

FREEWAY LIGHTING PARTNERS



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Ms Kathlene Van Wasshnova
Clerk
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Dear Ms Van Wasshnova:

You may recall that the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) entered into a Public-Private Partnership (P3) with **Michigan Freeway Lighting Partners (FLP)** to install and maintain new energy-efficient LED lighting along the freeways in Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties. Our contract details a series of milestones. Milestone 1 (MS1) requires that 90% of the new luminaries, totaling 11,841, be installed and functioning as designed within the first year. Project construction began on November 24, 2015.

On October 18, 2016, FLP achieved MS1 one month earlier than scheduled with a total of 11,841 new and existing LED lights installed, functioning and providing increased visibility and safer environments for motorists throughout southeast Michigan. As of January 1, 2017, that number has increased to 12,572.

MDOT's selection, and FLP's installation, of LED lights provides significant cost savings for local taxpayers and communities. On January 23, at an event attended by Lt. Governor Brian Calley, DTE Energy awarded MDOT a \$1 million rebate check as part of their business incentive program for efficient energy usage.

The Freeway Lighting Project is ongoing and we fully expect to meet Milestone 2 which requires substantial completion on, or before, August 2017. As the project continues, all roads are expected to remain open with occasional lane closures announced in advance. Once installed, FLP will operate and maintain the freeway lighting system for an additional 13 years beginning at the close of year two of the construction period.

More information about the project and FLP is available at www.michiganfreewaylighting.com. Customers can contact FLP with questions or concerns through the website, or by phone at 313-974-7316 ext. 200.

Metro area freeways move Michigan forward by supporting economic development and providing access to jobs, commerce, education and entertainment. FLP is honored to partner with MDOT to create safe, well-lit environments for the people and communities in southeast Michigan that depend on them.

I would appreciate your sharing this information with your constituents. If you have any questions, or would like to discuss the project in more detail, please contact me at fwichtner@michiganfreewaylighting.com or 313-974-7316 ext. 200.

Kindest regards,

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