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Senator Prusi Announces MDOT Grant to Build Bicycle Paths in Conjunction with Construction Work Planned on M-26

LANSING—State Senator Mike Prusi (D-Ishpeming) announced today that the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has been awarded federal Transportation Enhancement (TE) funding to build bicycle lanes in Osceola Township in Houghton County. This project will complement the road work that has already been planned to improve Highway M-26 and will begin next year. The total cost of the project is \$525,916, including \$420,733 in federal funds and \$105,183 from MDOT.

“I am pleased that MDOT has recognized the importance of adding these lanes to the work planned on M-26,” said Prusi.

The Transportation Enhancement Program is a competitive grant initiative that utilizes federal funds to improve the State of Michigan’s inter-modal transportation system. Transportation Enhancement grants attempt to place a new emphasis on a multi-modal approach to satisfy the nation’s mobility needs. This project will exemplify the intentions of this program by constructing bicycle lanes in conjunction with road work completed to improve Highway M-26.

This project will enhance the construction completed on State Highway M-26 by improving safety precautions for both bicyclists and motorists riding along M-26. By paving 5.3 miles of 8 foot wide paved shoulders on M-26 from Airport Park Road to Henwood North Road, MDOT will provide the citizens of Osceola Township with safe and enjoyable bicycle lanes to utilize in the future. The project is expected to be completed along with the M-26 road project in 2008.

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Sen. Prusi serves on the Senate Finance, Natural Resources & Environmental Affairs, Judiciary, and Energy Policy & Public Utilities Committees. He represents the 38th Senate District, which includes all Upper Peninsula counties west of Luce County.