National Highway System (NHS)

• National Highway System Designation Act of 1995: NHS was created
• Transportation Equity Act of the 21\textsuperscript{st} Century (TEA-21): 1998 - the NHS was expanded
• The NHS stood at approximately 160,000 miles of interstates, other freeways and various other principal highways
• Fast forward to 2012...
Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21)

- Expansion of the NHS to incorporate urban and rural principal arterials
  - The “enhanced NHS”
- The enhanced NHS now has about 230,000 total miles, with 220,000 miles of urban and rural roads
- No longer any restrictions on the maximum number of highway or street miles on the NHS
- Funding under MAP-21 ended FY 2014
Many Urban Roads...
Permitted Signs
1,677 Miles of New Regulation...
Where to Begin...

• 785 miles of trunkline – 892 miles of nontrunkline
• Michigan began developing its procedures and forms in 2013
• Database needed to be modified
• Inventory started in 2014, completed in 2016
• Notifying sign owners is still ongoing
Limited Resources, Hundreds of Signs

- 2 FTE’s, many signs
- 748 permits issued for existing signs
- 100 additional permits anticipated to be issued
- Applications for new signs along these roadways are being submitted
Regulation –
Roads Under Local Jurisdiction

• Do states continue to regulate signs along a local road when it is no longer part of the NHS?

• Vegetation Removal - Refer the sign owner to local municipality or does the state process the request?

• Encroaching signs – does the state have the right to remove an encroaching sign?
Future Regulation

- Intent of HBA
- MAP-21 will remain until amended
- Limited funds and resources