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Josh Olson, PE
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Dear Mr. Olson:

The Nelson County Commissioners would like to comment on the Michigan Bypass Project on US Highway 2. The proposed plan is to eliminate 2 access points to the City of Michigan. The 2 access points that you propose to eliminate are the most popular exits from Michigan. The east exit has the highest volume of traffic and should not be eliminated. The Highway 35 exit is the one used by emergency personnel. Losing that exit would hinder the response time in emergencies.

Eliminating these 2 exits from Michigan would not do any good at all. In fact it would be less safe than it is now. There have been very few accidents at any of the 4 existing exits. Any change that is made will have to be "lived with" for many years. The people of Nelson County don't want to see them changed.

For the safety of the residents of Nelson County, we urge you to keep all 4 of the existing access points to the City of Michigan. We would like to see the Michigan Bypass improved but not changed. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Odell Flaagan, Chairman