or fatal flaws in the FEIS's analysis will be responded to in the ROD.

The FEIS is available for review at:

- Fruitport Branch Library, 47 West Park St., Fruitport
- Herrick Public Library, 300 S. River Ave., Holland
- Howard Miller Public Library, 14 S. Church St., Zeeland
- Loutit Library, 407 Columbus St., Grand Haven
- Norton Shores Branch Library, 705 Seminole Rd., Muskegon
- Warner Baird District Library, 123 Exchange St., Spring Lake
- Robinson Township Hall, 12010 120th Ave., Grand Haven
- Crockery Township, 17431 112th Ave., Nunica
- Holland Township, 353 N. 120th Ave., Holland
- City of Holland, 270 S. River Ave., Holland
- City of Grand Haven, 519 Washington Ave., Grand Haven
- Grand Haven Township, 13300 168th Ave., Grand Haven
- Macatawa Area Coordinating Council, 301 Douglas Ave., Holland
- Ottawa County Planning & Grants Office, 12220 Fillmore St., Rm. 170, West Olive
- MDOT Grand Region Office, 1420 Front Ave., N.W., Grand Rapids
- MDOT Muskegon Transportation Service Center, 2225 Olthoff, Muskegon
- MDOT Grand Rapids Transportation Service Center, 2660 Leonard St., N.E., Grand Rapids
- MDOT Bureau of Transportation Planning, 425 W. Ottawa St., Lansing

The document also may be viewed and commented on at www.michigan.gov/mdotstudies.

Written comments and requests for printed and electronic copies of the FEIS may be submitted by mail, fax or e-mail to: Robert H. Parsons, Public Involvement and Hearings Officer, Bureau of Transportation Planning, Michigan Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 30050, Lansing, MI 48909; Phone: 517-373-9534; Fax: 517-373-9255; or e-mail: parsonsb@michigan.gov. Please e-mail, fax or postmark comments on or before March 22, 2010. MDOT can make the FEIS executive summary available in alternative formats such as large print or audiotape. Please call (517) 373-9534 to request accommodations.