

February 10, 2014

Mr. Josh Olson, PE
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Dear Mr. Olson:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the Michigan Bypass Project on US Highway 2. I know you are receiving many e-mails and letters from residents and elected officials from the Michigan area that are strongly opposed to NDDOT's proposal to eliminate access points into the City of Michigan from Highway 2. Please add my name to that list. I hope you take these comments seriously when determining the final proposal for this project. I appreciate the public comment format because who knows better the ramifications of such a drastic change than the people that utilize these access point every day.

Even though Michigan is a relatively small community, the traffic entering and leaving is quite extensive. The school system, a busy implement dealer, emergency medical services, fire department, Tesoro gas station, travelers from State Highway 35 and County Road 35 crossing Highway 2, and agricultural producers all contribute to the need to retain all access points. If all this traffic is consolidated into only two access points, I fear safety will be compromised.

I understand that the NDDOT was unable to provide statistical data to substantiate their position that removing access points would be a benefit to the residents of the Michigan area. I strongly suggest that this proposal be further vetted before any final action is taken. Please listen to the citizens of the City of Michigan and Nelson County and retain all four access points into their city.

Sincerely,
Don Vigesaa
ND State Representative
District 23