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Paul M. Davis, P.E.  
Deputy Director/City Engineer  
City of Rochester Hills  
1000 Rochester Hills Drive  
Rochester Hills, Michigan 48309

Dear Mr. Davis:

Thank you for your letter dated October 24, 2017, regarding the City of Rochester Hills' interest in a jurisdiction transfer of Auburn Road and the potential project to reconstruct the section between Culbertson and Dequindre Roads.

Of the four ownership alternatives discussed with MDOT staff at the October 6, 2017 meeting and as outlined in your letter, our preference is the third option:

*Rochester Hills assumes jurisdiction of approximately 2-miles of Auburn Road between Rochester and Dequindre Roads (MDOT retains control of approximately 4-miles of Auburn Road west of Rochester Road and the intersection of Rochester/Auburn Road).*

MDOT is prepared to offer the City a lump sum payment of \$300,000 toward your reconstruction project, provided the City agrees to the jurisdictional transfer of the 2-mile section. Should the City decide to proceed with both, the attached draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will require signatures by our two agencies. The funds will be transferred to the City and the jurisdictional change will become effective upon award of your project, along with all other conditions of the MOU.

We understand that the City Council will consider this matter at the council meeting on December 4, 2017, and MDOT will be advised of the decision thereafter.

As always, MDOT staff appreciates our partnership with the City and look forward to the implementation of your project. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 248-451-2461 or by e-mail at [montess@michigan.gov](mailto:montess@michigan.gov).

Sincerely,

Sandra C. Montes, P.E.  
Manager

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