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Josh Olson, PE/Apex Engineering Group
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Dear Mr. Olson,

The Michigan Area Ambulance Service has great concerns over the proposal to close two of the four access points from the frontage road to US Highway 2.

The proposal to close the access point at the end of Broadway causes concern for both the Ambulance Service and Fire Department. This is our main access used when responding to a call. It is a direct point of access requiring no extra turns.

Directing traffic to the east also concerns our service. As a 22-year veteran of the ambulance service, the current proposal to direct traffic to the proposed new County Road 35 access will cause many accidents. That location has seen the majority of all of our EMS calls involving motor vehicle accidents. I reviewed 20 years' worth of Patient Care Reports and out of the four access points approximately 80% of the accidents occurred at the newly proposed County road 35 access point. Also, according to our records, we have had only two accidents, requiring EMS at the far east access point.

In closing, we feel that closing the proposed access points is NOT benefitting safety at the Michigan Bypass and strongly urge that a closer evaluation be studied.

Sincerely

Jason M Flom, Manager
Michigan Area Ambulance Service