

Proposed schedule for completing the US-31/M-231 Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Record of Decision (ROD):

- Submitted FEIS to FHWA Michigan Division Office – **April 28, 2009.**
- FHWA sent FEIS to Federal Cooperating Agencies - **May 8, 2009.**
- FHWA Division Review & Federal Cooperating Agency Review completed ~ **Mid July**
 - FHWA Legal Sufficiency Determination & MDOT final document changes ~ **Mid August**
- FHWA signs FEIS, MDOT distributes FEIS, and FHWA publishes 30 day "Notice of Availability" in Federal Register ~ **Early September**
- Address and include public and agency comments in the draft ROD ~ **Mid October**
- **FHWA issues/signs ROD – Late October 2009.**

- ➤ **Design phase** should be **restarted** for the new M-231 bridge ~ **November 2009.**
- ➤ **Interstate Access Justification Request** sent to FHWA by MDOT ~ **Fall 2009.**
- ➤ **Right-of-way** acquisitions will begin ~ **Late 2009.**
- ➤ **Construction** of new bridge substructure (piers), planned for ~ **Late 2010 or Early 2011.**

The FEIS/ROD process was initiated on **April 28th** and should be completed in 4-5 months (**~late October**), pending various federal agency priorities and schedules, which are beyond MDOT's control. Upon FHWA issuing the ROD, MDOT will complete Preliminary Engineering/Design for new bridge segment and begin Right-of-Way acquisitions, using federal HPP earmarked funds (**Fall 2009**). Construction of new bridge substructure/piers is planned to begin in late **2010**, with most of the construction occurring in **2011**. Schedule for completion of the bridge and the remainder of the FEIS Preferred Alternative will depend on statewide funding levels.